

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 4 | Term 1 | 2026



Throughout the past two weeks, our Team Leaders and Assistant Team Leaders have been working with our students to appoint our 2026 Student Leaders at all year level. It has been so pleasing to see so many enthusiastic young leaders wanting to be part of our school leadership team this year. Next week, I will be announcing all of our school leaders in the newsletter, but for now, Roger Sidhom our Year 9 Assistant Team Leader has written a wonderful article about our Middle Years Leaders - see page 3 for all the details.. As the Principal, I am incredibly proud of our community which provides such a rewarding and enriching program for all students including performing arts through our Instrumental Music Program and School Production, our sports and Volleyball Program and our Surf Life Saving Program.



Last weekend, saw the 40th Anniversary of the Channel Challenge at San Remo with a sell out entry of over 800 swimmers. A large contingent of current and ex- students and staff from UHS volunteered their time to provide watersafety for the event. As members of Woolamai Beach SLSC, they ensured the safety of all swimmers cross the channel between San Remo and Newhaven. Upwey HS was represented by current and ex-staff and students across event jet skis, IRBs, rescue board paddlers, tube swimmers and the water safety co-ordinator. Another great community event

~ Bianca Meyers, PE Leader & UHS Surf Lifesaving Program Leader

Getting the basics right in our classroom has been a core focus to the start of the school year so that all students can learn in a safe and orderly environment. At the start of the year I introduced our Positive Behaviour Matrix which is being implemented across the school. This week I am introducing our 'Classroom Routines' which is being launched next week (see page 4). By ensuring consistent routines and expectations we are hoping to see even more students displaying positive behaviours, reflective of our school values; **Aspiration, Kindness & Respect**
Rachel Lynch, Principal

NEXT WEEK

Monday March 2

Year 11 Legal Studies excursion
Year 11 Geography excursion

Tuesday March 3

Year 9/10 Inter-School Sport

Wednesday March 4

Year 9 Holocaust Museum excursion

Thursday March 5

Friday March 6

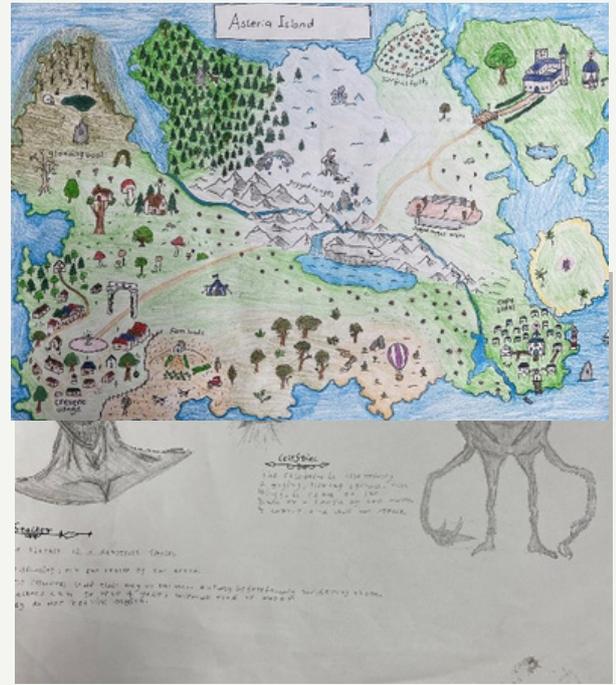
School Council Nominations close

Ain't Year 8 Great!?

Year 8 students are currently creating maps in Humanities to demonstrate their understanding of BOLTSS skills, (Border, Orientation, Legend, Title, Scale and Source). They are carefully applying these elements to ensure their maps are accurate, clearly presented and meet mapping conventions. Many students are showing strong attention to detail, particularly in including clear borders and compass points, and are beginning to confidently apply scale and legends with increasing independence.

In English, students are transferring these mapping skills into their creative work by designing detailed fantasy world settings that will form the backdrop of their upcoming fantasy narratives. They are thoughtfully considering geography, landmarks and territories to help shape their plots and characters. It has been excellent to see students making connections between subjects, using their Humanities knowledge to enrich their storytelling. Students are even beginning to create their characters, with heroes and villains, and all their character traits. Overall, students are working with creativity and focus, and many are demonstrating growing confidence in both their technical map skills and imaginative world-building.

~ Anita Osmond, Year 8 Co-Assistant Team Leader



Senior Sport Update



Our Year 11 and 12 Senior Sport teams represented the school with great pride and enthusiasm in our Knox Division interschool competition on Monday. We entered a strong lineup of teams, including four volleyball teams, three tennis teams, and one cricket team, all of whom demonstrated excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and commitment throughout the day.

A special congratulations goes to our Year 11 Girls Volleyball team, who delivered an outstanding performance to finish 1st place, earning them progression through to the EMR (Eastern Metropolitan Region) competition. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to their hard work and dedication.

We'd also like to congratulate the 11/12 Boys Cricket team, Year 12 Boys Tennis team, and Year 11 Boys A Volleyball team, who all competed exceptionally well to finish in 2nd place and showed strong teamwork across all matches.

We are incredibly proud of all students who participated and represented the school so positively. Their efforts and sportsmanship were a credit to our school community.

~ Rachael Block & Maddy Somerville - Co-Directors of School Sport



Each week we will provide you with our 'Weekly Maths' Challenge as part of our Numeracy Improvement across the school! Put your skills to the test - answers will be revealed in the next week's newsletter!

Baffling Bath Water Puzzle

The Puzzle:

The cold faucet in my bath lets the water in at the rate of 15 litres per minute.
The hot faucet fills the bath at the rate of 10 liters per minute.
The plug hole lets the water out of the bath at the rate of 12 liters per minute.

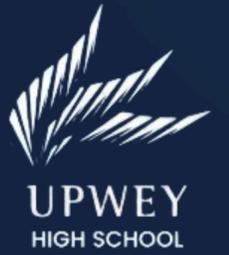
The bath holds a maximum of 520 liters.

I turn both faucets on, but forget to put the plug in. After how many minutes will the bath begin to overflow?



Year 9 Update

MIDDLE YEARS STUDENT LEADERS ANNOUNCEMENT



We are proud to announce the newly appointed Middle Years Student Leaders for 2026. These students have demonstrated outstanding commitment, leadership, and enthusiasm in representing their peers and contributing to school life.

After a thorough selection process, the following students have been chosen to take on leadership roles across various areas, including student wellbeing, learning leaders, and house captains. Their responsibilities will include supporting middle school events, promoting positive values, and serving as role models for their fellow students.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW LEADERS

House Captains

Liam B. 9C - Bleazby
Noah P. 9C & Tristan C. 9C – Chandler
Evan D. 9D & Quinn H. 9D – Crow
Tom H. 9D & Rori B. 9D – Knox

Middle School Student Learning Leaders

Zoe G.9E
Lily S. 9A
Archer S. 9C
Ryley D. 9D
Mason B. 9E

Middle School Student Wellbeing Leaders

Isabel L. 9A
Lilly G. 9B
Max M. 9D
Hazel M. 9D
Lucy C. 9E
Aala D. 9D

Congratulations to all the new Middle Years Student Leaders. Their dedication and initiative will play an important role in shaping a vibrant and inclusive school environment throughout the year. The students enjoyed a celebratory lunch in the Year 9 centre hosted by Mrs Sandhu, Mr Lucas, Mr Sidhom and Ms Siv.



UHS Classroom Routines



Before Lesson

Line up outside the classroom on time, entering calmly when directed to by staff

Be prepared for learning - have all equipment (including a charged laptop)

During Lesson

Wait for formal greeting and roll call / entry activity

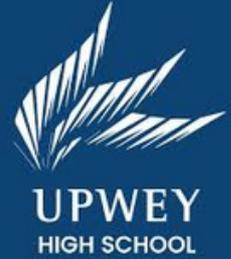
Actively participate to the best of your ability in all learning activities

End of Lesson

Take note of homework or activities to be completed before the next class

Pack up when directed and clean the room before leaving in a calm manner when dismissed

UHS EXPECTATIONS IN 2026



Relationships

Kindness and Respect is to be displayed by all members of our community at all times. Build positive relationships with those around you and look after each other



Attention



Laptops are used in the classroom for teaching and learning purposes only. They must remain closed at all times unless students are instructed by a teacher to use them. Students are expected to give teachers 100% of their attention when being taught in class

Uniform

Students are permitted to wear uniform items (bottom half only) that do not have a logo but they are NOT permitted to wear tracksuit pants or leggings. All top half uniform must have the approved UHS Logo as supplied by KLAD. Year 7-9 students can wear PE Uniform on days they have PE only.



Food & Beverages



Energy Drinks are completely banned on school grounds
Water bottles are the only drink permitted in class
NO food permitted in class at all (students can eat at recess/lunch or during the five minute break between P1 and P2 or P3 and P4 only)

Key to Opportunities

To access opportunities to attend sports, excursions and camps students will be required to: maintain 90% attendance at school, demonstrate positive behaviour at school (no more than three serious behaviour concerns on Compass) and be completely up to date with school work

