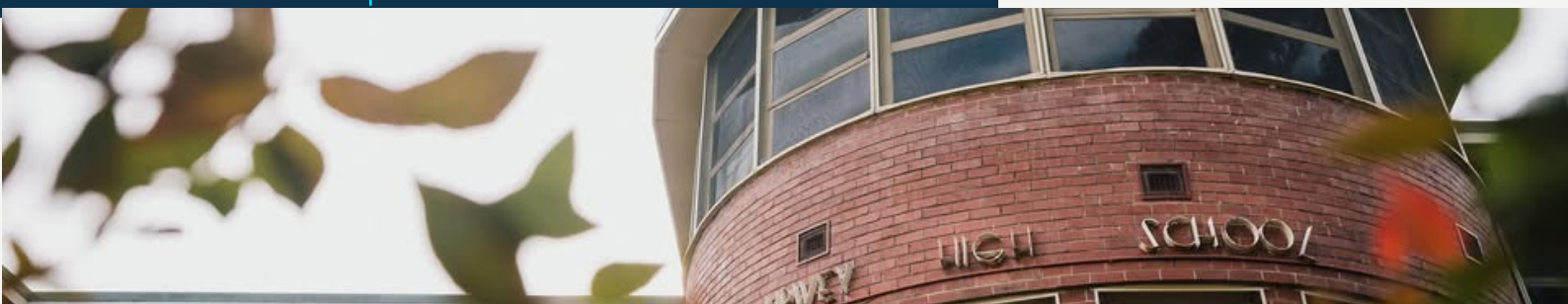


UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 8 | Term 3 | 2026



We have had a busy music building this week. With our music soirees fast approaching on Monday and Tuesday next week, it's been wonderful to see and hear our talented music students rehearsing and getting ready to perform. Monday evening will see our piano, strings, brass, woodwind and singing students taking the stage to perform solos and small ensemble items.

Piano/brass/woodwind – 6pm

Strings/Singers – 7:30pm

Tuesday evening is our chance for guitarists, bass guitarists and drummers to work together and as soloists to showcase a wide range of musical items.

Guitars/bass – 6pm

Drums – 7:30pm

Congratulations to our music students on their efforts preparing for their performances, looking forward to a wonderful showcase of music!



Reminders:

PST Conferences – next Wednesday (September 9)

Have you booked your PST Conferences yet? Don't forget to do this by logging onto your Compass App. We are trialling a hybrid model this year – giving families the opportunity to come into the school and meet teachers in person. If this is not convenient however, families also have the option of an online conference through MS Teams. Our Later Years Centre and Year 9 Learning Common will be the spaces where our onsite conferences are held

Parent/Carer Opinion Survey

Have you completed the Parent/Carer Opinion Survey? If not, there is still time. Please locate the post on Compass about this important survey and follow the link.

Rachel Lynch – Principal

TERM 3 – WEEK 9

Monday September 7

Year 11 Headspace Workshops
(School Transitions)

Year 10 Headspace Workshops
(Connection & Wellbeing
Music Soirees

Tuesday September 8

Year 12 Headspace Workshops
(School Transitions)
Music Soirees

Wednesday September 9

PST Conferences (no classes)

Thursday September 10

R U OKay Day
Vic Volleyball 1-Day Cup

Friday September 11

Year 11/12 Assembly P3
Year 8 UPS Reading Program

2026 EMV Australian Resilience Award Winners

An outstanding result for five of our students on Monday who were awarded the '2026 Australian Resilience Award for Victoria – School Category'. We are incredibly proud of Jack, Abby, Marli, Eleanor and Olivia in Year 10 for their work over the past four years on disaster risk reduction and resilience and bushfire awareness.

Initially supported by the late Principal, Tom Daly, our very own teacher Liz Lynch, and Briony Towers, the work commenced in Year 7. These students learnt about bushfire safety as part of a research project launched by RMIT three years ago and it has grown from strength to strength. This amazing group of students have worked with RMIT, the CFA, the Yarra Ranges Council, presented at the 2025 State Emergency Management Conference and most recently to an international panel of Indonesian delegates.

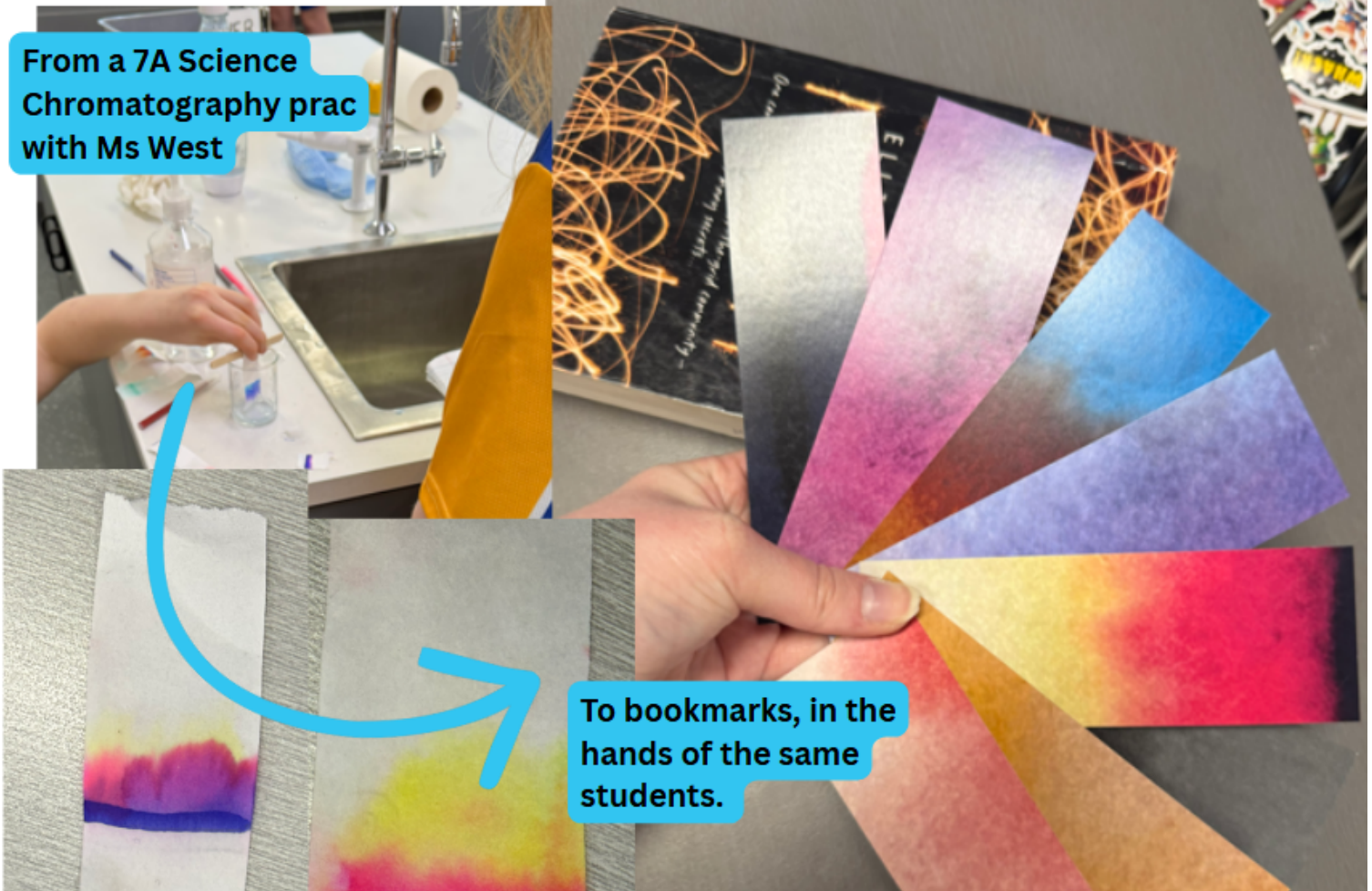
The success of these students means they now progress to national judging in coming weeks, with the national winners being announced later this year. We are so very proud and wish them the best of luck!



September Bookmarks

Student work, up close!

From a 7A Science
Chromatography prac
with Ms West



Year 11

Netball World Championships 2026

This week saw the final two teams take to the court to see who would finish 1st and 2nd on the ladder. This has been the most competitive year to date, with all teams putting in a huge effort and playing exceptionally well – including following the netball rules!!! Thank you to all the teams and their teachers who have participated in the competition, and the Year 11 captains who have helped with organising the tournament.

Congratulations to the Master Blasters and Give Em Hell(en), who have made their way to the Grand Final on Monday 7th of September. The GF winner will then play last year's winners (2025 – Clarke-a-doodle-doo's), before we have our almighty Year 12 vs Staff match on the last Monday of term.



YR 11 NETBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 LEADERBOARD

TEAM	PLAYS	WIN (4 POINTS)	DRAW (2 POINTS)	LOSS (1 POINT)	POINTS SCORED	POINTS AGAINST	POINTS PERCENTAGE	POINTS
 MASTER BLASTERS	2	8	0	0	26	2	1300	8
 GIVE EM HELL(EN)	2	8	0	0	25	6	416.666	8
 AURAVAILLE	2	8	0	0	19	5	380	8
COATES HIRE	2	0	0	2	6	25	24	2
CLARKE'S SHARKS	2	0	0	2	4	19	21.052	2
OUT OF THE PARKOS	2	0	0	2	2	26	7.692	2

Division Athletics

On Tuesday, 72 students represented Upwey High School at the Knox Division Athletics event. We were also fortunate to have 19 students from our Year 10 Sport and Recreation class assist with the organisation and running of the event as part of their assessment. They did a fantastic job taking on a range of responsibilities throughout the day, helping the event run smoothly and creating a positive experience for everyone involved.

With plenty of sunshine and a little bit of wind thrown in, our athletes showed great sportsmanship and school spirit throughout the day. It was fantastic to see so many of our students supporting and encouraging one another, not only from UHS but also from the other schools, and giving their best across a range of events. A huge congratulations to all students who competed — you should be incredibly proud of your efforts!

For those who placed 1st in their event, top 2 for 800m & 1500m, or top 3 for 3000m, you will be heading to the EMR Athletics event next term on Thursday 8th Oct. Please keep an eye out in your emails for more details.



HELP US BUILD A **STRONGER** SCHOOL

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL GYM UPGRADE

Our high school is working hard to upgrade the school gym so that students have a safer and more modern space for sport, fitness, and school activities.

**BETTER
FACILITIES.
STRONGER
FUTURES.**

**STRONG
TODAY
BETTER
TOMORROW**



DONATE YOUR OLD GYM EQUIPMENT!

Do you have old gym equipment you no longer use? Give it a new purpose and help our students build a stronger future!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:



WEIGHTS & DUMBBELLS

Any size or weight is appreciated.



KETTLEBELLS

Great for strength training and fitness classes.



BARBELLS & WEIGHT PLATES

Help students build strength and improve their performance.



BENCHES & RACKS

Essential for a safe and effective workout space.



OTHER FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Resistance bands, mats, machines and more!

♥ Your old equipment can make a big difference to our school community.



HELP US EQUIP OUR GYM.

Your old gear. Their new goals.

Together, we can create a healthier, more active, and stronger school for everyone!

**THANK
YOU!**



TO DONATE OR ARRANGE DROP-OFF, PLEASE CONTACT:

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TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A STRONGER,
HEALTHIER AND MORE ACTIVE SCHOOL



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
OUR STUDENTS AND OUR SCHOOL

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
AT UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL



1 day every 2 weeks
= 4 weeks a year
 $\frac{1}{2}$ year lost by Year 12

2 days a week
16 weeks a year
Almost 2 years lost!



1 day a week
8 weeks a year
Almost 1 year lost!

3 days a week
24 weeks a year
Almost 3 years lost!

**YOUR FUTURE STARTS
WITH SHOWING UP TODAY!**



UPWEY
HIGH SCHOOL

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 our staff will work with families and students to support strong and consistent school attendance. Where attendance is a concern, the school may work with families to ensure students are demonstrating a commitment to regular attendance before participating in additional school opportunities. Students will also be required to demonstrate positive behaviour at school (no more than three serious behaviour concerns on Compass in a Term) and be completely up to date with schoolwork.

Aspiration

Respect

Kindness