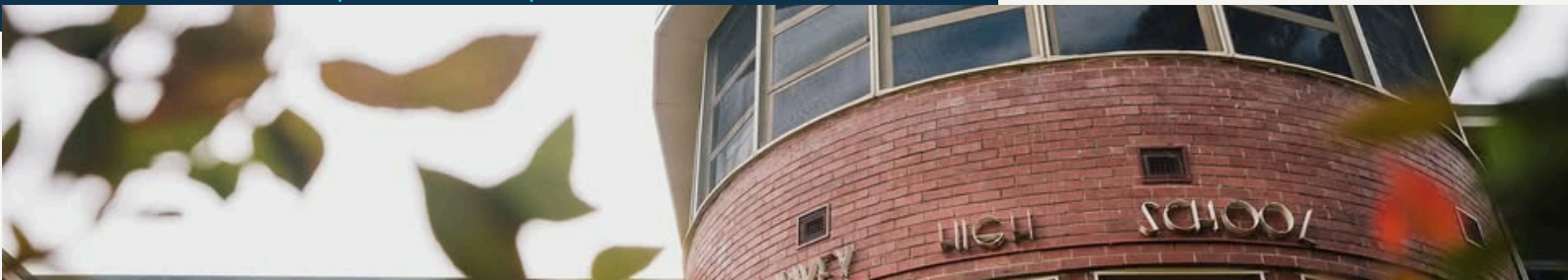


UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 1 | Term 4 | 2026



We warmly welcome back all members of our community to Term 4. As I write this newsletter, I am reflecting on what a great week it has been – the sun has been shining, the days are not so cold and I have personally observed some great learning happening in our classrooms. The highlights of my week have included watching a very animated Ms Clarke taking her Year 11 Literature students outside, to sit in the sun, and learn about the Shakespeare play, 'The Twelfth Night' and my own experience of taking a Year 11 English class who were learning about the 'Tobacco Wars' as part of their study of analysing argument. Well done to all of our students who have settled in so very well, so quickly, to the start of this term.



Well done Lillie Drechsler (Year 9)

We would like to congratulate Lillie Drechsler in Year 9 for her outstanding performance at the Victorian All Schools Track & Field Championships last week. Lillie proudly represented Upwey HS in the 400m and 200m events, placing 1st in her 400m and 3rd in her 200m. These are incredible results and a fantastic achievement for Lillie, showcasing her hard work, dedication, and talent on the track. Following her impressive results, Lillie has been selected to represent Team Victoria at the Australian Athletics All Schools Championships in December. We wish her all the best as she takes on this exciting opportunity!

It has been great to see so many students adhering to our Student Dress Code Policy, and I thank our parents/carers also for their support in ensuring their children are in full and correct school uniform. Our new school process for any student out of uniform (without a note provided from home, with a reasonable excuse) is that the student will receive an after-school detention on **the next school day** until 4pm. Should there be a valid reason a student is not able to complete the required detention, parents/carers will need to contact their child's relevant Team Leader or Assistant Team Leader to discuss this.

Our Arts students have been extremely busy this week, and next with some fantastic programs. This week our Instrumental Music students headed out to our local feeder primary schools and gave wonderful performances to their students. On Friday, our Year 7 Music students visited Burringa Cultural Centre to watch the performance of 'The Formidable Vegetables'.

Next Monday we are excited to present to the community our 'VCE Media Student Movie Night' at the Cameo Cinemas. The evening will showcase the work of our Year 12 Media students throughout the year including a range of film forms, surreal dramas, music videos and a comic book. Get your tickets here: <https://www.trybooking.com/DPAOF>

Have a lovely weekend
Rachel Lynch, Principal

TERM 4 – WEEK 2

Monday October 12

VCE Media Movie Night at Cameo Cinemas

Tuesday October 13

Year 10 Outdoor Ed excursion
YRTS excursion – *Bushfire Student Group* and select Year 7 students

Wednesday October 14

Thursday October 15

Friday October 16

Year 7 EMR Table Tennis
Last day Unit 4 VCE classes
Year 7 Assembly P1

CONGRATULATIONS AMALIA & FINN!! 🧡💙🏐🏐

On behalf of the Upwey High Volleyball Program and Upwey High School, we would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Amalia and Finn Langfeldt, who represented Victoria over the school holidays at the Australian Youth Volleyball Championship.

Their hard work, dedication, commitment and passion for volleyball are truly outstanding. Both Amalia and Finn are wonderful role models for our younger players and an inspiration to those coming through the Upwey High Volleyball Program.

They each had an incredible week, with Finn's team taking home a SILVER medal 🥈 and Amalia's team claiming GOLD 🥇.

What an incredible achievement from you both! We are so proud of your efforts and the way you represented Victoria and Upwey High School. Congratulations, Amalia and Finn! 🧡🏐

~ Lauren Bennett, Co-Director of the Volleyball Program



Focaccia Art in Year 11 Food Studies

Our Year 11 students have started the term well, learning how to make focaccia and implement a decorative design on the bread. A great practical class where students got to explore bread-baking and design skills. Here is what some of our students had to say;

Today we made focaccia art. It was a unique practical but it turned out better than I expected. – Henry

We made focaccia to show how yeast causes bread to rise and to have fun, designed the toppings. – Felix

In order to learn about the chemical processes involved in making bread, the class made focaccia. And, to add a hint of fun and turn it into an artistic challenge, we decorated the tops. – Lyra



EMR Athletics success!

On Thursday, we had 22 students represent Upwey HS at the EMR Athletics competition. It was fantastic to see our students competing against talented athletes from the region, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and skill.

We'd like to congratulate Chloe Varney, Tess Hewatt, Lillie Drechsler and Spencer Jacobson, who have all progressed through to the State Athletics competition next Friday. Well done to everyone involved on a great achievement and for proudly representing UHS!



YEAR 9 ASPIRE BASKETBALL COMPETITION

The year 9s launched the annual "Year 9 Aspire Basketball Competition" on Wednesday during Aspire. The competition is a tradition at Upwey and promotes teamwork, collaboration, respect and fair play.

The first two games were played in great spirits, with 9A taking on 9B and 9C playing 9D.

The results for the first games were 9B taking the win 30 - 20 over 9A, and in a nail-biter, 9D edged out 9C 22 to 19.

The tournament continues on Monday at lunch, with the schedule looking as:

1	Round 1	9A	v	9B	9B
2	Round 1	9C	v	9D	9D
3	Round 2	9B	v	9E	12/10 Lunch
4	Round 2	9C	v	9A	15/10 Lunch
5	Round 3	9A	v	9D	19/10 Lunch
6	Round 3	9C	v	9E	22/10 Lunch
7	Round 4	9A	v	9E	Aspire 28/10
8	Round 4	9B	v	9D	Aspire 28/10
9	Round 5	9B	v	9C	29/10 Lunch
10	Round 5	9D	v	9E	5/11 Lunch
Championship					Aspire 11/11



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