

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Week 2 | Term 4 | 2026



It's been another busy week at Upwey High School for our second week of Term 4. Our Surf Life Saving students in Year 10 had their First Aid Camp at Woolamai Surf Life Saving Club and worked hard to learn about the different types of risks, hazards, preventative measures and responses required in surf conditions. Well done to all students, staff and volunteers who participated so well in this annual event.

Our VCE Media Night was a huge hit at the Belgrave Cameo Cinemas, showcasing some of the wonderful work of our senior students this year. A huge thank you to teacher, Lee Appleton for organising the event, our community members who came out in support of this event and – of course – our amazingly talented students.

A highlight for me this week has been spending time in some Year 7 classes as they have embarked upon their new Maths topic – Algebra. Teachers have been fielding some great questions about the real life use of algebra and it has been great to see student engaging so well with this unit of work.

This week has been a final week for our Year 12 VCE and VCE VM students as they have finalised their coursework for the year. Our VCE VM students concluded their 13-year schooling journey earlier this week when they presented their final Vocational Major Portfolios to their VM teachers throughout the day. A huge congratulations to all of our VCE VM students on the hard work and dedication they have shown at school, TAFE and the work place. In addition, our VCE students have now also completed classes for the year, and the majority of our students now head into their study period ahead of their exams. I also congratulate these students on their hard work and dedication throughout the year towards their SACs, learning tasks and meeting the important VCE Outcomes in all of their subjects. While it is now time to refine all of your skills and knowledge, it is also a time for reflection and celebration at our Year 12 Assembly on Monday and day out to Gumbuya World on Tuesday – I for one am very much looking forward to celebrating with all of our Year 12 students next week.

An annual event on our calendar is the 'Year 12 Art & Technology Exhibition' which is being held in our beautiful D-Block Art/Technology facility from 4.30pm on Thursday evening. Again, we will be showcasing student work from Art Creative Practice, Media, Product Design and Technology and Visual Communication Design. Well done to all students. All members of our community are welcome to attend and enjoy this great exhibition.

We also wish 12 students heading to the Victorian Maths Games Competition on Thursday the very best of luck – it is such an achievement to have made it this far!

Have a lovely weekend
Rachel Lynch, Principal

TERM 4 – WEEK 3

Monday October 19

Year 12 Final Assembly & Morning Tea
State Athletics

Tuesday October 20

Year 12 Celebration Day (Gumbuya
World excursion)

Wednesday October 21

EMR Table Tennis
Year 12 Study Week commences

Thursday October 22

Vic Maths Games Showcase
VET Music Exam
Yr 12 Art & Technology Exhibition 4:30pm

Friday October 23

Year 10 Assembly P3

2026 Instrumental Music Tour

On the 7th and 8th of October, a group of our talented Upwey bands embarked upon the annual music tour! Across the two days, we toured five primary schools: Ferny Creek, Kallista, Upwey, Belgrave South and Upper Ferntree Gully. There, we performed for the students our repertoires, entertaining the audience with interactivity, dancing, and, of course, music! On our second day of tour, our audiences were treated to the fantastic costumes that our ensembles had picked up from the Tecoma Salvos the day before. Second-hand hats, jackets, and socks were donned with pride! It was such a rewarding experience to be part of the Upwey High School music tour, and a privilege to share our joy in music with the local schools. Thanks to our awesome music staff, bus drivers, primary schools, and participating bands, what a great way to start the term!



Treetop Adventures for Year 10 Outdoor Education

On Tuesday I took a group of students from the Y10 outdoor pursuit class to treetop adventures in Belgrave. The students pushed themselves outside of their comfort zones on a number of different courses. Some students were challenged by the blue courses whilst some students pushed themselves to complete the higher and more complex black courses. It was great to hear the encouraging words they all had for each other as they soared through the canopy.

~ Harry Potter, Outdoor Education teacher



Year 7 Girls Table Tennis EMR competition

Today the Year 7 girls participated in the EMR Table Tennis competition at Kilsyth. This was the girls first time playing table tennis together, as they were a direct entry from the Knox Division.

They team had a fabulous day, with plenty of positive energy throughout each game. Although the girls didn't make it to the finals, they gave it their all and participated to the best of their ability against some very competitive schools. Well done Ella, Scarlett, Allegra, Neave and Amber!



CREATIVE MINDS
BRIGHTER FUTURES

Year 12 Art & Technology Parent Viewing Evening

Thursday 22 October 2026 | 4:30pm–6:00pm

All staff are warmly invited to join our Parent Viewing Evening for the Year 12 Exhibition of the Art and Technology Domain.

This is an opportunity to view the final works created by our talented Year 12 students and celebrate their achievements throughout the year.

Featured subjects

-  **Art Creative Practice**
Beth Nichols
-  **Visual Communication Design**
Geoffrey M Barker
-  **Media Studies**
Lee Appleton
-  **Product Design and Technology**
Matt Searle

 **Location:** D Building Exhibition Space,
Upwey High School

 Light refreshments will be available while you take the time to view and admire the work created by our students.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this special occasion with you.

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Year 7 Music excursion to Burrinja

We've had a wonderful start to term 4 in the music department. After a successful tour with our orchestra and senior music students at the start of the term, Friday was our year 7 student's chance to head out on an excursion to Burrinja. We had perfect weather to walk down to the theatre together and had a great time interacting with the band "Formidable Vegetable" and seeing some amazingly talented musicians perform live.

"It was awesome. I loved their music and I even got a Formidable Vegetable patch for answering the question "Can anyone name a type of microorganism?" After the show, I got to talk to the band about music production and ask a few questions" – Ash Lambden 7E

"I chatted with my friends on the walk. I liked the dancing, the Mongolian throat singing and the trombone playing" – Ollie Burnett 7E



International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

On Tuesday, two of our Year 10 Disaster Resilience experts and 15 enthusiastic Year 7 students attended an International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction event at Yarra Ranges Tech School.

Joining students from Harkaway Primary School, our students participated in a range of engaging, hands-on activities. These included using virtual reality to experience climbing a wind tower, programming a drone to deliver emergency supplies, and playing Generaski: Learn, Play and Act Together for a Safer Future, a game designed by Harkaway Primary School students.

The event provided a fantastic opportunity for students to learn more about preparing for, responding to and recovering from natural disasters. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the activities while developing their knowledge and understanding of disaster resilience.

~ Liz Lynch, Disaster Resilience Program Leader



Foodbank: Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every Tuesday and Thursday morning in P1. Toasty Tuesday is very popular with students as they can get a cheese toasty. As well students can enjoy cereal, toast, and a warm milo for their breakfast. We also have fruit cups and popcorn for students to take for their snack at recess. Fresh fruit is available from the main office and Wellbeing every day and students can also access lunch items which can be collected from Wellbeing and P1. Lastly, Foodbank Victoria offer Home Food Packs which we can access for families. Please do not hesitate to contact Yvette to organise.

YEAR 9 ASPIRE BASKETBALL COMPETITION

On Monday, 9B and 9E faced off at lunchtime. 9 B dominated the first half, scoring 14 to 2. In the second half, 9E came back with a three from Owen Phillips and a no-look deep three from Daniel Sazama. With 2 minutes to go, it was tied. 9E took a 2-point lead, then a turnover from Leo H gave Adam L a free layup with 5 seconds to go; the game ended in a draw. On Thursday, 9A and 9A faced off at lunch; it wasn't close until Sam R made 4 threes in a row to cut the deficit to 2. From then on, it was point for point for 4 minutes. The game ended with 9C winning by a couple of points, mostly scored by Riley B and Kade R. – Adam L.

The Year 9s started the basketball tournament in term four, and in the first round it was 9A vs 9B and 9C vs 9D. The winners were 9B and 9D; both teams played amazingly. It was an exciting first round, and everyone participated, whether on the court, cheering from the sidelines, scoring, or refereeing. This tournament includes everyone, including teachers who have come down to watch their class play. We've had Mr Luczak coach a team, and so did Ms Siv. I love this idea of a year-level competition because, no matter your ability, it is fun for everyone and no one takes it too far. I know some students come to school so they can play basketball with their class. Everyone looks forward to playing or watching, and it's amazing to see the different skills and talent some students have. – Aala D

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

1	Rnd 1	9A	v	9B	9B
2	Rnd 1	9C	v	9D	9D
3	Rnd 2	9B	v	9E	DRAW
4	Rnd 2	9C	v	9A	9C
5	Rnd 3	9A	v	9D	19/10 Lunch
6	Rnd 3	9C	v	9E	22/10 Lunch
7	Rnd 4	9A	v	9E	Aspire 28/10
8	Rnd 4	9B	v	9D	Aspire 28/10
9	Rnd 5	9B	v	9C	29/10 Lunch
10	Rnd 5	9D	v	9E	5/11 Lunch
Championshi					Aspire 11/11



9E vs 9E

The start of the game was kind of one-sided, with 9E winning and 9 B slowly catching up. After halftime, 9E started to slack off and do random things like half-court shots and trying to dunk. 9B started to catch up and took the lead, yet Daniel shot a three to get in front, and in the last few seconds 9B scored a 2-point shot to tie the match, finishing the game as a tie. –Jax P

9C vs 9A

At the start of the game, it was a bit one-sided; 9C was up by 6 at half time. 9A had a hot start, coming back to start winning by 1 but 9C locked back in and won by 1. – Dan S



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!**



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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