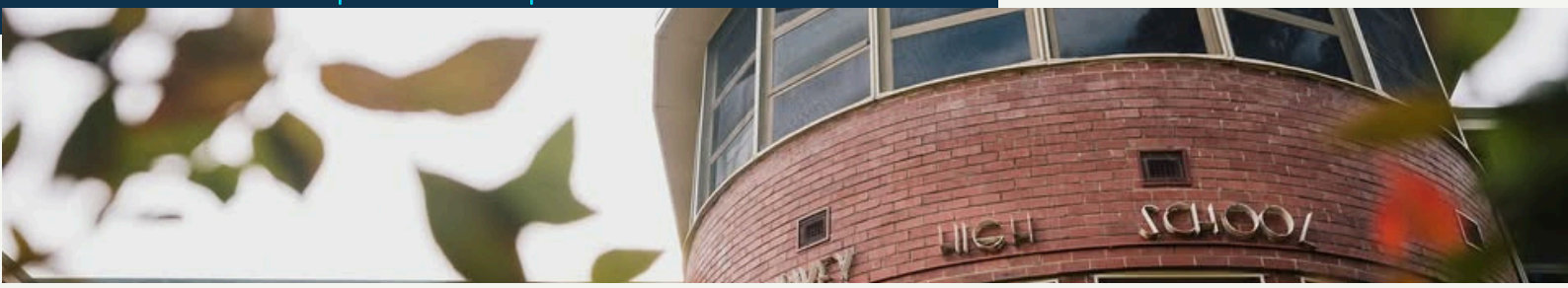
UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

Week 3 | Term 4 | 2026



This week we officially farewelled our Year 12 class of 2026 at their very special whole-school assembly and morning tea. It was fantastic to see so many parents, friends and family members attend our assembly to join in the valedictory celebrations. As a mother of a Year 12 student myself this year (my last one!) I can certainly empathise with the highs and lows that come with supporting children through to the end of Year 12. I thank all of our parents, carers and family members for your guidance, support and love that you constantly provide our students. Their journey through schooling truly is a partnership between school-life and home-life where students spend so much of their lives. I would also like to thank our brilliant teachers who continue to guide, support and inspire our students to do - and be - their best. Gumbuya World on Tuesday was such a wonderful way to celebrate thirteen years of schooling and the weather was just superb for our fun day out!

Continuing on from the success of our Media viewing at Belgrave Cinemas, on Thursday this week our Year 12 Art & Technology student shone as their final pieces and folios were on display (see the last page for more details).

In community news, our Year 10 students are working closely with the Belgrave Rotary Club to assist in a Food Drive. We are looking to create hampers of non-perishable food items which will be delivered to local families in need. Please drop off any donations to the general office if you are able to assist in this wonderful cause.



Next Friday is 'World Teachers Day' and to acknoweldge the wonderful work of our teachers we also have our Staff Wellbeing Week running all week. It would be great to give a shout out to all of our teachers who support our students so well.

Have a lovely weekend
Rachel Lync,h, Prinicpal

TERM 4 - WEEK 4

Monday October 26

EMR Volleyball (Year 7/8)

Tuesday October 27

Year 10 Outdoor Education (Surfing)
VCAA exams commence (English)

Wednesday October 28

Year 10 EMR Girls Table Tennis
Year 11 Geography excursion

Thursday October 29

Year 11 Biology excursion

Friday October 30

World Teachers Day

House Cup standings to date:



Bleazby are in Fourth Place on 1675 Points
Crow are in Third Place on 1829 Points
Chandler are in Second Place on 1900 Points
Leaving Knox currently in First place on 2053 points

There are still many more opportunities for points to be added, and the Cup will be announced at the final Awards Evening at Burrinja in early December.

Many of the points allocated during this term will be for Academic Excellence and Personal Best awards for Semester 2. Teachers have not nominated the students yet, and so we would like to see all students striving for their best until the end of the semester. A semester 2 points celebration will be held in Early Start.

~ Tanya Au, Assistant Principal



Year 10 Outdoor Pursuits master Lawn Bowls



Year 10 Outdoor Pursuits class this week started a lawn bowls master class with Mike from the Upwey Tecoma Lawn Bowls Club. They will be learning the basics before playing some matches over the next few weeks.

A Halloween Treat

This week, Year 8 staff launched our Halloween themed recognition of students who receive green chronicles on Compass. These chronicles reflect our school values of 'Aspiration', 'Respect' and 'Kindness'. Students are enjoying the decorated Year 8 Office when they arrive to collect their 'treat' the following day. It has definitely been a positive experience for all. Keep an eye out for the green posts on Compass and continue the dedication next week Year 8! The initiative will reach the final day on Friday the 30th of October, with students still able to collect their reward for this after the long weekend.





Stay spooky,

The Year 8 Team

Celebrating Succes: Year 8 Green Posts

During Term 3 there was a running competition for all students for who could get the most 'green posts.' A green post was awarded for students who demonstrated exceptional Respect, Aspiration or Kindness. There was an outstanding number of green posts awarded throughout the term, which is a testament to the fantastic effort that is being put in. These students received a certificate for their achievement

As a reward for the amazing effort being shown consistently, the top 30 students also received a pizza lunch. This was enjoyed and thankyou to Angela Field for setting up and the delivery of the pizzas. It was great to see so many students be recognised for the actions that they do every day that should be commended. Keep up the effort and dedication to your learning.

~ Stehen Daw, Year 8 Team Leader

The Upwey High School Year 12 Art & Technology Exhibition 2026

What a wonderful event our 2026 Year 12 Art & Technnology Exhibition was. Bringing to life work of our Year 12 students in Art Creative Practice, Visual Communication Design, Media and Product Design and Technology attendees were privvy to viewing some exceptional pieces of work. Both final pieces and portfolios were on display allowing attendees to see not just polished pieces of work, but also the lengthy design portfolio process that sits behind each of them.

Year 12 students were delighted to show their work and explain both how it was created and the thinking and theory that is a crucial element of their work. Our halls and exhibition space were filled with everything from paintings and drawings, to 3-D printed artworks, videography on the screen and amazing products in materials including wood, plastic and cotton.

Each year, we hold 'The People's Choice Award' This year, The Arts and Technology Exhibition 2026 People's Choice Award was a very close call between 4 students.

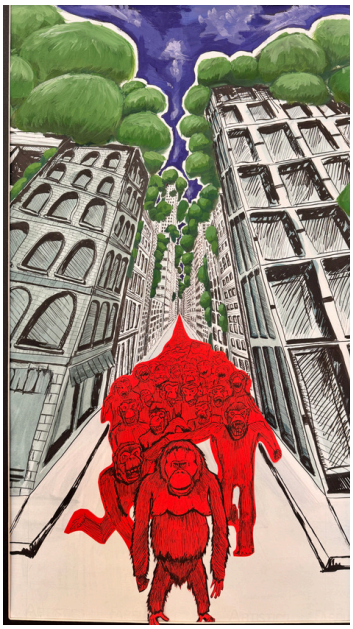
A very special mention to:

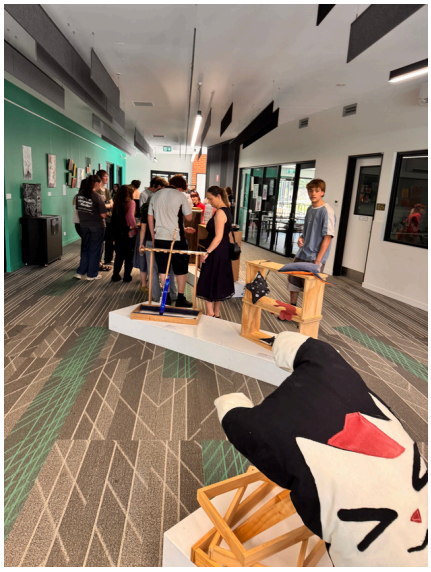
Seb Dyson for his Cat Pillow
Niamh Harrold for the multiple Monkey pieces
George Zebian For the ceramic and mixed media pieces

With the overall People's Choice winner of the $50 Gift Voucher being Siobhan Shanahan for the mixed media on Wood/Card paintings titled 'Kaleidoscope'.

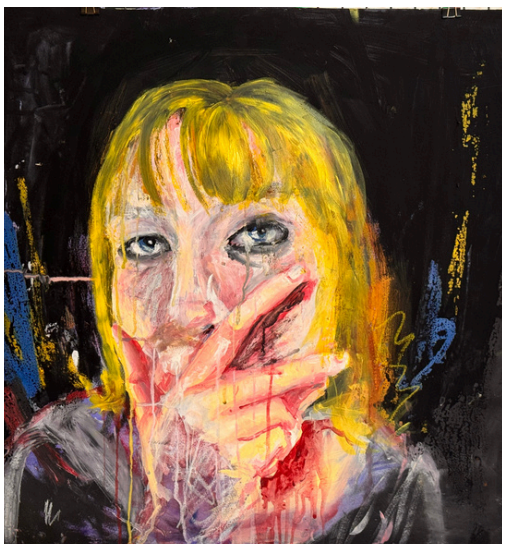












MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL



1 day every 2 weeks
= 4 weeks a year
½ year lost by Year 12

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

2 days a week
16 weeks a year
Almost 2 years 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 EXPECATIONS IN 2026

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL

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.