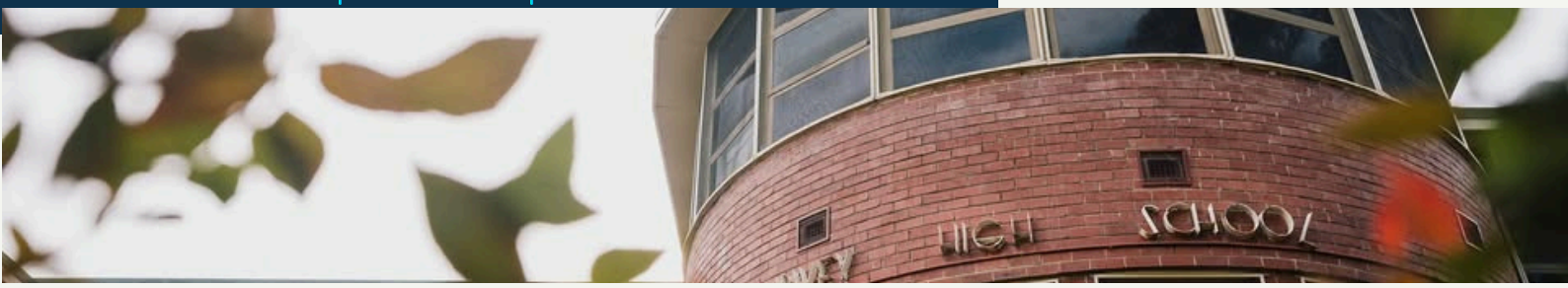
UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

Week 4 | Term 4 | 2026



I would like to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and commitment of the teachers working at Upwey High School. Today is 'World Teachers Day' - a time to recognise and celebrate the amazing educators who provide guidance, support and a rich learning program for all of their students. We are very lucky to have the teachers we have here at Upwey and I thank them for their ongoing support of our young people.

This week saw the majority of our Year 12 students commence their VCAA exams - I would like to congratulate all students who sat the first exam (English) on Tuesday. Despite some nerves, you all approached the exam with a positive attitude and were exam-ready. We wish these students the very best of luck for the remainder of their exams over the coming weeks. Our Year 10 and Year 11 students will also be sitting exams in a few weeks - the timetable is attached to this week's newsletter.

On Wednesday night we held our 2026 New Zealand Volleyball Tour Parent Information Night for students in Year 9 who are attending this trip. Departing on Friday November 13, we have 36 students and six staff headed to Queenstown, Twizel and Christchurch for the International Volleyball Tournament. We are also excited to announce our Year 9 Discovery Week for all year nine students not attending the Volleyball Tour.





Our therapy pets, Neve and Stella have been getting into the Halloween spirit! Thanks to Neve, also, who has been happily providing support to our Year 12 students before their exams!

A reminder to families that Monday is our staff Professional Practice Day. While this is not a student-free day, we have historically had very low numbers of students attend on this day as it is before the Cup Day Public Holiday. Please don't forget to enter this on Compass if your child/children will not be in attendance on the day. For any student who does attend, they will need to go to the library at the beginning of the day and will be supervised in the library while participating in an alternative program. For those families heading away, we wish you a lovely weekend, and for those taking advantage of the time to rest and relax we hope you also enjoy this time.

Have a lovely weekend
Rachel Lync,h, Prinicpal

TERM 4 - WEEK 5

Monday November 2
Professional Practice Day (teachers)
VCAA exams

Tuesday November 3
Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup Day)

Wednesday November 4
School Tour 9.15am

Thursday November 5
Year 10 Legal Studies Excursion

Friday November 6

Year 7 and Year 8 Boys dominate at EMR Volleyball

On Monday, our Year 7 and 8 boys volleyball teams competed in the Eastern Metropolitan Region competition, representing Upwey with pride and determination.

Year 8 Boys – Runners-Up

The Year 8 boys had an outstanding day, winning all three of their round-robin matches against Heathmont, Balwyn and Box Hill High Schools to progress to the finals.

In the final, they faced Monbulk College in a closely contested match. Upwey took the first set, before Monbulk fought back to win the second, setting up a thrilling deciding set. Both teams battled hard, with the scores remaining close throughout. Unfortunately, Monbulk pulled ahead in the final few points to secure the victory.

Congratulations to our Year 8 boys on a fantastic performance and a well-deserved second-place finish. The team should be incredibly proud of their efforts!

Year 7 Boys – State Championship Bound!

The Year 7 boys also put in a terrific performance throughout the competition. They began with a win against Ashwood SC, followed by a loss to Kew HS, before bouncing back with a victory over East Doncaster SC. Based on their points average, the boys secured a place in the finals, where they faced Mooroolbark College. The team rose to the occasion, winning the match and securing their place at the State competition on Tuesday, 10 November, at MSAC! Congratulations to the Year 7 boys on this fantastic achievement. We wish them the very best of luck as they prepare to represent Upwey at the State competition!

A special thank you to our coaches, Sam Murray and Nate Faige, for generously giving up their time to coach and support the boys throughout the day. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Well done to both teams for their outstanding efforts and for representing Upwey so proudly!





October School Council President's Report

Dear School Community

I hope you are all well. Congratulations to our Year 12 students on reaching this very important milestone in their lives. We wish each of you every success and happiness in your future.

Our School Council meeting was held on Wednesday evening, with valuable explanation and discussion about forecasting and budgets. We thank Mandy for all her hard work and their amazing excel documents, graphs and tables, which helps show us the workings of a school budget.

I would like to encourage our school community members to consider becoming part of the School Council Team next year. It is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to our school, support our students and help shape the direction of our school. Nominations will open in February 2027. Further information about the nomination process will be shared closer to the time.

Thanks and take care,

Kel Verwey , School Council President

Year 11 Geography studens head to the Royal Botanical Gardens

The aim of the Royal Botanical Gardens Excursion was to record information for the upcoming Geography SAC. Some of the methods used to record data was photography and or sketching as a method of data as well as records, field recordings, (amount of people or amount of litter as a few examples), pedometers to record amount of steps to walk a given path, interviews with people, mapping or the use of maps to get the size and types of terrain found at the gardens. We took photos of the garden and litter as well as the infrastructure including, trails, covered areas, seating, café as a few examples. Another method we used was recoding the amount of litter seen. On the trail we used the pedometers to see how many steps it took, along with asking Robyn, the tour guide, some questions about the garden.

By Nic W (Geography student)













Upwey Students Shine at the MAV Maths Competition Regional Showcase

On Thursday 22nd October, 11 students from Year 7-10 were up bright and early for the long journey to Melton Secondary College to compete in the MAV Regional Showcase, and they certainly made the trip worthwhile.

Throughout the journey (which included Metro and V-Line trains as well as a bus), our students demonstrated outstanding behaviour and impressive navigation skills. The time spent travelling also gave us a wonderful opportunity to have some great conversations and learn more about the many talents, interests and hobbies of this high-achieving group of students.

Upon arrival, our students were mixed into teams with competitors from other schools, ready to take on the first Maths challenge which was a percentages game called Cashed Up. Aster, Poppy, Seb, Amber and Liam all secured wins and earned valuable early points for Upwey. Upwey's momentum continued into the second game, Pentominoes, where all Upwey teams managed to score points. In Mahtzee, Mishank and Poppy worked brilliantly together to achieve a fantastic result, tying for first place with a team from Auburn High School.

Unfortunately, we had to depart before the final game to begin our two-and-a-half hour journey back to Upwey, but we couldn't be prouder of the way our students represented Upwey High School. Their teamwork, enthusiasm, problem-solving and exemplary behaviour made them wonderful ambassadors for our school!

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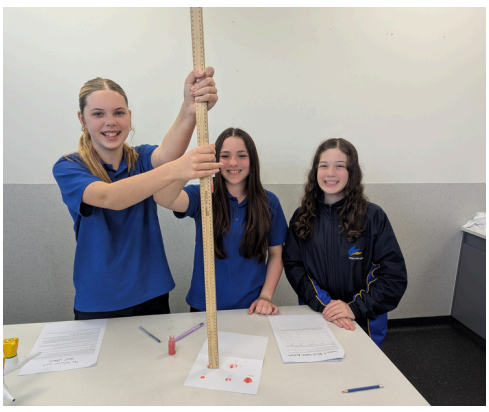
Year 7 Forensics Fun for Halloween

Students in Year 7 have begun their new 'Forensic Sciecne' unit of work and have to work out who robbed Mr. Potter! As part of their Halloween fun activities, students have been learning a range of different skills in identifying the culprit. Their learning has included looking at blood splatter, blood testing (using fake blood of course) and a hair analysis activity. They also had the opportunity to see some blood samples and other various organisms under microscopes. A fantastic and engaging activity leading to quality learning.











YEAR 9 ASPIRE BASKETBALL COMPETITION

The basketball tournament is almost over, with 1-point wins and close games that ended in a draw. In the end, only 2 teams make it to the Grand Final: 9B and 9D, and only one will come out on top. They have played each other before, and 9D won by 1point, so it will be a close one, and the class will get ultimate bragging rights and be the basketball champions of Year 9. So, everything will come down to this final game next week. - Jessica P.

The Year 9 basketball competition has been full of excitement, teamwork, and competition as each class battles to prove it's the best. After a series of challenging games, two teams have come out on top, with 9D and 9B preparing to face off in the final match. Both teams have worked hard to reach this stage and are ready to give their best on the court. The final game between 9D and 9B will decide who takes home the overall victory. With both teams eager to win, the match is expected to be a great game to watch and will be very exciting. Students will be cheering from the sidelines as the two classes compete for bragging rights and the title of Year 9 basketball champions. Only one team can win, and everything comes down to this final game! - Lillie D.

Pos	Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Points For	Points Against	Diff	Ladder Points
1	9D	4	4	0	0	114	44	70	16
2	9B	4	2	1	1	73	75	-2	11
3	9C	4	2	0	2	73	73	0	10
4	9E	4	1	1	2	60	90	-30	8
5	9A	4	0	0	4	49	87	-38	4

The Championship will be played between 9D and 9B on Wednesday, the 4th November during Aspire!











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YEAR 9 DISCOVERY WEEK

November 13-20, 2026

Compass permissions close 10/11

A WEEK OF EXPERIENCES DESIGNED TO HELP THE STUDENTS DISCOVER NEW PLACES, EXPLORE FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES, DEVELOP NEW SKILLS AND CONNECT WITH PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS BEYOND SCHOOL.

DAY 1 13/11 — SWINBURNE WANTIRNA VISIT

STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A TAFE TASTER OF THEIR CHOICE IN ONE OF 3 PROGRAMS: 1) TRADE WORKSHOP, 2) CARE ECONOMY, OR 3) CREATIVE BUSINESS AND DIGITAL DESIGN

DAY 2 16/11 — SWINBURNE INCURSION /BOX HILL VISIT

THIS SESSION INCLUDES OUR FUTURE WORLD OF WORK AND RESUME READY WORKSHOPS, DESIGNED TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THEIR FUTURE CAREERS DURING PERIODS 1 AND 2. SWINBURNE FACILITATORS WILL RUN THE SESSIONS.
STUDENTS WILL THEN VISIT BOX HILL CENTRAL TO EXPERIENCE THE MULTICULTURAL LANDMARKS, SHOPS, AND FOOD OPTIONS.

DAY 3 17/11 — ST KILDA FOOTBALL CLUB VISIT

STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE AN AFL FACILITY. ST KILDA EDUCATION IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING ENRICHING LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR EVERYONE IN ITS HIGH-PERFORMANCE INDUSTRY.
STUDENTS WILL TOUR RSEA PARK AND LEARN ABOUT A CAREER IN SPORT.

DAY 4 18/11 — YARRA RANGES TECH SCHOOL VISIT

YRTS HAS ORGANISED AN ENGAGING PROGRAM WHERE STUDENTS WILL ROTATE THROUGH DIFFERENT STATIONS THEY HAVE CHOSEN, USING SOME OF THE LATEST TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING VR, DRONES AND 3D PRINTING. THEY WILL GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WITH TECHNOLOGY, BUILD PRACTICAL SKILLS, AND EXPLORE DIFFERENT TRADE PATHWAYS.

DAY 5 19/11 — VICTORIA MARKET / MELBOURNE CENTRAL VISIT

STUDENTS WILL VISIT QUEEN VICTORIA MARKET TO EXPLORE ONE OF MELBOURNE'S MOST ICONIC MARKETPLACES. THEY WILL EXPLORE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BUSINESSES, PRODUCTS, CUSTOMERS, AND JOBS OPERATING IN THE MARKET. STUDENTS WILL THEN TRAVEL TO MELBOURNE CENTRAL, WHERE THEY WILL EXPLORE A MAJOR RETAIL AND ENTERTAINMENT PRECINCT. THE VISIT WILL GIVE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BUSINESSES AND CONSIDER HOW LOCATION, CUSTOMERS, TECHNOLOGY AND TRENDS INFLUENCE THE WORLD OF WORK.

DAY 6 20/11 — FUNFIELDS VISIT

STUDENTS WILL FINISH DISCOVERY WEEK WITH A FUN-FILLED DAY AT FUNFIELDS! STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY A RANGE OF RIDES, ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES WHILE SPENDING TIME WITH THEIR CLASSMATES.
IT'S A CHANCE TO RELAX, HAVE FUN AND CELEBRATE THE END OF A WEEK OF EXPLORING CAREERS, EDUCATION, NEW EXPERIENCES AND THE WORLD OF WORK.







YEAR 10/11 EXAM TIMETABLE

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Thursday November 19 - Friday November 27

	Thursday November 19	Friday November 20
SESSION 1 8:50 - 10:30	Exams for Yr 11 Volleyballers	Exams for Yr 11 Volleyballers
BREAK 10:30 - 11:20	BREAK	BREAK
SESSION 2 11:20- 1:00	Exams for Yr 11 Volleyballers	Exams for Yr 11 Volleyballers
SESSION 3 1:30 -3:10	Exams for Yr 11 Volleyballers	Unit 2 Exam for YR 10 Volleyballers

YEAR 10/11 EXAM TIMETABLE

Thursday 19 - Friday November 27

UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL

	Monday November 23	Tuesday November 24	Wednesday November 25	Thursday November 26	Friday November 27
SESSION 1 **8:50 - 10:30**	All Yr 11 English and Literature (Finish 11am) **YEAR 10 Maths for Yr 10 Volleyballers (B30)**	**YR 11 BLOCK 1** Business (KAN) Chemistry P.E. (MEY) Legal	**YR 11 BLOCK 2** Biology (QUM) Foundation Maths Product Design A Psychology (LYN) VCD	**YR 11 BLOCK 3** History Maths Methods (QUM) General Maths A (HAT) Media Applied Computing	**Yr 11 BLOCK 5** Maths Methods (HAR) General Maths B (RIC) P.E. (SOA) Product Design B Philosophy General Maths C (WIP)
BREAK **10:30 - 11:20**	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
SESSION 2 **11:20- 1:00**	Year 10 English (Finish 1.30pm)	ALL Yr 10 Maths	**YR 11 BLOCK 6** Art Creative Practice Environmental Science Food Studies (PIC) HHD (BEN) Psychology (LUC)	**Yr 11 BLOCK 4** Biology (SIV) Geography HHD (BLR) Business (PIC) Physics	Catch Up Exams

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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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.