



Principal's Report

Outstanding VCE Results

Our Year of 2008 students have graduated with outstanding VCE results. Congratulations to all Year 12 and 11 students who have done so well. More than 35% of our students gained an ENTER of 90 or above (i.e. the top 10% in the state). 63% of our students were in the top 20% (i.e. an ENTER above 80). We had 11 students whose ENTER scores were above 99. This means that 5.2% of our scores were in the top 1% of the state.

Perfect study scores of 50 were achieved by students in the following subjects:

Nicolas Brown	French
David Cui	Further Mathematics
Hannah King	Biology
James Li	Specialist Mathematics
Hannah Layman	Further Mathematics
Susan Pham	Biology

We are very proud of the students who attend The University High School and I believe we should now publicly thank and congratulate our hard working teaching and support staff who have assisted our VCE students, not only through 2008, but during their time at The University High School.

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as Kwong Lee Dow Scholars at The University of Melbourne:

Year 10

Zhao-Chen Bian and Cameron Browning

A tailored program of events and activities offered by the University will support and enhance their secondary studies, as well as provide the opportunity to interact with other young scholars and members of the University community.

Holiday Break

May I take this opportunity to wish all members of The University High School community a safe and happy holiday period following a very successful 2008 year.

Rob Newton
Principal

Calendar of Coming Events

Thursday, 18 December

Planning Day

Individual Student Interviews by appointment

Friday, 19 December

Planning Day

Individual Student Interviews by appointment

Monday, 2 February, 2009

First Day Back for Students

Wednesday, 4th to Friday 6th February

Orientation Camp Year 7 Brookes

Monday, 9th to Wednesday 11th February

Orientation Camp Year 7 Sharman

Wednesday, 11th to Friday 13th February

Orientation Camp Year 7 Chapman

Wednesday, 18th February

School Council Meeting, GTAC

Thursday, 19th February

Year 12 Study Skills, "Ace your Exams!", Session 4

Thursday, February 19th

Welcome Function for Parents of all New Students, 7:00pm to 9:30pm

Tuesday, February 24th

Swimming Carnival for Year 7 and Competitors at MSAC

Wednesday, 25th February

VCE Parent and Student Information Evening, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Thursday, 26th of February

Year 11 Study Skills, Session 4

Tuesday, 3rd March

Immunisations Round 1

Year 7: HepB (Dose 1 of 2), Chickenpox (1 of 1)

Year 7 Girls: HPV (Dose 1 of 3)

Year 10: Boostrix

Monday, 9th March

Labour Day holiday

Tuesday, 10th to Friday, 13th March

Surf Camp

Tuesday, 10th March

Reunion of Class of 2008, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Wednesday, 11th March

Intermediate Sports Day, Years 9 and 10

Wednesday, 18th March

School Council Meeting, 7:30pm GTAC

Wednesday, 18th to Friday, 20th March

Year 8 Adventure Camp, Phillip Island

Tuesday, 24th March

Year 8 Sports Day

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The UHS School Council meets in the GTAC conference centre at 7:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 18th Feb.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The UHS Parents' Association meets in the school staff room at 7:30 pm.

All parents are welcome.

Next Meeting: February, 2009

SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

Your next copy of School News should arrive in your letter box in late February.

Amazing Success in the Alliance Française de Melbourne Berthe Mouchette competition, 2008

As reported in an earlier edition of The School News, University High School students of French won 10 prizes in this prestigious competition this year, including the 'Grand Prize' at Year 12. They won more prizes than any other school this year. Close to 13,000 students from 89 schools across Victoria participated. Nicolas Brown, Year 12, won the 1st Prize for the Written Test plus the Prix La Perouse offert au meilleur candidat en annee 12. This is the La Perouse Prize for the best candidate in Year 12. Nicolas won a trip to New Caledonia. As well, Anna Tupicoff won 1st Prize in the Oral Test, and Louise Liu came second.

In Year 11, Zorro Maplestone won the Prix Hors-concours for the Speaking Test. This is a special section for students with some French background. In Year 9, Nathan Juriansz came 1st in the Written Test, and Clara McLeod-Goodman came 3rd. Additionally, Gabriel Stibio won the two Prix Hors-concours for the Poetry Recitation and the Written Test. In Year 7, Kenton Reeder came 1st in the Poetry Recitation.

The Prize-Giving Ceremony took place at the Glen Eira Town Hall on 12 November. We are very proud of our students who worked so hard to achieve success. Congratulations to all!!!

Ms Rosvoll

Assistant Head of LOTE

Year 8 Girls Table-Tennis State Finals

On Tuesday the 25th November, Jennifer Fang (9S3), Catisia Lim (8B2), Lily Xia (9S3) and Anna Zeng (9S3) were accompanied by Ms Shukroon to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre for the State Finals of the Table Tennis. After a comforting mint slice each, we were ready to confront our opponents. After many close wins, we were in the semi-final. We realised this was not going to be the same as the other games. Our opponents were tough but we managed to overcome them.

We had made it into the finals! Our opponents, Wellington, were very competitive and our best player, Jennifer, had finally met her match. We were overwhelmed by their speed and power. Catisia was the only player to win all her games. By the end of the day, we came second in the state and with our medals hanging around our necks, we felt very proud. We'd like to thank Ms Shukroon, Mr Jones and finally Mr Wallace for their encouragement and support.

Anna Zeng & Lily Xia, Year 9

Photographs have been removed for privacy considerations

DAISY SEARBY - YR 11 WRITING COMPETITION

On Tuesday 28 October the English Domain held a morning tea in the library to announce the winner of the Daisy Searby Competition. We were luck enough to have the acclaimed playwright Joanna Murray Smith judge the competition this year. Joanna kindly made the time to attend the morning tea in person and announce the winners. Below is a transcript of her speech.

1st prize (\$100): Grace Andrews
3rd prize (\$30): Sven Svalbe
Highly Commended: Mia Ford

2nd prize (\$50): Xiuxian Phi
Highly Commended: Otis Filey
Highly Commended: Jaka Bambang

Louis Scacciante
Head of English

Food for Thought

For the classes 7B1, 9S1 and 9C2 Australian History, year 10 Philosophy, year 11 Classics, and year 12 International Studies, 2008 has been an interesting year.

Well, I at least think so.

Some of the winter mornings were rather cold, and the 600's often feel like Antarctica. So while we worked and discussed and compared ideas and answers, some of us enjoyed hot chocolates with marshmallow or even a healthy green tea!

An excursion devoted to mapping and geographical studies over to MU, ended with an afternoon tea of freshly made donuts...yum! And a group of really chirpy year 7's! Thanks to Catherine Lee and Stephanie Ciccone for collecting the donut dough!

When that great Governor of the Colony of NSW Lachlan Macquarie 1810-1821, was being studied in year 9, competitions and trivial pursuit activities were celebrated with Macdonald's Big Macs and a great deal of fun! Revision for the final exam, with donuts and competitions, fun and learning went together really well. Sarah Alihos, Adriana Cannizarro and Mandie Doan were great treasurers

The Philosophy class seems to enjoy discussions on God, Status Anxiety and Happiness, coffee and donuts!! The Philosophy of Good Eating... Epicureans? Jean-Luc Tambasco was great at buying and carrying...merci!

The year 11 Classics class were much more refined and enjoyed the odd cup of tea (Earl Grey).

The International Studies babes were sometimes

interested in the odd cup of coffee, and sometimes home-made bread for toast on those early start, cold and foggy mornings, when everyone else was in bed.

With the very generous extra donations of some of the year 12 Internationals: Jack Howe, Jeremy Cussons, Scott Williams, Lachlan Baker, Honor Green, Cal Hannan, Laura Kane, Gen-

evieve Skrutzney and Chloe Wilson, and to all those others who were happy to fetch and find coins...

... The 2008 Year 12 International Studies Class, saved enough money to pay for the food and education for a homeless child and the education for a second child.

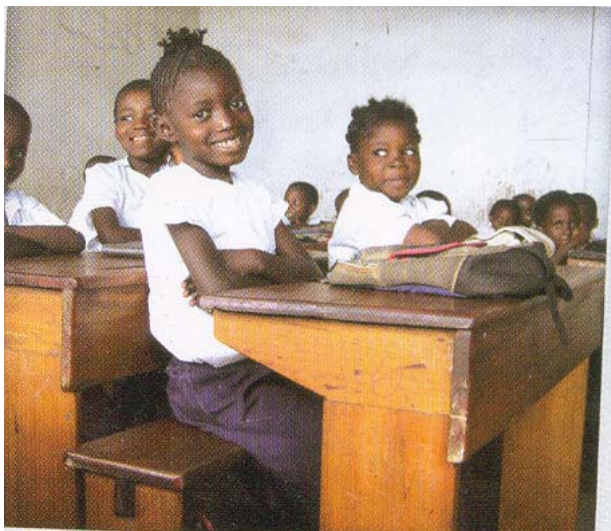
So, in real terms what does this mean? It means that enough money was raised for some very special people and places.

The other 5 classes raised enough through the Charity Bag, for the education of 5 other homeless children. Never let it be said, that these classes, and these students are not true Global Citizens, nor committed to their educations and that of others.

We had a few dollars over. We managed to be able to pay for the sight for 3 sight impaired people, through the Fred Hollows Charity. I know that everyone supports our fellow man... we were privileged to do a bit more.

Great going guys!
Good luck in 2009.

Love, Miss.



Instrumental Music

We are currently enrolling students to learn instruments in 2009. Continuing students should have received a re-enrolment letter, however if you need another one they can be picked up from the General Office. Students that wish to begin learning an instrument are also welcome to apply. Singing lessons start at Year 9 level, so any students in Year 9 in 2009 that wish to have vocal lessons are welcome to apply. If there are any questions please direct them to Mr. Campbell in the music office.

Geoff Campbell
Instrumental Music Co-ordinator

UHS students win prizes in Physics photography competition

The Australian Institute of Physics (AIP) runs a photography competition for Physics students. They are required to take a Physics-related photograph and submit it to the AIP together with around 250 words describing the Physics involved.

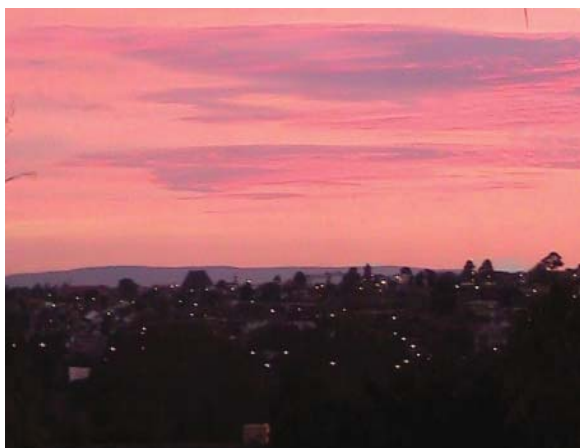
The photos and text are judged by members of the AIP. There is a prize of \$1000 which is shared by the prize winners.

This year two Year 11 physics students entered and they both won prizes. The winners were:

Hannah Layman Second prize for her photo entitled "Global warming"



Gabe Caluzzi Fourth prize for his photo entitled "Horizon Physics"



The text accompanying these entries can be viewed by visiting the AIP website at www.vicphysics.org and selecting "Events" and Photocontest".

Rob Kneale
Physics Teacher

ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards

We are very pleased to announce the following recipients of the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership Awards: Freya Carbone at Year 12, Alice Berkeley at Year 11 and Gus Viola at Year 10. All three students demonstrated excellence in team work, initiative, leadership skills and a strong sense of commitment to the community. We thank the Australian Defence Force for their work in the community and the Department of Defence for sponsoring the Awards.

Mr. Marchant
Student Leadership Co-ordinator

National Constitutional Convention

Congratulations to Katherine Thomas and Chris Shaj of Year 10 who have been selected to attend the National Constitutional Convention in Canberra in 2009. They will join approximately 125 students from all parts of Australia for three days discussing democracy, leadership and the Australian Constitution.

Mr. Marchant
Student Leadership Co-ordinator

Year 10 Award Recipients

Visual Art Tavaepule Muliaga
Visual Communication Joyce (Ming Yan) Choi
English Gus Viola Joanna Bloore Linh Nguyen
Humanities Savas Petrakis Boobo Chu Chris Cadenhead
French Dianne Vue
Latin Joanna Bloore
German Jasper Johnson
Mathematics Quentin Hong Alan Chen Katrina You
PE / Health and Interschool Sport
Georgia Nanscawen Glen Regan
Drama Madison Pelzer
Music Jacob Lawrence Bilin Zhou
Science Maja Dunston Yvonne Zhang Lee Kiong Au
System Technology Logan Vesty
Multimedia Jayden Mitchell
Technology Studies Hamed Jafari
Student Leadership Gus Viola Michael Haylock

Subschool Award Recipients

Brookes Academic Excellence Yvonne Zhang
Leadership Linh Nguyen
Subschool Award Victor Liu
Chapman Academic Excellence Jin Hooi Tan
Leadership Georgia Nanscawen
Subschool Award Chris Shaj
Sharman Academic Excellence Gus Viola
Leadership Munya Ahmed Dunya Ahmed
Subschool Award Yusef Yusef

Sub School Heads