



The University High School SCHOOL NEWS

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OUTSTANDING VCE RESULTS

Kevin Campbell,
Head of Bryce

The results for last year's year 12 students were excellent. All 207 students who were eligible to complete were successful in gaining their VCE. Three students achieved the top ENTER score of 99.95. Only 23 students in the state achieved this result and Athol Birtley, James Zhou, and Andrew Kwok are to be congratulated on achieving this outstanding result. Twenty-two students (10.6%) of the year level gained scores over 99.00. Over 46% of the students obtained an ENTER score greater than 90.00 while 64.7% of students obtained an ENTER score greater than 80.00. All students are to be congratulated for their effort during the year as are the staff who taught them. These are excellent results and reflect the tremendous effort of the students during the year and considerable expertise and dedication of all staff that taught them over their whole secondary education.

Another indication of the high quality of results was shown by the fact that 24 % of all of the subject scores that students obtained were 40 or above. This places a student in the top 8% of any subject. We also had many students who achieved the maximum grade of 50 for their subject.

This year has started well with all students commencing regular classes in the third period on their first day of school. There are two important impending dates. The VCE Evening for Parents is on the 4th of March. More information about this will be posted home to parents in the next week. The VCE parent-teacher interviews will be held on the 20th of March and more information will follow via students.

All students have been allocated a coordinator, and parents are asked to contact that person if they have any concerns or issues. Please also provide an absence note to the coordinator on the return from any absence or ring on the day.

I am confident that the year will be another successful year for VCE students, and I look forward to meeting with parents throughout the year.

STUDENT WEBSITE NOMINATED FOR AWARD

VCE student, Andrew Fei, has had his website, kidzdom.com, selected as a finalist in the Cable & Wireless Childnet Awards. Andrew has received an expenses-paid trip for two to London in April to attend the awards ceremony.

In 2002, there were approximately 270 entries from 50 different countries. The finalists are posted on the Childnet Awards Website: <http://www.childnetawards.org>.

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ACCELERATION PROGRAMME - 2004 INTAKE Ms J. Tarr

Applications are invited for the intake of year 7 students to the Acceleration Programme in 2004. The selection test will be held at the school on Saturday May 3rd 2003. Students currently in grade 6 are eligible to apply. Details about how to apply will be available from the office staff (phone 9347 2022) after Friday February 28th. Applications must be made by Thursday April 10th 2003.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

February

Wednesday 19: Swimming Carnival.
Tuesday 25 - Friday 28:
Year 10 surf camp at Anglesea.

March

Tuesday 4: Welcome Evening for parents of Bryce students, 7:00pm.
Monday 10: Labour Day holiday.
Thursday 13: Welcome Evening for parents of new year 7-10 students, 7:00pm.
Wednesday 20: VCE parent/teacher interviews, 3:30-5:30pm, 6:30-8:30pm.
Thursday 21: Late (session 3) start for whole school.
Wednesday 26: Year 8 sports day.
Monday 31: Year 7 sports day.

April

Thursday 3: Intermediate sports day.
Friday 11: Last day of Term One, 2:30pm dismissal.
Monday 28: Term Two commences.

May

June

Friday 27: Last day of Term Two, 2:30pm dismissal.

SCHOOL NEWS PUBLICATION DATES

Your copy of School News should arrive in your letter box on or around the following dates:

Term One:	March 21	
Term Two:	May 16	June 13
Term Three:	August 1	August 29
Term Four:	October 24	November 21

The deadline for contributions for the next edition is: Wednesday March 12

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The UHS Parents' Association meets in the school staff common room, usually on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. All parents are welcome.

Next Meetings: Monday February 24
Monday March 3 - this is the Annual General Meeting

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The UHS School Council meets in the school staff common room on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Next Meetings: Wednesday February 19
Wednesday March 19

THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms Bronwyn Valente

Welcome to 2003 year. A particular welcome to Year 7 and other students and parents new to the School. The "School News" is posted home regularly and other information is also posted or sent home with students.

STAFFING

There have been some staff changes this year and new appointments.

The School thanks retiring teachers for both their contribution to this School and State education. Ms Eileen MacLaren has been a member of the Mathematics faculty teaching all year levels and the Melbourne University Acceleration Program. She was also the Head of the Acceleration Program for the past three years.

Ms Marlene Falcone taught Art and Technology Studies. She was the Technology Coordinator with a leading role in the planning of the technology building and the introduction of courses in this area.

Congratulations to Ms Mary Cannon who has been promoted to an Assistant Principal position at Warrandyte Secondary College. Her roles at the School included teaching English and History, Professional Development Coordinator and Head of Bryce Sub-school.

Please welcome staff new to the School in 2003:

Mr Paul Beekman – English/History
Ms Mia Busby-Synman – P/E
Mr Jeff Kinsman – English
Ms Sue-Anne McCarthy – Art/Technology Studies
Ms Clare Mathieson – Science
Mr Nic Ridge – SOSE
Mr Louis Sciacante – English

SUB-SCHOOLS

All parents are encouraged to contact the relevant Sub-School if you have any concerns regarding your student.

The Sub-School Heads for 2003 are:

Ms Christine Bozyk – Sharman
Mr Kevin Campbell – Bryce
Mr Graham Coles – Chapman
Ms Lucille Malkin – Brookes

SECOND HAND BOOKS

Thanks to the Parents' Association and Ms Pam Hughes and team for organising the second hand book sale last year. Once again it was well supported and a great success.

GENE TECHNOLOGY ACCESS CENTRE

Building contracts have been signed and Behmer and Wright Pty Ltd have commenced work. The anticipated completion date is November, 2003.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Parents are reminded that it is vital that the School is informed of all relevant medical information.

If students suffer from Asthma, an Asthma plan detailing medication needs should be registered at the School. This assists our first-aid attendant to make decisions about the appropriate response in any emergency.

SUNSMART

Students are encouraged to wear a hat outside in summer and to use sunscreen if out in the sun. During days of extreme heat the lunch break will be shortened by 15 minutes and students will be dismissed at 3.00pm.

VCE RESULTS

Congratulations to all students from 2002 Year 12. The results were outstanding, including three students with perfect scores. Thanks also to the teachers who supported these students during their time at University High School. See page 1 for more details.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR 2000

A notice for call of nominations will be posted to each family and the timeline for election is:

Call for Nominations by 17th February, 2003

Close of Nominations – 26th February, 2003

Ballot papers prepared and distributed by Wednesday, 5th March, 2003

Ballot closes Monday, 17th March, 2003

Ballot counted Monday, 17th March, 2003

Poll declared Tuesday, 18th March, 2003

First meeting of new Council to co-opt members 19th March, 2003

First meeting of new Council to elect office bearers, 2nd April, 2003

Retiring members

Parent	Kerry Sharp Jacqueline Simmons Lester Townsend
DE&T	Christine Bozyk Mary Cannon
Co-opted	Russell Grigg Eleni Hatzis

All parents are encouraged to consider standing for Council. If you would like further information or to discuss the role of the Council, please contact me.

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION PROGRAM

Mrs A Donoghue, Mathematics Coordinator

In 2003, there will be a program of extra-curricular activities in mathematics. Parents may wish to note the following details.

1. *Australian Mathematics Competition*
 - A multiple choice paper at three levels of difficulty (Junior, Intermediate and Senior)
 - The final entry date is by March 19th
 - The cost is \$4 per student
 - The date of the competition is Tuesday July 29th.

The Australian Mathematics Competition for the Westpac Awards (AMC) is for all standards. Students are asked to solve thirty multiple-choice problems in 75 minutes. The earliest problems are very easy; all students should be able to attempt them. The problems get progressively more difficult until the end.

2. *The Melbourne University School Mathematics Competition*
 - A paper in which complete solutions have to be written out for approximately six problems at Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels with the time varying depending upon the level
 - The tentative final entry date is March 18th
 - The cost will be approximately \$2 per student
 - The date of the competition is Wednesday May 7th.

The Melbourne University Schools Mathematics Competition is designed so that mathematical insight and ingenuity are needed for success. Most interested students are able to make reasonable attempts at a few problems in each division

3. *Maths Challenge*
 - For Years 7 to 10 only
 - A paper in which complete solutions have to be written for approximately six problems at Junior and Intermediate levels over a three-week period during May.
 - The final entry date is February 26th
 - The cost is \$16.50 per student.

The Australian Mathematics Trust conducts Maths Challenge in a three-week period between April and June each year. Each student receives a Problem Booklet at the start of Maths Challenge. Students are required to solve up to six problems and clearly explain in their solutions the process they used to solve the problems.

3. *Maths Enrichment*
 - For very able Maths students in Years 7 to 10
 - Students are required to write out solutions to problems, which are based on the supplied Notes. There are four levels of difficulty
 - The final entry date is February 26th
 - The cost is \$25.00 per student
 - The solutions are worked on during April to September.

Maths Enrichment goes for sixteen weeks between April and September. Students are supplied with Student Notes and a Problem Booklet containing twelve problems. Students are required to solve up to twelve problems. Teachers will be available to help students during this time.

The aim of Maths Challenge and Maths Enrichment is to motivate, stimulate, encourage and develop mathematically interested and talented students.

If you have any queries re any of the above activities please contact me on 9347 2002.

Please note that if any student wishes to participate in any of these activities they need to pay at the General Office.



BOOK SALE 2002

Ms P Hughes

Last year's secondhand book-sale proved to be even more successful than previous years. The addition of an ordering service for V.C.E. students was well-received and hopefully will be available again for 2003. The main book-sale customers benefited from shorter queues (Yes, the wait was less than in previous years even if it didn't feel that way!) and the supply of books was generally better.

Cheques for books sold should be on their way by the end of February. A heavy workload for office staff at this time of year means that earlier posting is impossible. We hope this delay is not too inconvenient.

Students who wish to know whether any of their books remain unsold should check the lists on the canteen windows or on the notice board near the driveway entrance. Unsold books can be collected from room 715 at lunchtime on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th February.

SCIENCE NEWS

Ms. J. Hamilton, Mr. R. Kneale

All parents of students in Year 7 should have received a notice referring to experimental work and asking about conditions, the details of which, your child's science teacher should be aware. Please ensure that you have read and completed either one or both forms and that they have been returned to your child's science teacher. This must be done before your child will be able to participate in science activities. If your child is in Years 8-10 and is new to the school you must also read and complete the relevant forms.

If you are in Year 11 and enjoy studying science, join other students from around Australia in Canberra for the National Youth Science Forum in January. Participants, who stay at the University in Canberra, experience what a career in Science is all about. There are seminars, debates, workshops, visits to labs and social and leisure activities. Nominations are through Rotary and close in May. Selection is competitive. See your science teacher for details and visit www.nysf.edu.au.

Our thanks are extended to Colin Strang who has donated a selection of casts of fossil skulls to the school. They are from a range of species ancestral to humans. They will be invaluable for Year 12 Biology students and of great interest to students generally. They will be on display, with explanations, in the 200's before moving to a permanent home in the Biology room.

Congratulations to the year 11 students who sat the Science Olympiads National Qualifying Examinations last year. Results were impressive. As already published Ting Chen achieved a High Distinction and Frances Navarro a Credit for the Physics examination.

For the Chemistry examination Ting Chen, Minh-Phuc Le and Stephanie Ayres achieved High Distinctions, Yang Chen and Dong Jie Chen Distinctions and John Ng a Participation.

Stephanie Ayres, Derek Leung, Brian Van and Emma Lawson Kissane achieved High Distinctions and Dong Jie Chen a Distinction for the Biology examination. Stephanie Ayres was outstandingly successful in Biology and was one of 22 students selected to attend the scholar training school in Canberra. After a further examination in March a small number will be selected from this group to represent Australia internationally. We wish Stephanie well. Current year 11 students will be nominated by their science teachers to attempt the qualifying examination for 2003.

Two students from Year 9, Ailsa Finlayson and Matilda Manning, have been selected to participate in the Coastal Ambassador program in 2003. They will spend a week at Phillip Island with the program and continue with a project back at school.

The Australasian Schools Science Competition will be held on Tuesday 6 May 2003. Last year nearly 200 University High School students entered and achieved some outstanding results. We encourage all science students to enter, as the experience will prove invaluable to your future science studies.

The cost is \$6.00 per person and is payable at the General Office. The entry fee must be paid by Friday 28 February at the latest.

Questions can be directed to Mr. Kneale in Room 138 or to your child's science teacher.

CSIRO STUDENT RESEARCH SCHEME

This scheme is an Australia wide program that allows senior secondary students to participate in short term projects under the supervision of practicing scientists. The scheme is run by the CSIRO in conjunction with scientists from many institutions and offers students the opportunity to work in a contemporary research situation, as part of a genuine current research venture.

Interested students should get details of the scheme from their science teacher. Applications close Friday February 28.



MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA – EDUCATION PASSPORTS 2003

Mr G Campbell

Students, staff, family and friends are welcome to attend the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Education Passport Series, which is especially designed for students in secondary school. A three-concert subscription offers a choice of any three concerts from the selection of ten Thursday evening 'Electrolux Master Series' concerts. The cost of the subscription is \$36 (including GST) for students and teachers, and \$66 for parents for a three-concert subscription.

Please contact Mr. G. Campbell in the Chapman office if you are interested.

CHANGES TO THE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM FOR 2003

Dr M M Janson

In addition to the regular program of Hepatitis B immunizations for year 7 students and Adult Diphtheria and Tetanus for year 10 students, the Federal Government has introduced a program of free Meningococcal C immunizations for all students in Secondary Schools.

The Meningococcal C vaccination program provides free immunization of students in years 10, 11, and 12 from February, 2003 to June, 2003; and for students in years 7, 8, and 9 from July, 2003 to 2004.

We have received notification that the Meningococcal C immunization for all University High School students in years 10, 11, and 12 will be on

Thursday, 20th February, 2003. The Meningococcal C immunization for students in year 7 will be on **Thursday, 9th October, 2003.** The Meningococcal C immunization for students in years 8 and 9 will be on **Wednesday, 30th July, 2003.**

As a consequence of the late notification of the introduction of the Meningococcal C immunization program the dates for the regular Hepatitis and ADT immunizations have been

changed. Please note in your diaries the new program outlined below.

The Hepatitis B immunization for year 7 students scheduled for Thursday, 22nd March, 2003 is the first of two necessary immunizations for full cover. The second is on Thursday, 9th October, 2003.

Parents will receive information about the Meningococcal and ADT immunizations and permission forms very soon.

Year 7	Hep. B 1 st	Thursday, 22 nd May, 2003
Year 10	ADT & Men. C	Thursday, 20 th February, 2003
Year 11	Men. C	Thursday, 20 th February, 2003
Year 12	Men. C	Thursday, 20 th February, 2003
Year 7	Hep. B 2 nd & Men.C	Thursday, 9 th October, 2003
Years 8 & 9	Men.C	Wednesday, 30 th July, 2003

STUDENT ART ON SHOW

Ms W Hutchison,
Assistant Art Coordinator

During February, a group of 2002 Year 12 Studio Arts students are exhibiting in the Baillieu Library as part of the Melbourne University's "Art in the Library" program, in what has become an annual event. This year, Princes Hill High School photography students are exhibiting alongside our students. While consequently there is not as much University High work as other years, this allows our art classes an excellent opportunity to see work from another school in the local community. Some outstanding work produced by the Studio Art classes last year has not gone on display, mostly because the exhibition has started earlier this year, so some students have not been able to bring their work to the University at this time.

It is rewarding for the students involved to have their work exhibited in the public arena. As part of the publicity for the show, works have been reproduced on free postcards distributed from the library. Please encourage family and friends to visit the Baillieu Library to see this great student work in this local community setting. The Information desk just inside the main entrance can give you some directions as to the locations of the work, but it is also a chance to have a browse through this special facility that is so close to our school, to discover the art works. This year's artists are: Emily Buckley, Simone Cumbo, Libby Dawson-Smith, Georgia Goud, Imogen Knight, Jacki Liu, Jean-Philippe Miller, Elena Montesano, Nick Orchard, Guy Roche, Maria-Pia Socias and Sonida Sorn.



Maria Pia Socias

SPORTS NEWS

Ms S Hafey, Sport Coordinator

Important Sport Dates For Term One:

Senior Cricket:

Tuesday 18th February

UHS Swimming Carnival:

Wednesday 19th February

Intermediate Cricket:

Thursday 6th March

Year 7&8 Cricket:

Wednesday 12th March

Senior Sport Day:

Friday 21st March

Year 8 Sport Day:

Wednesday 26th March

Year 7 Sport Day:

Monday 31st March

Intermediate Sport Day:

Thursday 3rd April

Term One Sports:

Softball (Girls)

Baseball (Boys)

Cricket

Lawn Bowls

Tennis

Volleyball

Students will need to keep a keen eye on the daily student bulletin for sign up days, meetings and try-outs. Also any students who wish to help out with teams, eg. coaching or umpiring on sport days, should come and see Ms Hafey in the sport office.

SUMMER STUDENT SPORTING RESULTS

While many of us were lying around on the beach this summer, some Uni High students were achieving some great results in their chosen sports.

Liam Culbertson (8C2) competed in the Murray River Canoe Marathon. He entered and won the under 14 TK1 division by completing the 67km course in the fastest time. Fantastic effort Liam (who has only been paddling for a year)!

Ted Zammit (9S1) competed in the Australian Sailing Championships held in Queensland. Ted not only competed in the under 16 division of the Minnow Class, but won this division. Way to go Ted!

Katherine Clark (10S2) competed in the All Schools Athletics Championships held in Tasmania in December. Katherine competed in the 100m individual and 200m relay. After several protests Katherine's Victorian relay team came away with a bronze medal. Keep it up Katherine.

Andrew Waite (9S1) competed in the Australian Inline Hockey Club Challenge with his home team the Raptors. In the under 16 competition their team came 2nd and in the under 14 competition they came 3rd. Well done Andrew.

Will Walker (Yr12) made the papers in January with his fantastic effort in the Geelong Bay Road Riding Classic. Will won the fourth round of the event beating some serious big guns over the line, including Robbie McEwen, Stuart O'Grady and other international riders. Fantastic effort Will!

Please don't forget to tell the Phys. Ed. staff of your sporting achievements. We love to hear of your great victories and stories.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On *Wednesday 19th February*, The University High School will be holding its annual Swimming Carnival at the Coburg Olympic Outdoor Pool. Attendance at Sporting Carnivals is a compulsory part of the school's program and all students in years 7-10 are expected to attend.

Students in years 11&12 are also most welcome to attend if they wish to participate or help out on the day. Helpers should see Ms Hafey before the day. A bus will be available to shuttle senior students back to school if they have a VET class running in the afternoon.

The carnival will provide the opportunity for the whole school to come together to participate competitively for the first time this year. It will also be used to help form our interschool swimming team. Students will be participating in sub-school teams and the emphasis of the day will be on participation. If students missed the opportunity to sign up for events they will still be able to sign up and participate on the day.

Students are expected to bring their bathers, a towel, a hat, sunscreen, and a drink bottle. Students are also reminded to bring their lunch. The pool kiosk will only be open for part of the day to sell snacks.

Students must be at school at 8:45am and will be dismissed on the completion of the carnival (approx 2.30pm). Only students who's parents have signed the alternative travel arrangement section of the permission form will be allowed to be dropped off and/or picked up at the pool.

If the weather is unsuitable the carnival will be postponed until the following week, Wednesday 26th Feb. Please ensure you have signed the permission slip and your child has returned it, if this has not already been done.

If you wish to help out on the day please contact Ms Hafey at school. Parents wanting to support their children on the day are also most welcome to join us at the pool.

Students should support their sub-school by wearing their colours:

Bryce – Yellow; Brookes – Red; Chapman – Green; Sharman – Blue.

AUSTRALIAN OPERA SEASON AUTUMN 2003
At the State Theatre St. Kilda Road Melbourne

STUDENT & PARENT OFFER

Each year, the Australian Opera offers students and parents special prices on tickets for the current season. Parents and students interested can obtain booking forms from Mr. Coles, Chapman Office, Room 214. Note: the specific dates and operas are to be confirmed.

Ticket Prices:

Adult \$74 "B" Reserve Or \$54 "C" Reserve - discounted from the normal price.
Students \$35.

Programme:

Donizetti: *Lucia Di Lammermoor* 7:30 pm 29th April

Alban Berg: *Lulu* 7:30 pm 26th April

Puccini: *Madama Butterfly* 7:30 pm 6th May

Bizet: *Carmen* 7:30 pm 7th May

Offenbach: *Orpheus In The Underworld* 7:30 pm. 20th May

Mt Hotham Snow Camp

August 17 – 22, 2003

Open to all students in years 9, 10 & 11

Approximate cost: \$730 (skiers), \$790 (snowboarders)

Applications are now open!

Details and application forms are available from room 306

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