



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Outstanding VCE Results

The Year of 2007 have "done us proud". I have just received a summary of our results which are outstanding. Congratulations to all our year 12 students who have done so well. Nearly 36% of students gained an ENTER of 90 or above (top 10%) while more than 60% of students were in the top 20% (an ENTER above 80). Harry Jennens was one of 32 students who topped the state with a perfect score of 99.95. We had 7 students who's scores were above 99.

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

Biology: Gabrielle BUTERA, Rosie ISAAC and David LEITINGER

Chemistry: Harry JENNENS

English Language: Harry JENNENS

Health and Human Development: Lucinda STONE

French: David TREFALL

Spanish: Nicolas BROWN

Mathematical Methods: Harry JENNENS

We are very proud of all students who attend The University High School and I also believe it would be an appropriate time to thank and congratulate our hard working teaching and support staff who have assisted our VCE students not only through 2007 but during their time at Uni High.

### 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

Edward Kwan, Hannah Layman and Sandy Yao

#### Year 11

San-Kean Au, David Leitinger and Alice Liu.

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 Young Scholars and members of the University community.

### Holiday Break

May I take this opportunity to wish all members of the University High School a safe and happy holiday period following a very successful 2007 year.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

#### Wednesday 19

Years 7, 8 & 9 reports issued

#### Thursday 20

Planning Day. Student interviews by appointment only

#### Friday 21

Pupil Free Day

### JANUARY

#### Tuesday 30

First day of term one, 2008

## SCHOOL NEWS

### PUBLICATION DATES

Your next copy of School News should arrive in your letter box mid February 2008.

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The UHS Parents' Association meets in the school staff common room at 7:30 pm. All parents are welcome.

Next Meetings: TBA

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Next Meetings: TBA

## PHOTOS FROM THE YEAR 9 SURVIVOR CAMP AT WILSONS PROMONTORY

## YEAR 10 GRADUATION 2007

Peter Nero

On Thursday the 29th November Year 10 students and teachers gathered to celebrate the completion of Year 10 studies with a special graduation ceremony in the Performance Centre at University H.S. Students were entertained with musical performances by Atlanta Townsend and Llewellyn Morris.

Our guest speaker Trung Le spoke eloquently and he made a significant impact on the audience. Trung is a former student of University High School. He left high school without a great result which limited his choices. However after several years working in a various jobs he returned to study and he graduated with a Bachelor of Business while at the same time establishing a catering/cafe business. He is an enterprising and successful business person. His message to the students was 'I still consider myself a simple coffee-maker ... You don't have to be book smart to make something of your life, you need to persevere and understand that education, whether at high school, university, TAFE or trade school in the key to a successful career.'

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of special achievements awards and Year 10 Certificates.

Art: Visual Art: Thea Ebert

Visual Communication and Design: Vinny Wang & Sandy Yao

English: Atlanta Townsend, Anthea McGirr & Alice Berkeley

Humanities: Sandra Annissa, Thea Ebert & Matthew Krelle

LOTE: French: Andrew Adorno, Latin: Alice Berkeley

Mathematics: Kerry Leung, Emilie Rutland & Edward Kwan

PE / Health and Interschool Sport: Ellvana Curo & Amir Yonis

Performing Arts: Drama Hannah Layman, Music: Ophelia Wong, Llewellyn Morris & Xiang Min

Science: Peter Giannopoulos, Kevin Ko & Sofia Lee

Technology: System: Scott Young, Multimedia: Steven Chiam  
Technology Studies: Aislinn Murray

Student Leadership: Llewellyn Morris & Ophelia Wong

## SUBSCHOOL AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Brookes

Academic Excellence	Alice Berkeley
Leadership	Hannah Layman
Subschool Award	Emmanouela Giannoulidis Nyamka Bayanmunkh

### Chapman

Academic Excellence	Sandy Yao
Leadership	Xiang Min
Subschool Award	Jun Ying Chan

### Sharman

Academic Excellence	David Tran
Leadership	Grace Andrews
Subschool Award	Anna Jiang

Congratulation to the award recipients and to all Year 10 students.

## BOOYA REPORT

Anusha Brett-Rogers Yr 11

Young Achievement Australia's (YAA) business skills program is open to all year 10, 11 and 12 students from across Australia to learn about running businesses.

We wanted to learn about running a business but had no idea we would learn so much while having fun through YAA. Just in the first few weeks we had formed a company with our own name and were out selling shares so we could afford to pay manufacturers. We chose a design and a slogan for our product digital shower timers. We knew the public would buy our product thanks to our market research. Our company Booya was sponsored by Citipower and Powercor and was comprised of students from across Melbourne including Ben Malkiewicz, Elliot Coombe and myself from University High School.

We gained hands-on business experience and were able to build on skill and knowledge by putting our ideas into action to establish, plan and operate a self-directed business, with a little help of course.

Our sponsor company provided some of their trained professionals to give great advice and teach us about all different areas of business. We elected our own company directors, attended business seminars, and actually made a share return for our shareholders by selling our product.

After a big 24 weeks work with a meeting each Monday after school and selling products on the weekends, we liquidated in October and applied for various business awards offered by YAA. We won the Victorian business: Environmental award, Business Plan Award, Annual Report Award and our Managing Director won the Young Business Person of Victoria for 2007 and is representing our company at the national awards in Sydney in a few weeks.

We were able to help out others as well. We elected to donate \$1 from every unit sold to The Country Women's Association of Victoria, a charity aiding Victorian farmers in their plight to overcome the drought. Booya successfully helped the community to try and "Wash away the drought before the time runs out!"

For anyone interested in any area of business this was a really rewarding program and we highly recommend it - talk to Ms Moylan!

Digital Duck Shower Timer:



[www.booya.tk](http://www.booya.tk)

Our company logo:



## INFORMATION ON THE EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (29 January 2008 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (14 July 2008).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 29 February 2008 for the first instalment and 1 August 2008 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$215 for primary students and \$430 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Schools receive the school portion electronically twice a year and parents/guardians receive their portion via two cheques. Students turning 16 years in 2008, will be paid on a pro rata basis and not on the 70/30% basis.

### Payment Amounts

INSTALMENT PORTION SECONDARY SCHOOL\*

One	Parent \$ 150.50
	School \$ 150.50
Two	Parent \$ 64.50
	School \$ 64.50
	Total \$ 430.00

To apply for EMA for students at this school, eligible parents must complete a new application form at the start of each school year.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2008 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment, although they will need to provide a copy of their current health care / pension card at the start of Term 3 for second semester. Parents, who transfer children to another school after 29 February 2008 and prior to or on 1 August 2008, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

**Application forms are available from the school office.**

## FRIENDS OF MUSIC.

Parents of students studying Instrumental Music at UHS are invited to join the Friends Of Music. Parents who sign up would be asked if they would like to contribute in some way to the staging of our major concerts. This might include ticket sales, tea/coffee or program selling. Parents would not be asked to contribute to every event, but only where they could.

We are also looking for some dads who might have a small truck from time to time.

As the start of the year is very busy with instrumental enrolments and the Year 7 Recruitment night, we wondered if there were any parents who would be able to offer some time to assist with computer data entry.

All offers of help would be gratefully accepted.

If you would like to join the group, could you please leave a message for Ms. Verberne at [university.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:university.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Best wishes for the holiday season from all Music staff.

## UNI HIGH INSPIRES

The Art Show was held in the renovated canteen this year. We had very positive feedback on the feel of the show and the excellent art work produced by all the students.

Year 7s were asked to write about the exhibition as "Roving reporters".

### Here is Aodhan Madden of 7S3s response:

If you are searching and needing creative flair, a source of overwhelming ideas, the need of being inspired, then you should come on by to the Uni High 'We Made It' Art Exhibition.

From the 20th of November to the 23rd, University High School will be showcasing their student's unique talent in Visual Art.

The works range from collage to drawings to sculptures, painting, mosaics, statues etc. all the product of the students in Uni High's acclaimed art program. One key work at the show is a beautifully fractured mosaic statue by Catherine Stelzer in Year 9, in the shape of a woman's torso. The artist has used a range of interesting colours like red, green, blue and yellow which blend magnificently. The artwork range from Year 7, which there are some beautiful leaf prints to supreme artworks from the older age groups.

It is a must see show and is being convened in the Uni High canteen if you would like to come along, which you must!

## YEAR 12 INTERNATIONAL STUDIES STUDENTS A Helping Hand.



The 2007 year 12 International Studies decided, in light of their year's work, to raise funds to feed and educate an African child for a year. I am proud to say that this has been achieved. In the true spirit of both The University High School, and their studies in this subject, the IS cohort has excelled in their passion for the ideologies inherent within their work and in their compassion for their fellow students!

To the following students very well done, you have made the global world a better place: Liam Culbertson, Kyle Davis, Vardis Rafiei, Ella Hewitt, Jack Faine, Kieran Harris, Jack Lewis, Ellen Buckley, Hilary H, David Threlfall, Ruthie Hambling, Cordelia Rice, Alison Browning, Antony Harbor, Saadia Nour, Slavco Jovanoski, Kal Spiteri, Nick Carlson, Janet Howard.

## **YEAR 7S' REPORT ON MELBOURNE ZOO FIELD TRIP**

### **Josephine Nguyen 7B2**

On the November 2nd, the yr 7's from University High School went to the Melbourne Zoo, as an excursion for their studies on Endangered Species. The weather was GREAT and it was a good day for a visit.

Our class 7B2 made T-shirts in class on Australian endangered species; all of them looked fabulous. Teachers from our school, other schools and Zoo staff all commented on our T-shirts saying our shirts were very creative and a wonderful idea to advertise the threatened fauna in Australia.

All the University High School students were required to fill in a field trip booklet as part of their studies on endangered species. In the morning everyone was to meet at their classroom. Our teachers then handed out the booklet for us to do. When everyone was there we set off walking to the Zoo. We had to walk through Royal Park to get there. At the Zoo all the classes met each other and then were dismissed to go and find information to answer their booklets. We collected a lot of information, took photos and also saw many different kinds of animals such as elephants, giraffes, meerkats, butterflies and penguins. Many students particularly enjoyed looking at the meerkats exhibit. The Japanese garden was a beautiful place to look around and also a nice spot to watch the ducks and turtles.

By lunch time most groups had already finished filling in their booklet. Lunch was nice and we ate while a peacock wandered around us squawking for his partner. After lunch most groups walked around the Zoo looking at the animals. We were all dismissed round about 3:00 and went home. It was a lovely day at the zoo and everyone had lots of fun watching the animals.

## **THE GREAT OCEAN WALK CAMP**

### **Gus Viola 9S1**

The Great Ocean Walk began at 6:30am at school, for a meeting before the bus ride. Needless to say that we all had quite a snooze on that ride, providing us with the energy we needed to march along the long and winding sand and bush before arriving at the campsite which was run by an 'enchanted' man named Malcolm. For the next three days we boys were woken by the familiar call of 'Good Afternoon, Ladies!', from Malcolm. Then went on to spend our days walking, talking, walking, bonding, walking and laughing.. Did I mention walking?

But amidst all the exhausting trudging, the experience really brought all the campers together; we were able to meet and accept new people, also concrete our previously standing friendships. I think most campers would support me in saying that it was well worth the walking.

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**

### **7B2, 8B1, Philosophy B, and International Studies 12**

Throughout this past academic year, these classes have enjoyed the odd cup of hot chocolate (with marshmallow, thanks to Cristina 7B2), fair-trade coffee and or tea. Sometimes this included, in the case of the year 12's, toast and Mighti-mite (it's Oz made!)

It has to be admitted that on a cold winter's morning a hot drink is enjoyable to us all...these little forays into the realms of personal pleasure resulted in a donation of \$115 for the Fred Hollows Foundation, an organisation that works towards sight improvement in all those needy areas of the world.

Congratulations to all those students who participated in the activity, and all the best with your studies in 2008. Love, Miss