



# The University High School SCHOOL NEWS

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## DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS 'THE BEST IN VICTORIA'

Ms Maryann Augustinus, Technology Coordinator.

VCE Design and Technology at The University High School has always produced quality outcomes but in 2002 we were all pleased to learn that 4 of our students had been short listed for the Top Designs Exhibition. Top Designs launches the VCE Season of Excellence.

This will be the third season of works produced by VCE students studying Technology, Media and Visual Communication, and Design to be shown at Melbourne Museum.

Top Designs incorporates clothing and wearable art, furniture, vehicles, electronic

projects, Visual Communication and Design folios, print layouts, photography and video. Students from all over Victoria have their work assessed and only 80 are short listed for this prestigious exhibition.

In January this year the winners were chosen and we are pleased to announce that two of our students will have their work displayed in the exhibition.

They are Peter Sloman who designed and produced a rocking chair made out of Nayto with an upholstered seat, and Irene Mac Callum who designed and produced an exquisite

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jointed doll. These works can be seen on exhibition at the Melbourne museum from the 27<sup>th</sup> of March until the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2003.

I cannot finish this article without congratulating their teacher for his commitment and guidance. Well Done Mr Aldo Marotta!

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

### March

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

Friday 2: School photographs - VCE.  
Friday 23: School photographs - years 7 to 10.

### June

Monday 9: Queen's Birthday Holiday.  
Tuesday 10: Year 12 examinations begin.  
Thursday 12: Year 12 GAT.  
Student-free day - Staff professional development.  
(Note: this date has changed from previously advertised.)  
Friday 20: Student-free day - Report writing.  
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 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 May 7

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

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

Next Meetings: Monday April 7  
Monday May 5

## 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 April 9  
Wednesday May 21

# THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms Bronwyn Valente

## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION

Thank you to all members of the community who voted.

The results of the poll are:

Parent Members:

Mr Russell Grigg  
Ms Pauline O'Maley  
Mr Warren Prior

DE&T Members:

Ms Christine Bozyk  
Mr Haydn Moyle

The first meeting of this Council will be held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2003 at 7.30pm.

At this meeting, the Council Reports for 2002 will also be formally adopted. Council meetings are open to any interested persons.

I wish to thank retiring Council members. Mr Kerry Sharp has been a Council member for six years and has been a Vice-President and a member of the Education and Finance committees. Ms Mary Cannon was on Council for four years and Treasurer of Council for three years. Ms Jacqueline Simmons was a parent member for 2 years and contributed to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Ms Eleni Hatzis a co-opted student for two years was an excellent S.R.C. nominee representing the student voice.

Mr Lester Townsend was a co-opted parent member and President for the past 12 months and contributed much to the Council, particularly as Chair of the Latin Working Party.

Thanks to all retiring members who have contributed to the School in a wide range of forums.

## GTAC

The GTAC building program is proceeding on schedule and every effort is being made to minimise disruption. The expected completion date is early December, 2003.

Construction site is fenced off

Excavation begins



## WELCOME TO NEW PARENT EVENINGS

The welcome to parent evenings for new parents and VCE parents were well attended.

I hope they supported the idea that the school wishes to work with parents through the sub-schools towards ensuring the time at University High School for students is rewarding academically and socially.

## YEAR 7 CAMPS

The Year 7 camps were well attended by students and sub-school teachers. The camps have assisted students in the transition from primary to secondary school.

## INNOVATIONS AND EXCELLENCE

The School is part of a Cluster of seven schools that is developing a proposal around the guidelines that focus on improving educational outcomes for students in Year 7 to 9. The focus is on development of curricula that are adaptable and engage students over three years. Rosalind Betson is chairing the steering committee that has been established.



Mercury4 plays UHS - details page 9

# PARENTS' ASSOCIATION REPORTS BASED ON THE A.G.M., MARCH 2003.

Richard Evans, President

## OVERVIEW

The year 2002 saw a substantially different P.A. committee from previous years, perhaps reflecting interest in, and support for, the Association's involvement in matters of School policy and implementation, while retaining it's role in fundraising and minor social events.

I'd like to firstly take the opportunity to thank those members of the previous P.A. executive who retired at the last A.G.M. Their contributions to the P.A., and to the School in general, should be widely acknowledged and appreciated.

The P.A. was represented at nearly all School Council meetings, and at other meetings, by a member in an observer capacity. This facilitated communication between the P.A. and the Council. Dialogue with the S.R.C. has been strengthened over the past year.

## AREAS OF INTEREST / INVOLVEMENT IN 2002, INTO 2003

Some of these emerged during 2002, others were a carry-over from previous P.A. years.

Most of these matters continue to be of interest to the P.A. and will be on the agenda at various times. Some have lapsed. Most, if not all, of these areas of interest have been discussed with the Principal (and/or Dep. Principal) at P.A. meetings or other forums. We welcome these discussions as a means of strengthening communications between the School and the Parents' Association.

Rock Eisteddfod.  
G.T.A.C. building works.  
Koroit sale funds.  
Desirability of increasing attendance at school productions, concerts etc.  
Camps policy.  
V.C.E. study room / V.C.E. common room.  
Careers advice.  
Latin in the curriculum.  
Condition of student toilets.  
Parental involvement at the School.

## FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

\$4,545 donated towards canteen furniture, as part of up-grade.

The P.A. Drama award was presented at the Valedictory evening.

Presence, usually providing beverages, at events such as Parent / Teacher evening and Art Exhibition opening, etc.

## FINANCIAL POSITION (as of 28-02-03)

We have an Operating Balance of \$14,743 (last year comparison: \$15,456).

Our major donation in 2002 was \$4,545 for canteen furniture, with a minor donation of \$200 as the Valedictory evening Drama prize.

The Major Fund Raiser was again the Book Sale at the end of the year, providing affordable second-hand books for families, and raising funds for donation back to the School. This year the profit was \$4,500 (approx.), despite turnover being our highest ever. This appears due to an altering of the margin between selling price (income)

and re-imburements paid (expenditure). Some aspects of the Book Sale need reviewing for 2003, to increase efficiencies and ensure that "profit" (ie. donatable funds for the School) is realised.

A big thankyou to P.A. member Lou Benincasa for his organisational skills and assistance, and to staff member Pam Hughes and Cheryl Kelly and the office staff for their invaluable contributions. Also thanks to all P.A. members who contributed leading up to and on the day.

## IN CONCLUSION

The P.A. at U.H.S. seeks to be representative, relevant, and involved in matters affecting the well being of the School, it's parents, and students.

We feel that the past year has seen welcome improvements in communication between the P.A., the Council, and the School Administration, and the regular attendance of the Principal and deputies at P.A. meetings is warmly welcomed for it's contribution to these communications. We also thank the 2002 Council President, Lester Townsend, for his contribution to improved communications between the Council and the P.A.

Parents at U.H.S. are urged to consider being involved with the P.A., and to attend its meetings.

Personally I wish to thank Executive members, and others who attended during the year, for their time and positive contributions to the diverse business of the P.A.

Our next Meeting is Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm., in the staff common room.

## SWINBURNE SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

For another year, Swinburne hosted the Siemens Science Experience with 84 students in Year 9 from schools around Victoria spending three days of science and technology fun. UHS was represented by Laurence Cremean, Cooper Price, Katrina Qin, Rory Hudson and Andrew Ma.

Opened by the Chancellor, Dr Doug Mitchell, the event involved a number of Swinburne Higher Education and TAFE staff who provided the workshops and seminars which promoted a broad range of activities covered by science and technology.

The workshops - of which there were 14 - covered diverse aspects: programming robots to make a cup of tea, using DNA fingerprinting to solve a murder mystery, exposure to the wonders of photonics, biophysical monitoring, and building an electric motor/generator. In addition to these hands-on activities participants were entertained by science quizzes, an egg-drop competition and information about Brain Sciences Institute and the SAE racing car project.

Sponsored by Siemens, this Australia-wide, all year round promotion of science and technology is an excellent event to further encourage enthusiastic young scientists, engineers and technologists of the ever-expanding opportunities in these disciplines.

With the generous support and time of key Swinburne staff and Students and the Young Scientists Association (many of whom come to Swinburne to help from other universities), the Swinburne Siemens Science Experience was an enjoyable and successful event for all the Year 9 students.

## MICROSOFT AUSTRALIA AND VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE IN SOFTWARE INNOVATION AWARD

Mrs Lilly Fedeli,  
Learning Technologies Coordinator

On the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2002, year 12 students Athol Birtley and Lewis Strudwick received 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the Microsoft Software Innovation Award, which was presented to the students in front of a select group of parents and friends at the Carlton Crest Hotel, Albert Park. Athol and Lewis were short listed from a group of ten entries. The project required the use of Microsoft Visual Studio.NET to enable information to be available to be used at any time, any place and on any device. Internal and user documentation also needed to be provided. Athol and Lewis designed .News, which could be used to assist in the news distribution for corporate network. Congratulations to Athol and Lewis on their award winning project.

### CONCERNED ABOUT BEING OVERWEIGHT?

The prevalence of overweight adolescents has increased dramatically in recent years. 20 to 25% of Australian children and adolescents are already overweight or obese. It is predicted that 50% of young Australians will be overweight or obese by 2020. Unfortunately these overweight adolescents are likely to become overweight adults. Overweight and obese individuals have increased risk of cardiovascular problems, diabetes, high blood pressure and other medical problems. In addition to these health problems overweight and obese individuals commonly experience social stigma and negative psychological consequences.

**Want to do something about it?** RMIT University researchers are offering free treatment programs to assist adolescents experiencing weight problems. The 'Choose Health' programs are designed to assist adolescents to improve their eating and activity habits. The programs will teach adolescents and their parents a range of useful strategies to improve nutrition and increase daily activity. Adolescents will also be assisted to develop and maintain their motivation to change eating and exercise habits. These programs are being run free of charge at RMIT University City and Bundoora campuses. All overweight adolescents experiencing difficulty maintaining a healthy body weight are eligible to participate.

**Want more information?** For more information about the project please contact RMIT University on (03) 9925 7376 or Leah Brennan on [choosehealth@rmit.edu.au](mailto:choosehealth@rmit.edu.au).

## 2002 ICT EXCELLENCE FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Mrs Lilly Fedeli  
Ms Elizabeth Sterling

The Department of Education & Training (DE&T) in 2002 made a strong commitment to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) by providing thirty year 11 students ICT Excellence Fellowship Awards.

On Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> December, Sam Coade and Bradley Wong received Fellowship Awards at a public ceremony at the Conference Centre State Library Victoria in front of parents, ICT mentors and teachers, Ms Fedeli and Ms Sterling, who highly recommended both Sam and Bradley for the award. They have both demonstrated a strong commitment to Information and Communication Technology. The fellowship will provide Sam and Bradley the opportunity to develop and implement meaningful, real-life ICT projects in a relevant organisation working alongside their mentors. Sam and Bradley also received a grant of \$1000 in recognition of their achievements in and commitment to the use of ICT.

Congratulations to Sam and Bradley on their Fellowship Awards.

### VET CERTIFICATE III INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 2002 GRADUATION CLASS

Mrs Lilly Fedeli  
VET teacher

18 students from University High School graduated from the VET Information Technology Certificate III course when they obtained the R.M.I.T. Certificate at a presentation ceremony on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. Students and parents attended the ceremony and Ms Bronwyn Valente presented the graduating class with their Certificates. The class was officially enrolled with R.M.I.T. for the duration of the two-year course. The 18 graduates have demonstrated an outstanding capacity to not only complete their two year VCE course, but to concurrently take on the added academic commitment of another two year TAFE equivalent course.

Congratulations to the VET Certificate III IT graduating class of 2002.

### PUBLICATION DELAYED

Sorry for the late arrival of this edition of *School News*, delayed in order to be able to report the results of Council elections. Ed.

### CHARGES FOR EXCESS PRINTING AND DOWNLOADING FROM THE INTERNET USING THE SCHOOL'S COMPUTER NETWORK

Mrs L Fedeli, Learning Technologies Coordinator

Charges for Excess Down Loading by students from the Internet

The School Council provides funding for each student of the school to download a total of 130 Mb per annum from the Internet. The cost of one Mb of download is 10 cents. Hence, students who exceed 130 Mb of download (which does not happen very often) will be charged 10 cents for each Mb in excess of their fair and equitable allocation of 130Mb.

Parents and students need to be aware that occasionally Internet credits for the year will run out and that they will need to top up their accounts by paying a small amount to the General Office. When the student does run out of credits they will no longer be able to gain access to the Internet.

Charges for Excess Printing by students

Students are provided with an annual printing amount of 100 sheets with a maximum of 10 sheets for any particular run. Students will be charged 10 cents per sheet for any excess printing beyond the 100 sheets allocated on an annual basis. Students very rarely exceed the 100 sheets per annum limit.

Colour printing in Rm 908 will be charged at 25 cents per sheet.

Library Photocopying and Printing

The School Library has a separate charging account for printing and photocopying. The accounts are not linked to the school printing account. The Library charges 5 cents for black and white printing and is paid when the printing is required. Colour printing is charged to the students' library cards, for A4 colour printing the cost is \$1. Black and white photocopying is 10 cents for A4 and 20 cents for A3. Colour photocopying is charged at \$1 for A4 and \$2 for A3 photocopying.

## STUDENT COMPUTER FACILITIES AND INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The following is an excerpt from the school's Internet and Computer facilities policy which all students have signed before the commencement of the new school year. I am aware that some parents have not seen the document before or that some students have not fully read the document in question. So I am re-publishing some important aspects of the document. It is important that both parents and students understand what is expected of students as responsible users. A full copy of the Policy is available on the school Internet web site.

### PREAMBLE

The Internet enables students to communicate readily using e-mail and to gain access to valuable information from around the World. Unfortunately a very small number of people use the Internet to send offensive e-mail messages or gain access to offensive sites.

The School Council has approved the following Code of Conduct for Students using the University High School network of computers. The Code serves to protect the integrity of the computer network, and students from offensive material that is available on the Internet.

The School's leadership team feels that the only effective way of ensuring that the School's computer network is strictly used for valid educational purposes is to implement a strict code of conduct for users with appropriate sanctions for breaches of the Code.

### RULES FOR THE USE OF SCHOOL'S COMPUTER FACILITIES

- All computer hardware is to be used for schoolwork only.
- Students must not disclose passwords to other students.
- Students are not to tamper with the systems set-up or to add or remove software.
- No food or drinks are to be consumed or brought into the computer area.
- Non-educational games and music CDs are not to be used on any computer.
- There should be no defacing or damage to the computer hardware or associated furniture.
- Vandalism is defined as 'any malicious attempt to harm, modify and destroy', therefore it is strictly prohibited to vandalise any other user's data, the school network or other networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes the uploading of viruses and attempting to hack into the school system.
- The school reserves the right to check all floppy disks, CD's and computers brought into the school for inappropriate material.
- The School's network is for the sole purpose of storage of student school-related files. The Network Administrator has the right to delete any non school-related files.

### RULES FOR THE ACCEPTABLE USE OF THE INTERNET

- The Internet is to be used for schoolwork only. Students must be able to demonstrate that the use is a valid component of research or class work.
- All students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. They must be polite when communicating with other people. This will include: not swearing, using vulgarities or inappropriate language.
- The work of other persons is theirs alone. When using the Internet as a source of information, a complete citing of the reference, including the web address and date should be given. Plagiarism is unacceptable; if another person's work is used it must be acknowledged in accordance with copyright regulations. Students must not download or post information and assume authorship of the material.
- Students are not to deliberately access, display, download or send unacceptable or illegal material (racist, sexist, violent, anti social, obscene or pornographic).
- Students are to avoid libellous criticism of other people or organisations. While debate is encouraged, libellous criticism can result in legal penalties.
- Students are not to access chat sites.
- If a student chances upon unacceptable material, he/she must switch the screen off and inform the teacher immediately.
- Passwords are to be strictly confidential.
- Copyright laws apply to certain Web Sites - students must abide by copyright rules.

### SANCTIONS

Sanctions for breaches of Computer Network Rules and Responsibilities may include the following: -

- restricted access to network facilities
- withdrawal of privileges to network facilities

For more serious breaches, the School Code of Conduct and Department of Education guidelines and procedures will be followed.

## A REPORT ON GATHERING DATA AND TRACKING IMPLEMENTATION OF CHARTER 2002-2004

Dr R Benson

Many people in the school community are actively involved in tracking the Charter priorities and improvement areas that we set ourselves last year. Much of the work done involves staff, students and parents who are members of the Council Education and Planning Committee and the University High School Curriculum Committee. However, the number of people involved is much greater than that. Approximately fifty members of staff are currently meeting several times per term, both before and after official classes, to gather data and interpret our performance in areas identified as priorities and in need of improvement in the Charter. For example:

- i Ms. L. Fedeli chairs a group looking at the Learning Technologies Plan.
- i Ms. P. Hughes and Ms. M. Paxinos chair a group looking at students at risk in literacy.
- i Ms. A. Donoghue chairs a group looking at students at risk in numeracy and another group looking at implementing the Middle Years Action Plan.
- i Ms. A. Moylan chairs a group looking at Managed Individual Pathways for students in years 10 to 12.
- i Ms. R. Betson and Ms. S. D'Adamo chair a group looking at professional development policy and implementation.
- i Ms. A. Miles chairs a group looking at sub-school structure and communication.
- i Mr. K. Campbell chairs a group looking at the year 10 curriculum.
- i Mr. D. Early chairs a group looking at the balance between the formal curriculum and co-curricular activities.

In order to keep the community up to date with the work going on in all of these groups, we will publish a brief report from each chairperson in subsequent editions of this newsletter. The reports will be staggered, and cover about three groups in each newsletter. We hope that these reports will give you a sense of all the work going on about the place and any observations you care to make would be most welcome and could be emailed to [bensonr@unihigh.vic.edu.au](mailto:bensonr@unihigh.vic.edu.au).

## A THANK YOU

Mrs Eileen MacLaren

I should like to thank all the students in the Acceleration Programme, both past and present, who were so kind to me on my retirement. The surprise party that you prepared for me and the photographs taken at it, will be a lasting memory. The flowers brightened up my house over the festive season and the chocolates were very much appreciated. The clock has pride

of place on my desk and I look forward to selecting my books from Readings. Thanks must go to 9C3 (of 2002) for organising this party and to all of you for preparing such an elaborate lunch. I should also like to take this opportunity to thank your parents for their support throughout my time as Coordinator and for their many cards and gifts.

## DONATIONS INVITED

Ms M Augustinus

## FABRIC AND NOTIONS

The Technology Department would be grateful for any fabric, scraps, knitting or crochet wools, cottons, zips or any other textiles-related bits and pieces you have no further use for. These can be dropped off at the general office.

## TIMBER

The Technology Department would be grateful for any lengths of timber you may have in storage around the home that you no longer have any need for. Second hand timber is fine and pick up can be arranged. If you would like to donate please contact Ms Maryann Augustinus, Technology Coordinator, or Mr Aldo Marotta on 93472022 to discuss collection.

## SNOW CAMP

By the time this newsletter turns up in your letterboxes, the first round of place offers will have been made. As anticipated, we received more applications than available places, so, following the school's camps policy, a ballot was held and places allocated to the first 40 names drawn.

Those who unfortunately lucked out have been placed on the waiting list in the order their names were drawn, and will be offered places if and when they become available. If past experience is any indication, vacancies will arise as some students drop out for various reasons.

All applicants, whether successful or not, should have collected a letter to take home, and parents should make sure they have read it and noted the important information contained therein.

# MUSIC

Kerry Svalbe

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

A total of 330 students are enrolled in the instrumental music program for 2003. Whilst most tuition lists are full, and all our performance ensembles have been auditioned and are already rehearsing, there are a few vacancies in trombone, flute, clarinet and violin. Please contact Kerry Svalbe if you are interested in instrumental lessons or want to contribute to the program or concerts in any way.

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

This year we welcome Carolyn Grace to the Music Faculty. Carolyn teaches flute and she also will direct one of our chamber ensembles.

## THEORY CLASSES

Instrumental students have been offered extra classes in music theory tuition this year as a preparation for the Australian Music Examination Board Theoretical Examinations grades 1-6. If you are interested in these classes please contact Kerry Svalbe

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

One of our music students, Jessica Brookes, who won the regional scholarship for Musical Excellence, was recently invited to perform at a function in Moonee Ponds. Jessica is a year 12 Music Place student who is studying cello.

## THE SCHOOL MUSICAL

The school musical schedule will be posted shortly. Information about the musical, the camp, rehearsals and costumes will soon be available. This year the show will be "The Hot Mikado" a new "Blues Brothers" look at an old favourite.

**IMPORTANT MUSIC DATES FOR 2003**

Midyear Concert  
June 5

Musical Rehearsal Camp  
July 16-18

The School Musical  
August 6-8

The Musical Breakfast  
October 26

## VET MUSIC

A Vocational and Educational Training (VET) program in music began in Semester 1, with a total of 26 students enrolled currently. This subject is an approved and certified training course that covers aspects of professional music production and practical aspects of the commercial music industry. It is anticipated that courses will be offered at Levels Certificate 2 and Certificate 3 in future years as an extension of the syllabus running this year.

Professional musician John Favarro gave a songwriting workshop to our music VET students on February 26. John spoke about his background as a professional musician and his four albums that have been released in Australia. He discussed his songwriting techniques and simple methods that our students can use to achieve a fine result. The students are continuing to work on their songs and John will return to look at how each can be improved further.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> the band Mercury 4 visited the school. This is a boy band with 4 members. Each member went through a fairly rigorous selection process to become a part of this new group. Mercury 4 is touring Australia and Asia over the next few months. They have secured a recording contract and hope to make it 'big' in the music industry. We were lucky to secure for our VET music students a concert and a question and answer time. This enabled our students to learn about the musical background and aspirations of each member of the group, and to understand how the music industry works. At recess, students from across the school were able to see the group perform.

George Andrews	Percussion	Wednesday & Friday
Ian Bell	Trombone, Tuba, Trumpet	Tuesday & Thursday
Eddie Dorn	Piano	Monday-Friday
Mark Eagling	Oboe & Bassoon	Tuesday
Carolyn Grace	Flute	Friday
Andrew Hillier	Cello	Thursday
Sarina Iacono	Clarinet	Monday & Friday
Neil Jowsey	Double Bass	Tuesday
Janine Lancaster	Violin & Viola	Tuesday-Friday
Danny Madden	Trumpet	Thursday
Julia Monsborough	French Horn	Friday
Lisa Reynolds	Violin	Tuesday
Norma Schlicht	Voice	Monday & Thursday
Andy Sugg	Saxophone	Monday & Friday
Sergei Tchebykin	Clarinet	Wednesday
Amanda Watson	Flute	Monday & Wednesday

# WORK EDUCATION & CAREERS

Ms K Patterson

## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Every year at UHS, students in Year 10, have the opportunity to do Work Experience for one week of their school year. All students from Year 10 to 12 may also do Work Experience in their school holiday break. Some students undertaking VET or Pre-Apprenticeship courses may also have Work Placements as part of their vocational training course. Work Experience is seen as an important part of a child's education.

Currently, all Year 10 students should be finalizing their Work Experience arrangements with employers. This involves a formal agreement in writing between the student, the parents, the employer and the Principal. If your son or daughter is in Year 10 and has yet to make an arrangement they may need some additional encouragement and support from their families. Students have been encouraged to speak to Ms Patterson in the Work Education/Careers room located in Room 714. There are many resources they may access though often family connections, local businesses and the daily newspapers can provide lots of ideas too. The dates for Work Experience are 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> June. There will be no Year 10 classes during this week as their teachers schedule visits to students in their workplace.

## CAREERS FAST TRACK

Year 10 students will also take part in a career and vocational program from a company called Careers Fast Track. The company has an excellent reputation in providing high quality career advice to students who wish to clarify their course and educational choices.

All students completing the CFT Program receive:

- ï A personalized career portfolio that contains information specific to their education and career needs.
- ï Categorised career interest assessments.
- ï Individual counselling with a trained careers counsellor (parents may attend this session with their child)
- ï Detailed education and course pathway information.
- ï Strategies to succeed in their chosen career and educational pathway.

This comprehensive and innovative approach leads to students feeling more confident, motivated and focused on career opportunities.

The program is run over 3 stages including two sessions of 1.5 hours and a 30 minute one on one counselling session. The first stage will be held in the first week of term 2. Students will be

given an introduction to the program before completing an extensive questionnaire to gather information on the student. This is not a test and is designed to be a relaxing and enjoyable process. This will be used to prepare a portfolio for each student. The second stage will instruct each student on how to use his or her portfolio, and to prepare students for the third stage which is the ½ hour individual counselling session. The school is covering the cost of the programs to ensure that all students have this opportunity.

## TAX FILE NUMBERS

Students may need to get a Tax File Number to apply for Youth Allowance or for part time and holiday employment.

To make it easier for students to get a TFN they may apply through the school. This bypasses some of the normal processes of having to provide the normal proof of ID documentation. This is **not compulsory** for students. If your child would like to apply for a Tax File Number through the school he or she needs to see Ms Patterson in the Work Ed/ Careers Room.

## MUSIC ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL TIMETABLE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
JUNIOR CONCERT BAND (Ms Iacono)	SENIOR BAND (Mr Coles)	INTERMEDIATE CHOIR (Mrs Svalbe)	SENIOR CHOIR (Ms Verberne)	HARMONIC MINORS (Mrs Svalbe)
CHAMBER SINGERS (Ms Schlicht)	DOUBLE BASS GROUP (Mr Jowsey)	INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA (Mr Tchebykin)	JUNIOR STRINGS (Ms Lancaster)	INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND (Mr Campbell)
INTERMEDIATE CHAMBER CHOIR (Mr Dorn)	SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (Mr Coles) (AFTER SCHOOL)	MIRA SINGERS	STAGE BAND (Mr Madden) (AFTER SCHOOL)	CHAMBER GROUP (Ms Grace)

# SPORT AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ms K Klopsteins, Health & PE Coordinator

Ms S Hafey, Inter-School Sport Coordinator

## TRIATHLON

The Year 11 PE class, along with UHS Triathlon Club members and some members of the Year 8 Triathlon group will be competing in the Look Just Tri It mini triathlon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Brighton beach. Most students are going to complete the whole event by themselves whilst a few will be participating as a team. The Year 11 Super Team have been training hard at Brunswick Baths doing sessions on the bikes, running and swimming. Although some students need to do some work on their disciplines, most are looking fit and ready to go. A pre-emptive thank-you to all parents who will be getting up in the wee hours of Sunday morning to cheer on the crew. The event will be a great challenge for all and will be great fun.

## INTER-SCHOOL SPORT

At the time of writing Ms Hafey is madly running in and out of this office organising the logistics of Zone Swimming Finals, Cricket Teams, Senior Sports Day (21<sup>st</sup> March), Intermediate Sports Day (3<sup>rd</sup> April), Year 8 Sports Day (26<sup>th</sup> March) and Year 7 Sports Day (31<sup>st</sup> March). No wonder that she hasn't got time to write anything in this *School News*.

## ZONE SWIMMING

UHS did really well in the District Swimming at Broadmeadows. Uni High came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and the Junior Boys won their sections. Great swimming, guys!

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March we have many already successful participants going to participate in the Zone Swimming at Broadmeadows again.

Good luck to all. Report to follow!!

## YEAR 10 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Year 10 students are currently participating in the Swimming Unit as part of the Physical Education program on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons. Many students have been working well in all classes participating in water polo, underwater hockey and stroke correction sessions.

Unfortunately there have been several students who have demonstrated that they are not prepared to participate fully in all swimming sessions. The swimming unit is not an optional part of the PE program. Students are expected to demonstrate a range of swimming, survival and rescue skills. It is of great concern that some students are not demonstrating these skills.

All students are expected to fully participate in all class activities to the best of their ability. I ask that all parents support the school programme by ensuring that their son/daughter is ready to participate in the swimming unit. If they have a medical reason for not participating please send along a note explaining the situation, signed by the parent or guardian. If the medical condition extends beyond one lesson, please forward a medical certificate to the swimming teacher.

### Physical Education Workbooks

If students have not yet purchased their PE workbook, they are available from the General Office for \$5.00. Students please ask their teachers if they have any queries.

## SENIOR GIRLS CRICKET

Ms KPatterson

Sofie Soltys organized, coached and captained the Senior Girls Cricket team in a match against Melbourne Girls on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The team members were Niki Cottrill, Anna Cameron, Elyse Cameron, Sofie Soltys, Alexia Skok, Maddie Crofts, Amy Sinclair, Ariana Carrodus, Ira Epa, and Sweetie Hicks.

It was a magnificent day for cricket and our team did very well to contain the opposition to just 88 runs despite being one under on the field. Standouts were Alexia and Elyse who bowled 2 out each, while Sofie caught 1 and ran out another. We went in to bat with Alexia and Niki going for the big slog before the experienced pair, Anna and Sofie took to the crease. As in many games of cricket, we seemed to be well on track for a win but a few very quick wickets down the batting order made for a score of 66. All of the girls enjoyed their match. A big thank you to Stefan Soltys of Year 8 who umpired the match. The two sibling pairs - Stefan and Sofie, and Elise and Anna - demonstrated how siblings can be great mates out on the sporting field.

## YEAR 10 SURF CAMP

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