



### **Learning Technologies Information for UHS Families**

As you are aware, the Federal Government initiated the Digital Education Revolution (DER) to ensure that all students have access to new and emerging learning technologies to support teaching and learning for the 21st Century. At UHS, we have just ordered our last allocation of laptops for use by students across the school.

An additional component to this program is the ability for families to claim, via the Education Tax Refund, taxation benefits for costs incurred in educating their children ... with a maximum Taxation claim of \$1500 possible (with a possible refund of \$750). Eligible items include: laptops, home computers, home internet connection, printers and paper, education software, school text books and prescribed trade tools. School fees and uniforms are not eligible items.

Are you interested in purchasing an Apple laptop (MacBook or MacBook Pro) at DER pricing, with possible savings between \$100 and \$200? If so ... please see Mrs. Pickering for the necessary form to receive this discount.

***Cherie Pickering, Assistant Principal  
Learning Technologies***



**Government  
of South Australia**

**Department of Education  
and Children's Services**

### ***From the Principal***

#### **Capital Works Submission Success**

Unley High School has secured funding in the State Budget to undertake a feasibility study for the redevelopment of our practical subject facilities. We will have a consultant appointed to us to develop the project brief. This will be tendered to architects who will develop a concept report and a cost estimate for consideration in the next budget. Plans will need to be finalised by November 2011. The life of this study is three years. Should it not be a priority in that time we would need to begin again.

#### **Specialist Rowing Program and Old Scholars Rowing**

Helen Jones, with the assistance of Anita Hughes and other members of the Rowing Club have done an excellent job of planning our Specialist Rowing Program for Unley. Helen will develop the curriculum in Term 3 and work with Year 6's in Term 4.

I have had a meeting with Anita Hughes, Callista Glowacz and Rosemary Wright, Business Manager, to explore how to develop an Old



Scholars Rowing Club. The school currently has an Old Scholars Soccer Club which is very active and successful. This project is being driven by current and past members of the Rowing Club.

#### **Visit of the Chief Executive**

On Friday 27 May 2011, the new Chief Executive of DECS, Mr Keith Bartley, visited the school. While he was here he met the staff, spoke with English teachers about their development work, visited a class, met our Head Prefects, spoke with Year 11 English students and went for a tour of our facilities that are in need of upgrading.

He was personable, listened and sought my views on what I thought he should consider in his role. I spoke of the need for DECS to allow me to focus on my role as Educational Leader and to ensure that time is not wasted on 'issues of compliance' and 'well intentioned policy implementation'.

## Middle School Developments

Joanne Costa, Charlie Marino and Cherie Pickering have implemented release time for all Year 8 and 9 Home Group Teachers to carry out planning for the Middle School. They have been looking at what structures and processes will support student engagement and achievement. There was also a focus on student behavior management to support our new graduates. More than twenty staff have been involved to date.

The result will be changes to our curriculum, our pastoral care and our behavior management processes. Developments will be shared across the school to ensure that we have policy consistency.

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## School News

### Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Presentation

Unley High School warmly congratulates former student Emily Erickson, who was among 26 students from across the state recently awarded her GOLD Duke of Edinburgh Award. The award was presented by the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency, Mr. Kevin Scarce in a formal ceremony conducted at Government House.

Emily commenced her involvement with the Award program when she was in Year 9 and over the years has worked through the Bronze, Silver and now Gold levels. Emily's interest in the program was sparked when she realised that she was already involved in a number of extra-curricular activities which could count towards achieving an award level as well as gaining extra SACE points.

"I have gained valuable memories and friends as a result. The satisfaction of knowing you have put a big commitment into your chosen activities, gained or improved your skills, and met new people along the way are just some of the rewarding aspect"

*Emily Erickson*

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is an internationally recognized program which encourages young people to take on a range of activities in order to broaden their skills and experience new things.

## Fence

Due to the significant cost of vandalism and damage to our facilities, Unley High School has risen towards the top of the list for the installation of a security fence. While the fence will surround buildings, it is a requirement that green space remains available to the community. If we choose not to have the fence installed, we would be liable for any costs incurred due to vandalism into the future. We are currently negotiating with the consultants about the specific nature of the fence.

***Susan Cameron, Principal***



The activities come under the categories Physical Activity, Skill, Service and Adventurous Journey. Many students at Unley High School are already involved in a wide range of extra-curricular activities which could count towards achieving an award level.

Further information about this program is available from Karin Wichmann, 82721455.

***Karin Wichmann***  
***Teacher***

## Wanted

Old push bikes in any condition

Year 11 metal work in Semester 2 is aiming to create their own custom bike by modifying existing products. If you can help out in any way, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Greg Waldeck in Design Technology

***Greg Waldeck***  
***Teacher, Technology Studies***

## International Student Program News

### STUDY ADELAIDE EXPO



During Term 2 the Year 11 and 12 International Students from Unley High School attended the Study Adelaide Tertiary Education

Expo. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to explore the choices available to them to continue their studies beyond secondary school. Representatives from South Australia's universities and other education providers were on site and available for the students to speak with. Seminars on specific study areas were also offered. It was good to see the students take advantage of the information as this is a good support for planning their tertiary education.



### NEW STUDENTS FOR TERM 3

Seven students from the Adelaide Secondary School of English spent time with us during week 6 this term. They will be attending Unley High School from Term 3. Each student had a buddy to show them around and introduce them to other students and staff.

To the students who were buddies to our guests, a big thank you. They were:

Sasha Tan (9.331), Everest Shrestha (9.515), Danny Wu (9.236), Rossa Yeun (10.338), Linda Zhong (10.702), Emily Harris (10.713) and Sam White (11.131).

Thank you to the students and staff for the warm welcome given to the students.

### FAREWELL TO LAURA

Hi! My name is Laura, I'm an international student from Italy. I came to Australia to experience a different way of life. During my stay, I made a lot of friends and I learnt a lot of interesting things: from the school life to the different cultures that each of my friends has. Unfortunately my stay lasts only five months. It will be hard to leave my dear friends because they are actually awesome. I'm planning to come back here to see them again. This experience has been very educational and enjoyable. Thank you for this wonderful stay.



*Laura Galasso*

Have a safe trip home Laura and our very best wishes. We look forward to a visit on your return to Adelaide.

### EXCITING, INTERESTING, SURPRISING, HUMOUROUS

These are a few words that come to mind when I think back on my time as the International Student Coordinator during Term 2. It has been a most enjoyable term with some moments that will stay with me for some time. Over the past weeks I have come to know many of the International Students well. I wish them all the best with their studies and will follow their progress with interest.

Thanks to my colleagues for their supported throughout the term. It was a great opportunity for me to experience the program from a different perspective. This has given me an insight into some of the difficulties these students encounter when moving to a new country and a new education system, and how well they overcome them.

A warm welcome back to Peter Trethewey who will return from Long Service Leave in Term 3.

**John McKenzie**  
*Coordinator, International Students (acting)*





## Visual Art News

The Year 12 Visual Art students recently travelled to Melbourne where they visited the newly opened Gasworks Studios and Exhibition Gallery of Contemporary Art. They also visited the National Gallery of Victoria, where they had the opportunity to see works by great French symbolist from the turn of the century, Gustave Moreau.

The trip was enjoyed by all.

*Robert Zunic, Art Teacher*

## CPS Worker News

### **LIVE BELOW THE LINE**

In Week 2 and 3 of this term, a group of students took part in the 'Live below the Line' Campaign organised by the Oaktree Foundation. Over five days, participating students committed to living with only \$2 per day. The students made t-shirts and raised \$558.35, which was a fantastic contribution to the Oaktree Foundation. Congratulations to the students that took part – Ellen Vlachos, Amy Park, Ailin Liu, Zoe Butefisch, Ashleigh Steer, Jyothi Nathan-Thompson, Hailey Wilkinson, Sara Wilkinson, Elise Summerton, Bailey Park and if I missed anyone out, I do apologise.



### **SALVATION ARMY BBQ**

A number of students attended some Salvation Army workshops late in Term 1 and decided they wanted to run a BBQ to raise funds to support the work of the Salvation Army within Adelaide. A very successful BBQ was run on Thursday of Week 3, raising \$381.71 to donate to the Salvos.

Big congrats and thanks go to: Georgia Aitken, Daina Marshall, Sally George, Amelia Portellos, Ella McDonald, Hannah Slater, Lily Kulbach. What a great cause and a great effort by these enthusiastic students.

*Jodi Quast, Christian Pastoral Support Worker*

### **YEAR 8 BREAKFAST**

Year 8 Breakfast has run successfully every second Thursday morning throughout Term 2. Due to popular demand, Year 8 Breakfast's will continue in Term 3 on Thursdays from 8am til 8.45am in the Counselling Centre, in Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10! We are having great turnouts and great conversations; starting the day on a brighter and warmer note especially on these cold mornings in winter!! See you at the next Breakfast!!

*Cheers – Jodi, Kat and Nigel.*

## Careers and 2012 Subject Selection

Every year in our annual cycle of school activity, questions about Courses, Careers and Future Options come into prominence.

“What do I want to be?

“Where can I get information?

“What skills and prerequisites do I need for my preferred career?

These are commonly asked questions. Of course the best advice is to gather as much information as possible and then armed with this information you can make informed decisions. Over this year the following events will occur that can help students and families make decisions that will assist in achieving preferred career options.

### **YEAR 10 STUDENTS:**

Year 10 students who have completed the PLP (Personal Learning Plan) in Semester 1 and those starting the PLP in Semester 2 will investigate career options, appropriate subject selections and begin considering 2012 subjects in lessons. They will be provided with information that will be used when selecting subjects in Term 3. By the time you read this they will have also attended a career information presentation from UNI SA that will inform them of options and online support services in selecting future careers.

### **YEAR 12 STUDENTS:**

On 29 August 2011, a Tertiary Course Information Session at Unley High School will be run for our Year 12 students. Presentations from University and other Tertiary Education providers will be followed by the opportunity to visit booths to talk to faculty staff and collect course information.

For students considering applying for TAFE courses, an information session will be held at school for interested students to attend, and this will occur near the end of Term 3.

### **CAREER EXPOS AND OPEN DAYS:**

Over the coming months there are many Career Expos that can be attended. Details are advertised in the Advertiser and local media. This year, University and TAFE Open Days will run over the weekend of 19-21 August 2011. It is advisable for families to visit these.

The following events and approximate times will also be of value to students and families and ought to have some prominence on your fridge under the fridge magnet.

- Year 12/13 Students interested in Medicine, Dentistry and Oral Health at Adelaide Uni and Clinical Sciences and Vision Science at Flinders will need to register for the UMAT Test. The deadline was 3 June 2011. The test date is Wednesday 27 July 2011. Previously, students who apply for the UMAT testing have had to do their Uni application via SATAC, by the end of August. This year, they will apply with all other applicants by the end of September. Students applying for these courses interstate should check for any special requirements for interstate university applications.
- The Universities and TAFE Campuses will hold their Open Days from 19 – 21 of August 2011.
- Subject selection for 2012 courses at Unley will commence early in Term 3. Curriculum Booklets and other information will go home via students on 8 August 2011, followed by subject selection interviews in Week 5 of Term 3. Students in Year 8 and 9 will not have formal subject selection meetings and will complete the relevant form within the 2011 Curriculum Handbook.
- An information evening for Year 10 families new to SACE will also be held on Tuesday August 16.

If you have any queries please contact us at school.

**Bruce Hendry and Kathleen Dodgson,**  
**Student Counsellors at Unley High School**



## Sport Report

We are coming to the close of a successful Term 2 Sports Program. We had twenty one teams competing on a weekly basis in soccer, football, netball, basketball, badminton and table tennis with a mixed bag of wins and losses. Thanks to all of the coaches for these teams, including many old scholars, current students, Vic Partoon, Sophie Hinchliffe and parent Gilbert Dashorst.

Our knockout campaigns this term have also ended in a mixed bag of results. Although there were some fantastic games with close results our netball girls were all knocked out of their competitions in the early rounds. A big thank you to teacher Jenny Hall for team selection and coaching for all of these girls.

We had a similar story with our football teams, Year 8/9 boys, open boys and open girls all going out early. The open girls were able to play their games here at Unley High School and the school spirit and support shown for them by other students was fantastic.

All of our soccer teams with the exception of the open boys have also been knocked out. The open boys are playing a round robin format and have so far won one game, lost one game and have one more to play. We are hopeful that they will be successful in moving into the next round.

The open girls basketball were very close to moving into the next round losing by only one point. Considering our team consisted of mainly Year 8 and 9 girls this was a fantastic effort and bares well for our Year 8/9 and Year 10 knockout campaigns yet to come.

Although we have had some early exits from knockout competitions we have also had some fantastic results. Our rugby boys had a good season with the U18 team coming third and the U15 team coming FIRST.



Also coming FIRST were the Year 8/9 girls touch team making them State Champions. All of our touch teams did very well with both the open boys and girls teams making it through to the finals.



The open boys team ended up coming third but deserve special mention as they achieved this with only six players in the finals. This means that these six boys played six games in one day with constant running and no subs. Their opposition teams had at least twelve players each so constantly had fresh legs to run on. An amazing effort by our boys who only missed the grand final by one try....well done Ned Morcom, Hamish Robinson, Michael Gray, Kane Hall, Aaron Jones and Alex Hall.



Also coming third in their competition was our Open Boys tennis team. Again this is a brilliant result as they were up against tennis specialty schools. A couple of competitions yet to be completed in which we have made finals are the year 10 Girls volleyball team, the open boys indoor soccer team and the open boys basketball team, so hopefully we will have some more state champions to come.

As always we have some very talented sporting students who deserve special mention. Matt Wheaton and George Tilley have been selected for the U18 State Rugby League Team and Mack Heaney and Isoa Ronavuso have been selected for the U18 State Rugby Union Team.



Holly Konopka and Georgie Baker have made the U16 girls state Touch team and Save Ronavuso made the U15 boys state touch team.



Ellie Konopka and Sheridan Lock made the U18 state Touch squad. Elise Garlick and Grace Henry both made the U18 state girls soccer team. All of these students will be taking part in competitions in various locations around Australia in the coming months. Congratulations to all of them on their fantastic achievements.

#### *PE Staff*

#### **Canteen Thanks**

Many thanks to our volunteer parents for the donation of their valuable time to help us in the canteen from 16th May to 8th July 2011.

Tracy Svingos, Angela Santosstefano, Anne Ahn, Kerrilee Lock, Ernest O'Neill, Janice Garlick, Helen White, Jenny Stevens, Trudie Cain, Melissa Balla, Zmaragdi Plagakis, Don Gilmore, Nga Nguyen, Deborah Freeman, Elaine Bunting, Bev Cook, Elizabeth Key, Helen White, Millie Kolovinos, Jenny Partoon, Jenny Saint, Anna Chin, Kinivuai Tavui, Annabel Mhaler, Georgina Goldfinch, Kathryn Ireland, Marion Plane, Gail Dorman, Kathryn Aiston

P.S. If any parent has some free time, we could definitely use your help in the canteen. Please contact us between 8am & 2pm on 82710785.

Thank you

*Lorraine & Elaine*

#### **Alcohol and other drugs emergencies workshop**

This unique FREE workshop is run by the Australian red Cross combining First Aid training with drug and alcohol information for young people aged 15 to 25 years. Learn how to prevent, recognize and respond to an emergency resulting from alcohol and drug use.

**Wednesday 13 July 2011,  
10.00am – 12noon**

*Unley Civic Centre  
181 Unley Road, Unley*

Enter via Oxford Tce carpark  
Bookings essential. Places limited.

Sandra 8372 5114 or  
srobinson@unley.sa.gov.au



## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

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Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm



# MOSTLY BOOKS

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## Term 3 Diary Dates

August 6-13	Year 9 Ski Trip	
August 4	Year 8 Breakfast Program	8.00am - 8.45am
August 8-12	<b>YEAR 12 EXAMS</b>	
August 9	<b>UHS School Council</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
August 18	Year 8 Breakfast Program	8.00am - 8.45am
August 22	Year 10 Subject Selection	1.30pm - 8.00pm
August 23	Extra Curricular and Sports Photos	
August 24	Year 11 Subject Selection	1.30pm - 8.00pm
August 27	<b>UHS QUIZ NIGHT</b> in the George Cresswell Hall	<b>7.00pm</b>
August 28	<b>Rowing: Matthew Draper Cup and AGM, Torrens Boat House</b>	<b>10.30am</b>
Aug 29 - Sept 3	Year 12 Cross Country Skiing	
September 1	Year 8 Breakfast Program	8.00am - 8.45am
September 2	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY - Staff, Professional Development Day</b>	
September 3	<b>Greek Spring Dance, Goodwood Community Centre</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
September 5	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b>	
September 7	Year 9 Wellbeing Day	
September 9-13	<b>Spring Rowing Camp, Walker Flat</b>	
September 13	<b>UHS School Council</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
September 15	Year 8 Breakfast Program	8.00am - 8.45am
September 29	<b>Year 8 Hepatitis B Dose 2 &amp; HPV Dose 3</b>	
September 29	Year 8 Breakfast Program	8.00am - 8.45am
September 30	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b>	<b>2.15pm</b>



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