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NEWSLETTER 6

November 2021



From the Principal

Congratulations to all the graduating Year 12 students and parents or family who were able to attend the ceremony. I was pleased to receive great feedback about the livestream and a special mention from Head Prefect Chis Bui's family who watched from their home in Thailand.

Year 12 exams are nearly complete and the STEM Centre classrooms have worked well as our exam centre for this year. STEM was chosen for the ability to expand the double classrooms into one space and its distance from the renovation construction noise.

Unfortunately continuing COVID restrictions have again affected our Year 8 to 11 Award ceremony on Friday November 19, which

only students will be able to attend. Therefore, like last year, and like the Year 12 Graduation, we will livestream the ceremony for parents and families to watch. A link will be emailed and sent via 'School Stream' the day before.

Renovations and constructions continue at a rapid pace now that an extra shift of 3.00pm to midnight has been added for the internal renovations. Outside the steel framework for the new 'covered outdoor learning area' is well underway making another significant change to our school landscape.



Work has commenced on the new Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA), due for completion December 2021.





Congratulations Taylor Anderson

Taylor reading her book with Erin Phillips and daughter Brooklyn.

To find out where to purchase Taylor's book please email:

tayloranderson_05@icloud.com

EXCELLENCE RESPECT DIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Written by Taylor Anderson

Illustrated by Olivia Moore

WHY DON'T I HAVE THAT?





Excerpt from 'The Sunday Mail' article dated 10 October 2021, written by Rebecca Digirolamo.

For most 16-year-olds, social media is a significant part of their life.

But Taylor Anderson says pulling the plug on her own accounts has been bliss.

The Adelaide Hills teenager, who was diagnosed with anorexia nervosa last year, says while social media was not the cause of her eating disorder, it certainly fuelled her negative body image and low self-worth. She has written a children's book to help challenge the damaging body-comparison culture of social media.

It was recently revealed that Facebook knew its social media platform Instagram – of which 37 per cent of users are aged 24 or less – was having a negative effect on teenage mental health.

"Social media is a huge amplifier of comparison culture – that compulsion to compare ourselves and measure our worth by how we stack up against someone else," says Taylor, an Unley High School year 11 student.

"But you're comparing yourself with something that's not real because you're seeing what someone else wants you to see and not what's really happening behind closed doors."

It is a complex lesson that Taylor, who aspires to be an early childhood educator, hopes children aged three to eight can learn with the help of little Fairy Wren Mae – the main character in her book, Why Don't I Have That? Mae laments that she does not have the magnificent rainbow feathers of her neighbour the Lorikeet, nor the long, slender beak of the Honeyeater.

After a few tears, Mae discovers that self-worth comes from within.

Taylor and her parents, Hayley and James, were fundraising through a bike ride that was organised by Mix 102.3 breakfast show hosts Erin Phillips and Mark Sodersrtom for the Breakthrough Mental Health Research Foundation. All profits from the book will also go to Breakthrough.

Phillips says Taylor's book was an important tool for children and parents to start conversations about social media, comparison culture and body image.







Drumline Success

On Monday 9 August, our school's Drumline performed two musical works to a small but receptive audience of parents and staff members.

Only the ensemble's third performance, the group members were eager to share the hard work they had put in developing David Hopgood's Groovania Drumitus and Jim Casella's Technology. The repertoire showcased a range of musical styles and high levels of musical technique. The group's infectious groove and energetic rhythms were a delight to witness!

Congratulations to percussionists Oscar, Tevinder, Dylan, Nathan, Sum Long, Max and Mr Tim Robinson. This performance constituted the second summative performance assessment for Tevinder and Oscar within Stage 1 and 2 Music Performance - Ensemble

Ryan Grunwald (Drumline Director)

"I was totally blown away. The group sounded incredible. It was a real pleasure to experience it.

Hearing only the practice of.... individual parts at home I had no clue how Drumline would sound.

It's the first time I have seen perform in such a group.

Congratulations Ryan! Super impressive (parent response)

.... great energy, engagement and commitment demonstrated by all the students - congratulations









Year 8 Visual Arts

Mrs Eliana Mappouridou-Hockley's Year 8 Visual Arts Students recently experimented with various elements of art by using watercolour, colour, line and fine liner techniques.

They explored techniques used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to present their own initials and identity concept creating their own 'Zentangle' artwork.

Students researched various artists for inspiration to create patterns, shapes and colour to illustrate their own initials.





Year 8 student, Violet's, folio development progress for her Zentangle design.

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Congratulations to Corey Evans

For a number years Unley High School has run a VET plumbing program in conjunction with the Master Plumbers Association. This program has been hugely successful with over 100 students moving into apprenticeships.

It was exciting to hear and read about one of those young men being nominated for an award. Corey Evans came to the program in 2020, the penultimate year for this course here at Unley. He came with a very clear mindset about what he wanted to achieve and set about making that happen. Through a couple of work experience opportunities, he was very quickly recognised as someone with the aptitude, attitude and work ethic required to be a successful tradesperson.

It is fantastic for Corey not only to be recognised and nominated in the Master Plumbers Apprentice of the Year, but to be the winner demonstrates all the hard work is worth it and it does pay off.

Congratulations, Corey. We are proud of your achievement.

Greg Waldeck



Corey and his boss Mark Borthwick from SA Plumbing and Electrical.







Congratulations to Mason Gayther-Moore

Getting into the 2022 Class of Cabaret is a huge honour, and I'm so glad to be a part of a program with some of the best young musicians in South Australia. The opportunity arose after an email from the school's music coordinator, Ms Holland, and I thought it'd be fun to audition and see how it went. I put through an application and a week or so later was fortunate to be selected to audition.

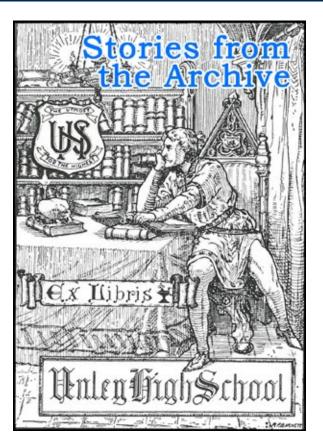
I was nervous the morning of the audition, but afterwards felt confident I did well and hoped I was what they were looking for. The program starts with a camp in February 2022 followed by a strict schedule of rehearsals and workshops throughout the semester, working towards a final performance in the Adelaide Cabaret Festival on June 25 in the Festival Theatre.

I will get the opportunity to work with some great singing teachers, cabaret artists and musicians, and learn how to work with different aspects of performing such as tech, lighting and stage planning. The next half a year in the Class of Cabaret will be a lot of work, but I can't wait to get started! **Mason**









Stories from the Archive

From Kyre to Kitchener: 'operation squeeze'

The school's move from Cremorne Street, Unley, to Kyre Avenue in Kingswood had occurred on a momentous day in Australian military and national history – April 25, 1915. Fifty years later, in February 1965, another move was on, dubbed by one 'operation squeeze'.

The brainchild of acting headmaster Jim Giles (Headmaster Len May was on sick leave), it brought together, for the first time, every Unley student onto the new site at Kitchener Street, Netherby. This operation was not months, but a single day, in both planning and execution!

The background to this dilemma was all about numbers. There was an imperative to provide for the secondary education of the thousands of Adelaide's post-war baby boom teenagers. The 20-acre Netherby site, on the Peter Waite estate, had been acquired in 1953.

At the close of 1964 there were effectively three campuses to Unley High School – Kyre Avenue (see photo), the timber and

brick "temporary buildings" opened in 1957 in the north-western corner of the Netherby site, and the new three-level main buildings at Netherby, opened in 1960.

Senior boys had moved into the new main building, girls were occupying the temporary buildings, while junior boys remained at Kyre Avenue.

This division, according to gender not year, was almost producing distinct school identities. The Minister of Education when reporting to state parliament in 1958 referred to "Unley Boys High School". The school now retains in its records from this time many admission forms for girls who, according to those forms, were enrolling in "Unley Girls High School". (See photo.)

But at the start of the 1965 school year, thanks to Giles' bold initiative, division was about to be replaced with unification.

On February 9, word came through from the Education Department that for the coming year a further wing from the Kyre Avenue buildings would be lost to the new Mitcham Girls Technical High School.

The Department helpfully advised that alternative classrooms for Unley High School might be found within Daws Road High School or Clapham Primary School – both a considerable distance further south.

There was only one course of action, Giles decided. The entire student and staff body was to be squeezed into the Netherby site – immediately.

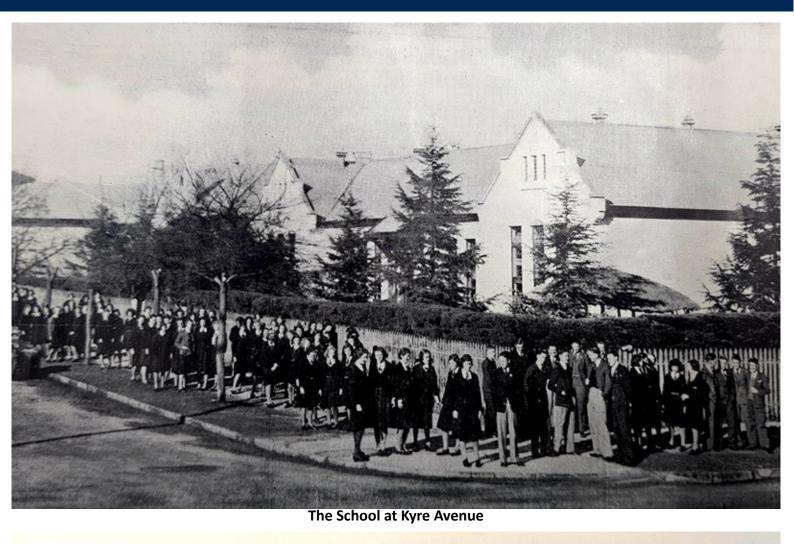
The next morning, February 10, a whole school assembly was held for the first time at Kitchener Street.

Stephen Murphy Archivist and Old Scholar

With acknowledgements to Unley High School: One hundred years of public education, 1910-2010, by Craig Campbell.







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A 1960 student admission form for "Unley Girls High School"





Unley High School Old Scholars

David flew high after leaving Unley

An ex-Unley High School student who within a few years of leaving the school became a decorated airman in the Second World War, has passed away aged 98.

David Leicester DFC and Bar was one of South Australia's last surviving veterans of the Royal Air Force's Bomber Command which flew raids over Germany.

David was born in Unley in 1923. A photograph in the May 1937 issue of the Unley High School Magazine shows "D. Leicester" as a member of the school under 15 tennis team. Ben Gates was principal at this time.

After leaving Unley High School, then at Kyre Avenue, and a short period of employment, in 1941 he enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force. He completed initial training in South Australia and graduated as a pilot at the age of 18.

Posted to the UK and the Royal Air Force, he was promoted to Acting Squadron Leader at the age of just 20, becoming the youngest squadron leader in the RAF.

On his second operational tour he joined No. 35 Squadron, one of the original Pathfinder squadrons piloting Lancaster bombers.

On two tours through skill and good fortune he survived 68 missions – an incredible and rare feat, with thousands of fellow airmen perishing.

His DFC and Bar were presented to him by the King at Buckingham Palace.

David was a long-time member of the Air Force Association in South Australia.

In 2007, he was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in recognition of his service to ex-service, heritage and local government organisations.

David met the Queen in 2012 on a visit to England with other Australian Bomber Command veterans to attend the dedication of the Bomber Command Memorial.

He also received the French Legion of Honour for his wartime role in the liberation of France.

Unley High School extends its condolences to David's family and friends.

Stephen Murphy

The photo of the school under 15 tennis team including D. Leicester that was published in the May 1937 issue of the school magazine. Other photos show David during the war and more recently.



UNDER FIFTEEN TENNIS. C. Stone, B. Hayes, J. Walker, J. Darlington, D. Leicester, B. Rhode, F. Hall, J. Wyly.









AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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From the Art Captains

In Term 3, we, the Arts Captains, ran a school-wide competition to celebrate the artists, filmmakers and photographers here at Unley High School.

The competition, with the theme 'Window', was a great success with a number of entries submitted, displaying an array of talent possessed by the students.



In 1st place was Jay (Year 12), who created the short film 'Wonder'. Jay's captivating film revolved around a boy whose only outside knowledge of the world came from his bedroom window and storybooks.

In 2nd place was Ziyin (Year 8), who produced a stunning artwork of an arched window.

Honourable mentions go to Kendra (Year 9), Jenna (Year 10), Anqi (Year 9) and Scout (Year 11).

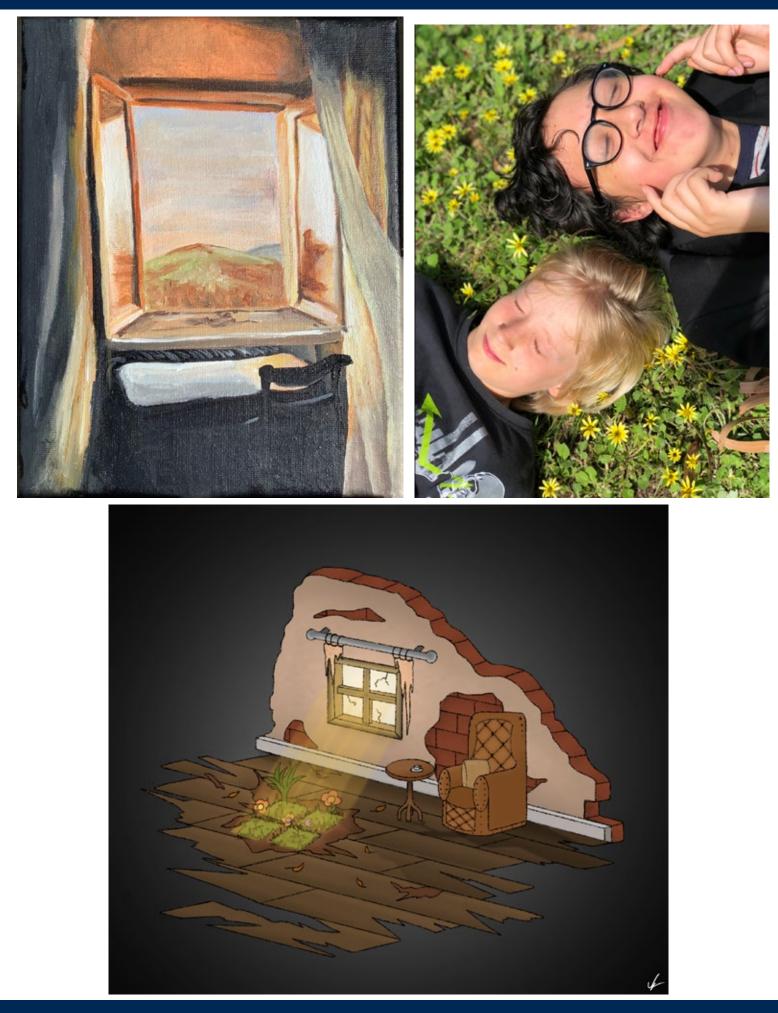
We, the Arts Captains, extend our thanks to all who submitted entries and look forward to the bright future of the arts at Unley High School.















OLIPHANT SCIENCE AWARDS 2021

The Oliphant Science Awards are run annually by the South Australian Science Teachers Association. They are named after the late Sir Mark Oliphant, an outstanding scientist and former Governor of South Australia, as well as an Old Scholar of Unley High School.

Every year around 3000 students across South Australia Enter the Oliphant Science Awards. Students can enter any one of a number of categories. These include Science Writing, Models and inventions, Photography, Posters, Scientific Inquiry, Computer Programming and Robotics, Crystal investigations, Multimedia and Games.

All the Year 9 Summit students entered the Scientific Enquiry category where they undertook experiments and wrote a report as part of their science program. Other year levels entered the Crystal Investigation, Science Writing and Poster categories.

At the prestigious Presentation Ceremony at the Brighton Concert Hall on Friday 17 September, Achsa (Yr 12) was awarded a prize for her Crystal Investigation and highly commended for her posters. Seida and Areeba (Yr 8) were awarded first prize for their Crystal Investigations.

Congratulations to all the fabulous students who participated and those who won a prize in this year's competition.

Melna Puthiyedathu,

Oliphant Science coordinator.

Congratulations to Ingrid Cobiac

Well done to Ingrid on being awarded the National Assessor of the Year at the Surf Lifesaving Australia National Awards of Excellence held Saturday 6 November.









Year 8 and Year 10 2021

School Immunisation Catch Up Clinics

The City of Mitcham is conducting two **FREE** catch up immunisation clinics for students who have missed their immunisations at school.

Vaccines that will be available include:

Year 8 Students HPV - Gardasil 9 and DTP - Boostrix

Year 10 Students Meningococcal B - Bexsero and Meningococcal ACWY - Nimenrix

Where and When

Wednesday 24 November 2021 & Thursday 25 November 2021 3.30pm - 6.00pm City of Mitcham - Civic Centre 131 Belair Road, Torrens Park

Contact the City of Mitcham on 8372 8888 or visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au for more information.





UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP



Exciting news!!!

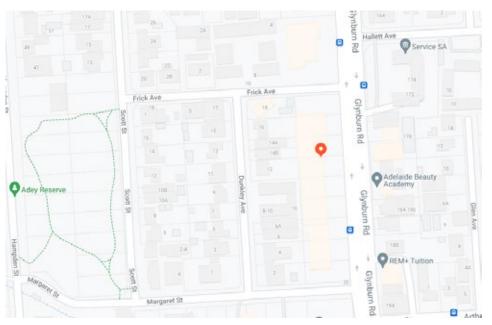
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Diary Dates

Term 4

November 1 - 15	Year 12 Exams	
November 2	Governing Council meeting	7:00pm
November 9	Parent Voice meeting	6:30pm
November 11	Middle School Music Concert	7:00pm
November 12	Phoenix Art Exhibition Opening	6:00pm
November 19	Year 8 - 11 Awards Assembly	
November 22 - 26	Year 11 Exams	
November 23	Year 6 into 7 Family Information evening	6:00pm
November 24	Year 12 Art/Design/Photography exhibition	6:00pm
November 25	Year 7 into 8 Family Information evening	6:00pm
November 26	Last day for Year 10 & 11 students	
November 30	Governing Council meeting	7:00pm
December 2 - 3	Year 6 & 7 Transition days	
December 10	Last day of term - Early dismissal	12:30pm



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