



January 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students

Welcome to Unley High School for 2022. As was announced last week by the Department for Education, with advice from SA Health, schools will have a staggered start to the school year. This will mean some significant changes to the program that was sent home in Term 4 of last year.

Beginning of the Year Arrangements:

Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February – Two days provided for teachers to prepare for Online Learning. Students of essential workers may attend school where they will be supervised in the school library. Please advise the school if your child will be attending via phoning 8394 5400 during business hours.

Wednesday 2 February - Year 12 Students and Year 7 and Year 8 Students return to school while students in Years 9 to 11 begin learning online.

Year 7 Students – Report to the new Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) situated directly behind the George Creswell Hall (See map for more details) **by 8:45am**.

Year 8 Students – Report to the Gymnasium **by 8:45am** (See map for details).

Unfortunately, due to current COVID protocols, parents are asked to drop students off at the gate where teachers will both direct students to the meeting locations and provide masks for those who attend without one. Year 7 & 8 students will still have an Orientation program. Please be aware that Wednesday dismissal is at 2:25pm.

Year 12 Students (including new students) – Meet in the George Creswell Hall at **9:00am** on the first day. For the remainder of Week 1 all students will attend extended Home Group 8:45am till 9:55am as well as all timetabled lessons. Study lessons for the first two weeks, students are asked to study from home. However, if distance and travel are an issue simply negotiate with the Year 12 Year Level Leader, Mr Michelmore, and arrangements will be made to study at school.

Students new to Unley High School in Years 9, 10, and 11 are to report to the lower STEM foyer at **9:30am** on Wednesday 2 February. See the map for details or the Front Office will direct you. Student Wellbeing Coordinators, Ms Brooke McIntyre and Mr Andrew Stockley, will provide an introductory program for new students. Please note these students will be dismissed at 12:30pm.

Also, please note that VET programs have been delayed a week and will now start on 14 February 2022.

Online Learning from Wednesday 3 February - Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 will begin the year with two weeks of online learning. In the first week all students in Year 9 to 11 will take part in an extended Home Group via Zoom each day. Teachers will email the Zoom link prior to Wednesday 3 February. Following the extended Home Group lessons will be the normal school timetable. Student timetables will be available from Tuesday of next week via Daymap.



Acquaintance Night

We would still like to hold Acquaintance Nights for Parents to meet teachers. More information will be provided after the staggered start and hopefully changes to current COVID restrictions.

School Uniform

Parents/Caregivers and Students are reminded that it is an expectation that all students wear correct school uniform to school. A particular focus is correct black leather lace up school shoes or black leather T-bar school shoes worn with plain navy, black or white crew socks with no visible logos. The length of summer dresses, skirts and shorts should be a maximum of 10cm above the knee. We rely on your ongoing support of the uniform policy ratified by the UHS Governing Council.

We have been contacted by the uniform shop to explain that issues associated with the pandemic have delayed the delivery of stock. We will contact parents late next week to either confirm delivery or provide an interim plan to support parents and students.

School/Home Connections

The partnerships between home and school are very important. Should you have any queries, please contact your student's Home Group Teacher in the first instance, or one of our Leadership team on 8394 5400 or via the email addresses below.

In 2022 we continue to use the School Stream app as a method of contacting parents. If you have not already, please download this app and sign up using the email address you have provided to the school. The app can be used to report absences, update details, access school policies plus the school calendar. Download School Stream via the school website or the [attached details](#).

Year Level Leaders 2022

Year 7	Mr Josh Whitwell	joshua.whitwell89@schools.sa.edu.au
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Year 10	Mr Ryan Clancy	ryan.clancy117@schools.sa.edu.au
Year 11	Mr Emmett Wood	emmett.wood66@schools.sa.edu.au
Year 12	Mr Andrew Michelmore	andrew.michelmore702@schools.sa.edu.au

Leadership contacts for the start of 2022

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Head of Senior School Mr Toby Watts (Year 10, 11 & 12)
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More information will be provided via further communications during next week once staff have a chance to return and plan for the first few weeks of learning. I too will provide more information next Friday.

Attached are two documents. One a school map for new students and secondly a detailed communication from the Department explaining the COVID protocols.

Yours sincerely

Greg Rolton
Principal