



From the Principal

Once again this term has been affected by the ever changing face of the COVID pandemic. Fortunately we have remained open but many students and teachers have been absent as the term has progressed. We hope that the predictions of the COVID modelling team at SA Health are correct and schools will have a little more stability in term two.

While many school events have been cancelled or postponed we have still had some success at enabling students to attend the Year 12 Outdoor Education snorkeling camp, the Year 11 Outdoor Education surf camp and the Year 7 and 8 Swimming Carnivals. Enjoy reading about those events in this newsletter.

Once again congratulations to O'Donoghue House, our Sports Day Champions. This issue of the newsletter carries photographs and

articles from our first Sports Day with the new House names, along with the final results.

After a raft of COVID related delays for our publishing company we are finally at the finishing stages of the Unley High School 2021 Year Book. For the first time we will be publishing the Year Book for the whole school community in a digital format via our website. The 2021 Year Book will be available from today and can be accessed via the 'Parents and Community' tab on the Unley High School website www.uhs.sa.edu.au

Thank you again to our archivist Steven Murphy for his article in this newsletter focussing on our second old scholar who has graciously allowed us to use his name for one of our new Houses, John Halbert. I hope you enjoy reading about his career.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Easter and school holiday break.



Introducing our 5 new Houses: Gillard, Halbert, O'Donoghue, Smart, Vincent



Greek Independence Day at Unley High School

As my first address to the wider Unley High School community, I would first like to express how honoured I am to be educating the youth of Unley in Greek language and culture. I have been so impressed by the passion shown by not only by students at Unley, but the Greek Parents Committee and School Leadership in helping promote a unique multicultural environment.

March 25, 2022 marked the 201st anniversary of the most important day in modern Greek history. On this day in 1821, Greece formally announced it would start a revolution to overthrow the occupying forces of the Ottoman Empire after 400 years of oppression. The efforts of those who fought to liberate Greece have meant that many of us within the Unley community, stand here today thanks to the sacrifices made by these people.

To commemorate this day in history, Unley High School with the massive help of the Greek Parents Committee hosted a Souvlaki Sizzle on Thursday, March 24. The day was also celebrated with Greek dances performed by students of Unley High School in the school's new Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA), before the day was capped off by a Zorba dance that invited all students and staff to join in, learn and have fun. While I was unfortunately not able to be present on the day, I was informed by several staff and students of the amazing success of the event, and I could not be prouder of the efforts of all involved.

A big thank you must go out to the Greek Parents Committee without whom the event would be impossible, Greek Dance Captains Stella Dracopoulos and Theo Leonardos, all students who performed and Unley High School staff, Eliana Mappouridou-Hockley and Savvas Frazis who helped in the day's organisation.

We are very much looking forward to having more opportunities in 2022 to showcase the passion for Greek culture at Unley High School!

Lazaros Gialamas

Modern Greek Teacher





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STUDENT VOICE COUNCIL INDUCTION DAY

Unley High School has a strong culture of student participation and leadership, as evident from a very active Student Voice Council. The 2022 Student Voice Council (SVC) held its annual induction day on Friday, March 18 in the George Cresswell Hall and brought together more than 80 student representatives from Years 7 to 12. The program included team building activities and learning about student leadership and the SVC constitution. The day also provided an opportunity for student leaders to meet in their action groups to develop a vision for their group and a plan of actions for the year. The Prefect Team was supported by a group of enthusiastic Year 10 and 11 student leaders to run engaging, fun activities which contributed to building a strong sense of team and belonging.

The 2022 Prefects Team comprises:

Head Prefects: Isaac Covington-Groth and Scout Sylvia-Richardson (pictured)

Deputy Head Prefects: Tamara Jakovljevic and Mya de Ruyter

Secretary: Thuy Nguyen

Treasurer: Minh (Alex) Nguyen

Action Group Leader: Rayna Falch

We wish them all a very productive and successful year of leading the student voice at the school!

Ms Karmen Petric
Assistant Principal





GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Tuesday March 10, 10 Student Voice Council members represented Unley High School at a GRIP student leadership conference. This conference included many schools from across South Australia who came together to learn new skills and grow as leaders. The speakers were very engaging, and the students learned new ways to gain audience engagement that could be incorporated into SVC events organised at our school.

There was a series of activities throughout the day that focused on how to improve different aspects of leadership. These included tips for house captains, improving fundraising, improving public speaking, how to find leadership opportunities for students, and work effectively in a team. Within these activities we learnt a wide range of ways to take these skills back to school.

A big take-away for us after the day was making sure the audience is involved by asking questions or playing games. This way, the audience remembers the information presented and enjoys learning it. After completing this conference, the team of students came together to implement these ideas and skills into Unley High School. This was demonstrated at the Student Voice Induction Day.

Overall, the day was very successful. Thank you to Ms Petric and Mr Simpson who helped to make the day a success.

Hopefully next year, Unley High School can be represented at this event again with a larger number of keen students.

Amani Nunan and Leelu Isaacs





Year 7 Swimming Carnival

On Monday April 4, Year 7 students, along with their Home Group teachers and their Year 10 Peer Support leaders walked to the Urrbrae Pool for the Year 7 Swimming Carnival. Traditionally held at the start of the year, everyone was ready to participate and have fun on what was a beautiful and sunny day.

Many students flocked to the pool when the novelty events were announced over the microphone by Mr. Whitwell. Some of these events included A Peg Search, Iceberg Relay and Noodle Relay. The keener swimmers who could glide across the water could participate and race across the pool in breaststroke and freestyle, as well as 25m and 50m races in breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, and freestyle.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved impressive individual points scored through their placings in the 50m races -

Boys

1st = Evan Bai – 40 points
2nd = Lincoln Adcock – 30 points
3rd = Zac Fear – 20 points

Girls

1st = Lily Kornmeier – 40 points
2nd = Olivia Tooth – 32 points
3rd = Ivy Natrass – 22 points

Participation was the focus for the day, and Home Groups were awarded points for participation and placings in the Novelty Events and the 50m races. The winning Home Group was **7C** and the winning House was **Halbert**.

In what was probably the most anticipated race of the day, the staff formed a team to take on the best swimmers from Year 7, 3 Peer Support teams and a Sport Captain team. Mr Rolton, Mr Whitwell, Miss Burns and Mrs Hillan took the starting blocks hoping for a win. It was an exciting race, with the Year 7 team taking victory and the staff team coming in a close second.

Thank you to the House Captains, whose efforts were a great help to HPE staff who ran the Carnival. The Peer Support Leaders all helped to encourage the students to participate and organised them into events.

Adam Proud
HPE/Year 10 Peer Support Teacher





Year 8 Swimming Carnival

On Monday March 28, Year 8 students, along with their Home Group teachers and their Year 11 Peer Support leaders walked to the Urrbrae Pool for the Year 8 Swimming Carnival.

It was a beautiful day, and students enjoyed competing in several Novelty Events including: A Peg Search, Iceberg Relay, Kickboard Relay, Noodle Relay and Tunnel Ball Relay.

Students could also go in swimming races across the pool in breast stroke and freestyle, as well as 25m and 50m races in breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and freestyle.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved impressive individual points scored through their placings in the 50m races:

Boys

1st = Evan Harbisher - 30 points

2nd = Sam Pope - 16 points

3rd = Samuel lane - 16 points

Girls

1st = Mackenzie Menpes - 28 points

2nd = Chloe Schwarzer - 22 points

3rd = Lacey Stewart - 18 points

Participation was the focus for the day, and Home Groups were awarded points for participation and placings in the Novelty Events and the 50m Races. The winning Home Group was 8K and the winning House was O'Donoghue.

The whole day was a great success, thanks to the efforts of House Captains who were a great help to HPE staff who ran the Carnival, and the Peer Support Leaders who organised encouraged the students to participate and organised them into events.

Jenny Hall

HPE/Year 11 Peer Support Teacher





Sports Day 2022

The annual Unley High School Sports Day was held on Friday March 11. We had fantastic weather for our students to compete, with lots of fantastic competition on the day, fantastic school spirit and friendly competition. The comradery of the students in supporting each other could be heard with the cheering at each of the individual events.

It is a unique year in 2022 with the welcoming of Year 7's to our school community who brought a lot of energy and spirit to the day's competition. We also welcomed the introduction of our new 5 House system, and it was great to see the colours purple, green, blue, yellow and red on display.

Thank you to the support of staff and students in making the day a success. A special thank you to Mr Tom Keough and Ms Anita Hughes for their leadership and organisation. Congratulations go to the following students who broke school records:

- Yr 10 Girls 800m – **Cassie Butschek** – 2min 33sec breaking the previous record of 2min 36sec set in 1997.
- Yr 12 Girls High Jump – **Sydney Turner** – 1.57m – previous record 1.46m set in 2013

Congratulations to O'Donoghue House who were our winners for 2022. Congratulations also to those students who were best athletes on the day. They will be announced at an upcoming assembly and will be reported to the schools community in the next Newsletter.

We have now turned our attention to the Interschool Athletics competition that took place on Monday April 11 at SANTOS Stadium. Details have been sent home and trainings took place across lunchtimes of Week 10.

	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	Position
Gillard	575	536	260	335	191	285	2182	2
Halbert	639	254	413	369	69	374	2118	3
O'Donoghue	417	639	440	283	347	416	2542	1
Smart	474	332	497	221	194	388	2106	4
Vincent	534	153	292	218	235	356	1788	5

Aaron Struck
HPE Faculty Leader





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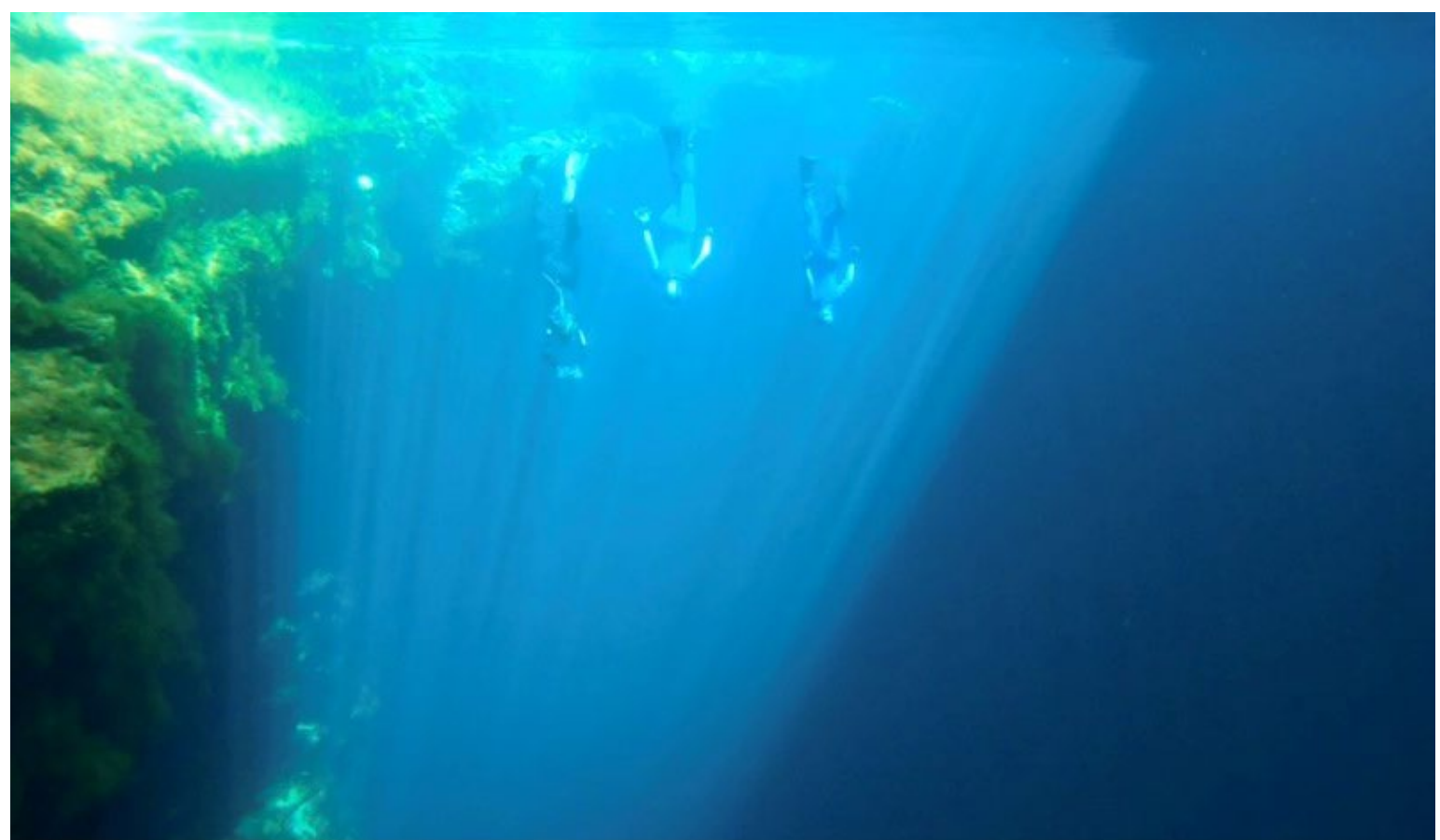
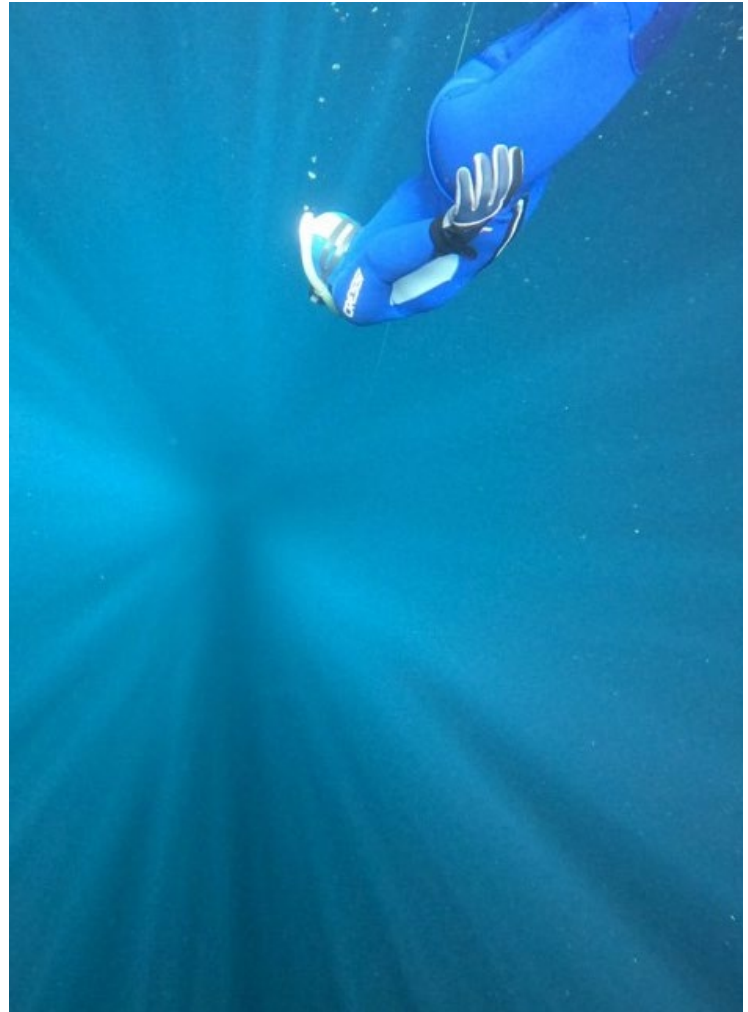
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Stage 2 Outdoor Ed Snorkelling Camp

In Weeks 5 and 6 of term 1, the Stage 2 Outdoor Education classes travelled to the south east of South Australia to participate in a four-day snorkelling camp. Throughout the camp the students had the opportunity to snorkel in the stunning fresh water sinkholes around the region including Ewens Ponds, Piccaninnie Ponds and Kilsbys Sinkhole. The unique limestone features crystal clear visibility and bright aquatic vegetation. The sinkholes are always special to see. Particular highlights included spotting a number of Short Finned Eels, some endangered Spiny Back Crayfish and swimming over the Chasm in Piccaninnie. As well as developing their snorkelling, camp craft and leadership skills the students had the opportunity to learn how different user groups impact the sustainability of the freshwater ponds they snorkelled in, the importance the surrounding wetlands have in sustaining the health of each pond and the resources they provided to the First Nations owners of the land, the Boandik tribe.

Sara Chapple





Stage 1 Outdoor Education - Surf Camp

After some COVID-related delays, Week 7 saw one of our two Year 11 Outdoor Education classes venture down to Middleton to complete a three-day surf camp. Each day the students enjoyed a surfing session at Middleton Beach, utilizing the fantastic weather and surf conditions offered, along with the instruction and feedback provided by the Victor Harbor Aquatics Centre Staff.

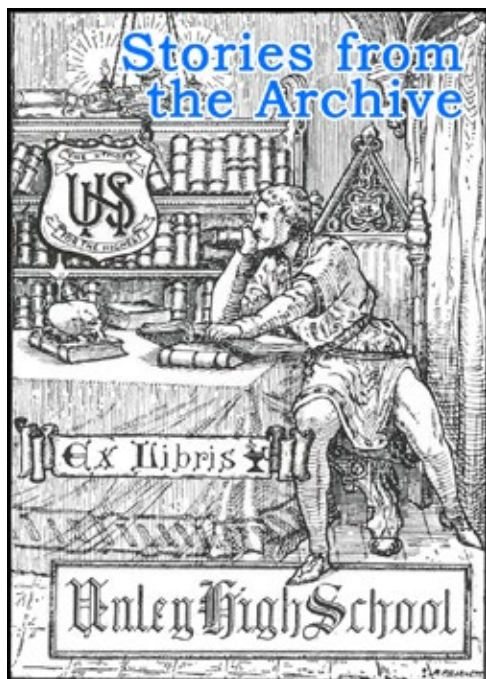
On the first day the students learnt about basic surfing techniques - wave selection and standing up on the board. Although there were many falls, collisions and bruised egos, the students showed fantastic progress with every student demonstrating that they could stand and ride a wave given the right circumstances.

Over the next two days the students continued to improve their skills, successfully surfing in the slightly less ideal conditions of Day 2. Day 3 brought the best conditions of the camp with bigger swell and better wave consistency giving all students the opportunity to further demonstrate their skills and finish on a high. Complementing the students' surfing was a Sand Dune and Indigenous Perspectives tutorial presented by Mark Koolmatrie. During this tutorial students were taken to Hindmarsh Barrage in Goolwa and were given an official Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. This was also complemented with a tour of the local sand dunes to learn about the human impacts, management strategies and Indigenous perspectives of the area.

Overall the class enjoyed their camp, with not even the afternoon rain of Day 2 dampening the students' experience with an impromptu touch football game helping raise spirits. The students now look forward to their upcoming rock climbing unit in Term 2.

Daniel Ralph
Outdoor Education
Teacher





John Halbert – champion, leader and gentleman

In the second of our series looking at the Old Scholars after whom the new school Houses are named, we will look at the life of John Halbert. Turning 85 later this year, Halbert is among a select band of Old Scholars who after leaving school, a few years later returned as a staff member. Both whilst teaching at the school and subsequently, he excelled in football, notching up accomplishments of both state and national significance. In John, talent and leadership were evident from a young age. In 1950 he was captain of Unley's under 13 A football team and according to reports from the day was one of the team's two most outstanding players. In 1951 he captained the under 14 A team. John was in Class 3A. (Being in the "A" stream meant he was bright!) Performances in this team earned him a place in the Firsts in 1952. In that year young his broader athletic prowess was on show. He was a member of Unley's First cricket team, and he placed in three school athletics events. Success followed John in 1953 and 1954 as he progressed through the school – not only academically but in athletics, cricket and particularly football. In 1954, his final school year, he was a Prefect.

The school magazine of September 1954 reported about the First 18's: "The

team owes much to the leadership given by John Halbert (captain) and Jim Rosevear (vice-captain). Their consistent high marking and accurate disposal has made them the outstanding players of the season."

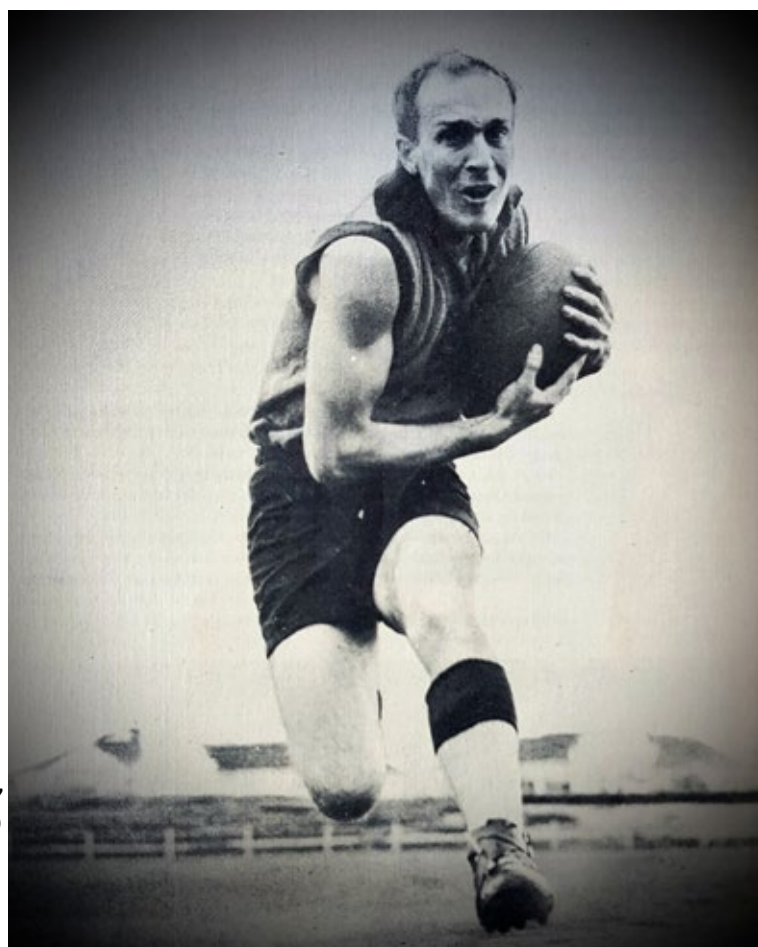
In 1955, his student days at Unley over, Halbert joined the Sturt Football Club in the SANFL. Immediately on this much bigger stage (before the AFL) he was a star. In his debut season he was runner-up in the Magarey Medal, the highest individual honour in SA football.

Twice more he was runner-up. The 1960 school Yearbook included this message from the Unley High School Old Scholars Association: "The UHSOSA would like to congratulate: John Halbert for his grand season of football, being runner-up in the Magarey Medal for the third time, and his inclusion in the State side." Finally in 1961 he won the Medal, also that year again representing South Australia and winning selection in the All Australian team.

By this time, having obtained a Diploma in Physical Education, Halbert was back at Unley as a staff member. Whilst he was proving an outstanding centreman for the Double Blues, wearing No. 15, he was also teaching and coaching our First 18 team with great success.

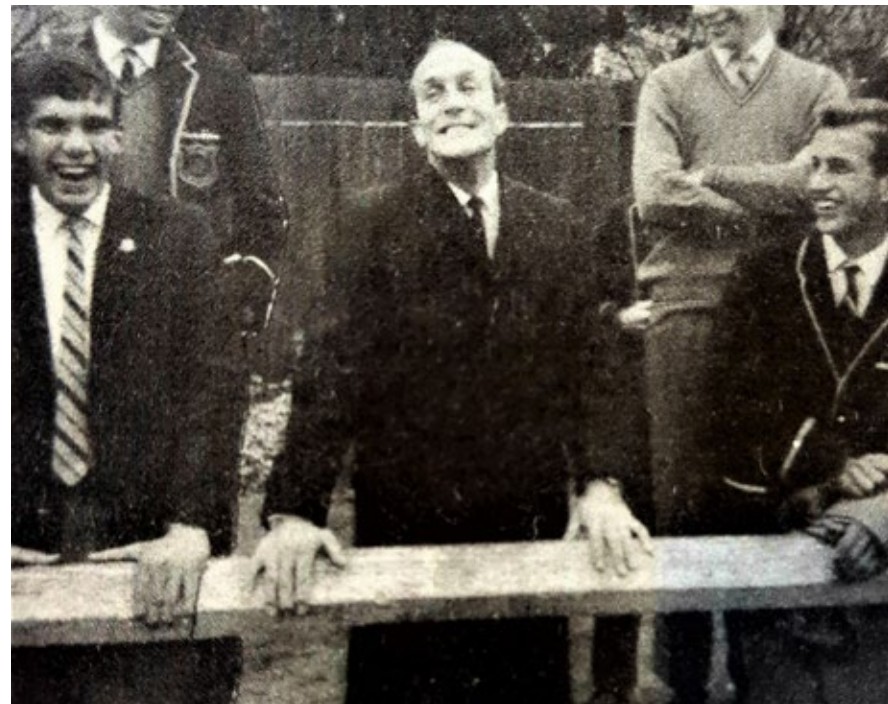
Again in 1962, 1963 and 1964, while starring for Sturt, he coached Unley teams. In 1964 the team included Malcolm Greenslade, who would also go on to star for Sturt and return to teach here.

Appointed Sturt captain in 1962, Halbert led the team's revival to a premiership four years later. He was a key architect in Sturt's golden era of five consecutive premierships between 1966 and 1970. Hampered by injuries, Halbert retired after the team's 1968 premiership with a club record 251 games. He had represented South Australia in interstate football on 17 occasions.

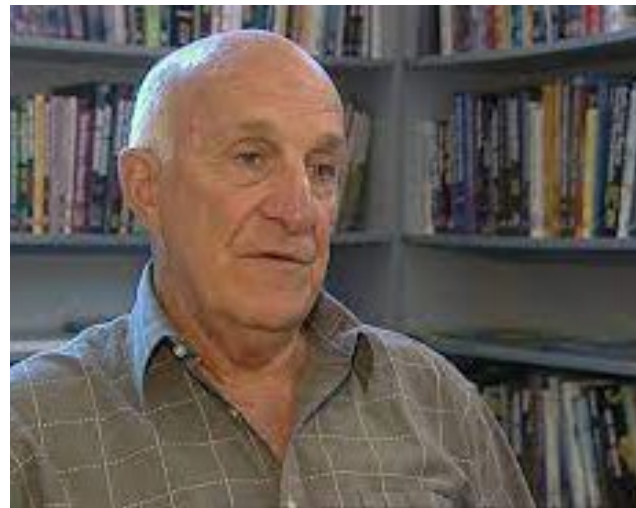


Halbert in full flight.

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Halbert among Unley boys as a staff member.



Halbert in more recent years.

Now a League coach, Halbert took charge of Glenelg in 1979. The team was a grand finalist in 1981 and 1982.

The following year he replaced retiring Sturt coach Jack Oatey. Again his team made the grand final without winning the flag. He remained at Sturt for one more year.

Through the late 1980's and 1990's, a highly respected figure, Halbert became a state selector as well as filling numerous other senior leadership and administrative positions in the football world.

His association with the Unley High School also did not end. For example, in the 1990's Principal Paul Kilvert asked him to report on the needs of sport in the school.

A champion, leader and gentleman, Halbert was inducted into the South Australian Football Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 2017. Almost inevitably, Sturt named John Halbert in their Team of the Century. He has been conferred as a Member of the British Empire (MBE) and a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

John Halbert – truly the utmost for the highest.

Stephen Murphy **Archivist and Old Scholar**



Sitting front and centre as captain of the Unley High School Under 13 A football team in 1950.



Sitting front and centre as captain of the Sturt Football Club's premiership winning League side of 1966.



The inaugural year of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) at Unley High School

2022 marks the inaugural year of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) at our school. The program aims to “develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. It encourages students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.”

The IBDP provides another pathway to students in the senior secondary years which is recognised all around the world. Apart from six subjects selected from six subject groups, students are required to study three core subjects: Theory of knowledge (TOK), Creativity, activity, service (CAS) and Extended essay (EE).

TOK is particularly significant for the development of students’ critical and creative thinking, challenging bias and stereotypes and understanding different perspectives. It is also the ‘glue’ that brings all subjects together through knowledge questions which transcend individual subjects.

CAS provides opportunities for self-determination, collaboration, accomplishment and enjoyment and enables students to enhance their personal and interpersonal development. Students are engaged in a variety of individual and group experiences that provide them with opportunities to explore their interests and express their passions, personalities and perspectives.

The very first CAS group experience for our first cohort of IB Diploma students has been to reflect on the benefits of studying the IBDP for students in general and for them personally, which they will use to introduce the IBDP to year 10 students.

In the words of AJ Wright: “The IBDP allows you to grow not only as a student, but as a whole person. It assists with university preparation, management of time and commitments and work ethic. IB doesn’t just assist with the development of students’ academic capabilities, but also encourages students to develop dispositions such as empathy, communication and respect. Every course in the IBDP is closely linked to the IB Learner Profile, with attributes such as ‘Inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective’. These attributes ... help you to grow personally and academically.”



The Diploma Programme model



A Message from the University of Melbourne

Are you thinking about attending the University of Melbourne? Then we want to meet you. The Uni Melb Colleges are holding open houses on May 21 from 12noon-4pm. Hear from current students, meet the academic and pastoral care staff, learn more about our scholarship programs and discover the best of residential college clubs, societies, events and leadership opportunities. Lunch/refreshments will be served at each College.

Tour up to four (4) Colleges. Tours will run on the hour and will last 30-45 minutes, allowing you some travel time before the next College tour commences. And if you want to see more than four Colleges just contact them directly to organise a tour.

Register <https://www.colleges.unimelb.edu.au/open-house/>



YEAR 12 IN 2022 ?

AEC APRIL REVISION COURSES:

www.aeg.sa.edu.au

Week 1: 19-21 or Week 2: 26 -28 Apr.

<https://www.aeg.sa.edu.au/>



Year 8 2022

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

Where and When

**Friday 8 April 2022
& Wednesday 27 April 2022**

3.30pm - 6.00pm

City of Mitcham - Civic Centre
131 Belair Road, Torrens Park



TALENT ID VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

If you are keen to build your volleyball knowledge and skills and receive expert technical coaching, sign up to our Talent Identification Camps. There are limited spots available!

LOCATIONS & DATES

- Lightsview - Thursday 21st
- Brighton - Wednesday 27th

COST

- \$50.00 per child

AGES

- 13 - 16 years old

TIMES

Girls

- 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Boys

- 12:00PM - 3:00PM



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NEWSLETTER 2

April 2022

Diary Dates

Term 1

12 April	Parent teacher Interviews	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
14 April	Materials & Services Charges - Payments now due	
14 April	Last Day Term 1	2:15 Dismissal
15 April	Good Friday Public Holiday	



Term 2

2 May	First Day Term 2	
10-20 May	NAPLAN testing	
24 May	Unley High School Governing Council	7:00pm
26 May	Year 12 Drama Production "Brilliant Lies"	6:00pm
31 May	Parent Voice meeting	6:30pm
7 June	Year 10 Immunisations	
10 June	Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development	
13 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	
14 June	Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development	
20-24 June	Year 11 Exams	
21 June	Unley High School Governing Council Meeting	7:00pm
24 June	Semester 1 ends	
27 June	Semester 2 begins	
8 July	Last Day Term 2	2:15 Dismissal

Principal's Tours available in Term 2.

Please visit the Unley High School website for all bookings.

<https://uhs.sa.edu.au/principals-tours/>



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As part of our ongoing commitment to the environment, all Newsletters are published on our school website. Hard copies are no longer issued to students unless specifically requested.

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