



From the Principal

Welcome to the March Newsletter for 2023.

It has been a good start to the 2023 school year and our first without Pandemic restrictions for almost three years. This means we have been able to return to regular programs, such as the Year 7 camps, Year 7 swimming carnival, assemblies and school sport.

With 1550 students at the school our assemblies are at full capacity in the George Cresswell Hall. Therefore, this will be the last year we can hold a full school assembly. From next year we will need to divide into Middle School and Senior School. However, it was good to start 2023 with the first assembly focussing on our School Values of Excellence, Respect, Diversity and Community. Then in the second assembly, welcoming the Head Prefects, Sports Captains and Arts Captains and swearing in of the new Student Voice Council members.

Overall students have been good adapting to the new mobile phone policy. For Term 1 and 2 students may bring phones to school but they are to be kept in locked lockers. They may still check phones at Recess and Lunchtimes but only at their locker. The aim of this process is to

transition students from our previous policy to the new Department for Education Policy of no phone access during the school day, which begins in Term 3.

There have been many changes this year with the new timetable, new canteen and new PSI (Personal and Social Identity). With all change comes a period of refining new processes and this has been taking place across the first term. We will continue to review and improve across the school Year.

Over the summer we completed an expansion of the school Library and we are about to begin a tender process for the refurbishment of the 400 building in the Middle School. Next month we also start building two new outdoor basketball courts and hand tennis which will expand our recess time and lunch time activities for students.

Thank you to all parents who attended our two acquaintance nights and took the time to meet PSI teachers. Next we welcome prospective new parents to our Open Night on Wednesday 29 March.



Summer Rowing Camp – Glenelg River



SACE Merit Ceremony 2023

On Wednesday 8 - 9 February the SACE Merit ceremony took place at Government House. It was a celebration of the high-achieving students from the Class of 2022.

We congratulate all of our year 12 graduates of 2022, 14 of whom earned 15 merits.

Year 12:

Alexandra Ploenges	English and Outdoor Ed
Ahmed	General Maths
Taylor Anderson	Research Project
Myahh Bryce	Research Project
Isaac Covington-Groth	Physics
Laila Dinan	Research Project
Sophia Eriksson	Psychology
Natarsha Gunter	General Maths
Grace Martyn	English
Yasmin Nairn	PE

Year 11:

Erin Amos	Research Project
Melson Shi	Sabiha Physics

DUX of the school

We are pleased to announce the DUX of the school for 2022 is **Isaac Covington-Groth** for his outstanding ATAR of 99.70 which also included a Merit award.

Isaac finished with A+ results in all 4 Stage 2 subjects and was also the recipient of a Governor of South Australia Commendation – Excellence Award.

Congratulations Isaac.





The Advertiser, Sunday Mail and Department for Education School Sports Awards 2022

On Wednesday 14 December, 2022, the Advertiser, Sunday Mail and Department for Education School Sports Awards night was held.

Winners and Runners-up were awarded for their contributions as individual and team sports persons and student officials in both primary and secondary categories.

Congratulations go to year 9 student, **Taylor Ho**, who was awarded a Runner-Up award in the Student Official category.

Taylor is a senior basketball referee for the Sturt Sabres. He has officiated at over 700 games at both school and district level along with mentoring other young referees in basketball.

While Taylor hasn't worked for Unley High School as an official, he has been fantastic in representing the school as a talented young Volleyball player.





Rowing News



The annual summer rowing camp is always something our rowers look forward to during the rowing season in the lead up to the Head of the River regatta. From hanging out with your squad and friends, the food and of course improving our rowing. As tiring as camp is, everyone comes home wishing they were still at camp instead of back at school.

Due to the flooding along the Murray we were forced to move our camp away from Walker Flat, finding Nelson VIC, on the Glenelg River our new location. The change of location was pleasant, with a change in scenery and the opportunity to row back into SA every time we hit the water, the Glenelg River was a fantastic place for us to spend a week.

A big thank you goes out to Christine who allowed us to store and launch our boats from her property, she even provided us with some snacks. Without her support our Camp would not have been able to go ahead and we are very grateful.

As usual our rowing camp would not be possible without the great help from all the parent volunteers, Mr Ralph and our coaches, we thank them for their awesome work making our camp run so smoothly.

Henry Powell, Maya Charters, Kate Hamilton
Captain of Boats





Rowing News

For our last regatta in February, the Unley High School Rowing Club competed in the Rowing SA 1st Grade State Championship Regatta.

Students from across Years 8 -12 represented Unley High School, with strong results across the weekend.

Overall Unley High School had 20 crews racing in A Finals, with 13 finishing in the podium places. This included:

- State Championship winners: U16 Women's Single, U17 Women's Single, Double, Coxed Quad and Eight, U19 Men's Quad (a composite crew with Murray Bridge and Adelaide University)
- Runner-up: U17 Men's Single, U17 Women's Double, Schoolgirl Coxed Quad
- 3rd Place: U19 Men's Single and Pair, U19 Women's Eight, U21 Lightweight Women's Single, U19 Women's Eight

Congratulations to all the rowers who represented Unley High School and to all those who supported their training including their peers, coaches, families and school staff.

The rowing club is now gearing up for the **Head of the River regatta at West Lakes, Saturday 18 March** and the **Australian Rowing Championships in WA, 27 March - 2 April**.





A unique experience with BTN

As the summer holidays drew to a close, the classrooms of Unley High School filled once more with the familiar yet nostalgic hustle and bustle of students. In recent years, our student body has been acquainted with ongoing change, with online learning and other COVID-19 challenges, classroom upgrades, an influx of the new Year 7 cohort, school culture change, and of course, the new three storey building. This year, perhaps a more subtle change was the introduction of a new, stricter phone policy – an initiative of the SA Government. Most students did not receive the new policy with much enthusiasm; scattered throughout were mixed reactions and valid arguments both for and against the policy.

This Wednesday February 1, news program Behind the News (BTN), offered four students (myself, Inuka Amaratunga, Amani Nunan and Leelu Isaacs) the opportunity to be interviewed about our opinions on the policy. It was a truly unique experience: rewarding for our own experiences and skills, and also beneficial for openness with the wider public community.

As BTN is directed at school children, a large majority of our students were familiar with the show, and were intrigued at the sight of our interviews. In particular, younger students were thrilled to see BTN's host and our interviewer, Amelia Mosely. An atmosphere of delight and anticipation could be felt from afar, as some Year 7 classes gathered to watch intently. Their excitement was not only visible on their delighted faces, but also through their unmistakably uplifting chatter.



Luckily for them, Amelia kindly invited the Year 7s to watch the final shots of the filming.

The students were so happy and remained quiet and well behaved. What a truly unique opportunity to be behind the scenes of Behind the News! I was so warmed to see such enthusiasm, and I hope it will be a memorable experience for them, as much as it was for myself and the other interviewees.

Melson Shi, Head Prefect 2023





Interschool Swimming

On Thursday March 2 the devoted Unley Marlins Swim Team took 29 students to the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre to compete in the SA School Sport D Grade Swimming Championships for 2023.



This year we had an ace up our sleeve with HPE teacher Adam Proud joining the 'pack' of Marlins. Mr Proud did a fantastic job ensuring the swimmers were equipped with high performance (sugary) snacks!

The students had a fantastic day out with both the boys and girls having plenty of success.

Leading the way for our girls were year 10 students, Scarlett Shanks & Georgie Twelftree and year 11 student, Mabel Farrell. For the boys, there were also some excellent performances from our 5-year veteran and most senior Marlin, year 12 student, Daniel Steel.

The efforts from all the students were rewarded at the end of the day with our girls ending the day narrowly in 6th place while the boys also finished in place. This saw the Marlins finish the day in 5th place overall, a great achievement considering the competitive schools we swam against.

A big congratulations to all students involved for the way they proudly represented the school and cheered for each other in a way that demonstrated our school values brilliantly.

Tom Keough
Head Marlin





IB Diploma Programme Update

It might only be in its second year running, but the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at Unley High School has gone from strength to strength.

Our student enrolments have doubled in 2023. Our IB teaching team has also grown. And our inaugural IBDP cohort will be completing their examinations this year, signaling the culmination of their knowledge and skills and the end of their high school studies.

But not the end of their journey as lifelong learners, as the IB Diploma Programme aims to ‘develop students who have excellent breadth and depth of knowledge—students who flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically.’ (International Baccalaureate Organisation, 2023)

The IB’s mission statement is as follows:

“The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organisation works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.” (International Baccalaureate Organisation, 2023).

The IB Diploma Programme offers students the opportunity to develop their international mindedness. The broad, conceptual and connected curriculum provides contexts for learning whereby students think critically and creatively, transfer skills and knowledge across disciplines, and reflect on themselves as learners and global citizens; all of which have been stressed as key, 21st century skills in the The Future of Education and Skills: Education 2023 (OECD, 2018).

IBDP students are also known to not only perform well in high school but also go on to perform well in university studies (International Baccalaureate Organisation, 2023) so it is no wonder that our students have chosen to complete the IB to help them prepare for their future studies in medicine, psychology, and engineering. The IBDP is also recognised by the Group of 8 universities, one of which is the University of Adelaide, and IB graduates can apply for credit or exemption from some courses based on their academic achievement (University of Adelaide, 2022).

If you would like to know more about the IB Diploma Programme and how it might help you prepare for tertiary education or studying overseas, do get in touch with myself or Ms Karmen Petric and we would be happy to assist.

Katherine Stewart
IB Diploma Programme Coordinator



10 Reasons



why the IB Diploma Programme (DP) is ideal preparation for university

1



It increases academic opportunity

Research* shows that DP graduates are much more likely to be enrolled at top higher education institutions than entrants holding other qualifications.

2



IB students care about more than just results

Through creativity, action, service (CAS) you learn outside the classroom and develop emotionally and ethically as well as intellectually.

3



It encourages you to become a confident and independent learner

For example, the extended essay requires independent research through an in-depth study.

6



The IB encourages critical thinking

Learn how to analyse and evaluate issues, generate ideas and consider new perspectives.

5



Graduates are globally minded

Language classes encourage an international mindset, key for increasingly globalized societies.

4



It's an international qualification

The DP is recognized globally by universities and employers.

7



DP students have proven time management skills

Take good study habits and strong time management to further education and the working world.

9



Subjects are not taught in isolation

Theory of knowledge (TOK) classes encourage you to make connections between subjects.

10



It encourages breadth and depth of learning

You are able to choose courses from six subject groups and study subjects at different levels.

8



It assesses more than examination techniques

Learn to understand, not just memorize facts or topics and prepare for exams.



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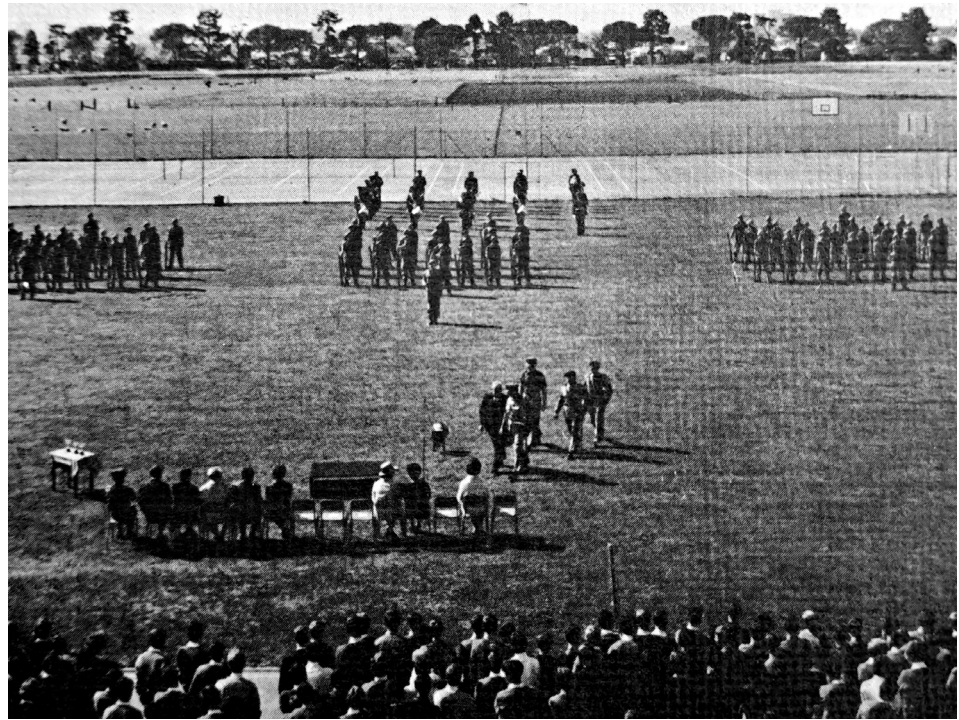
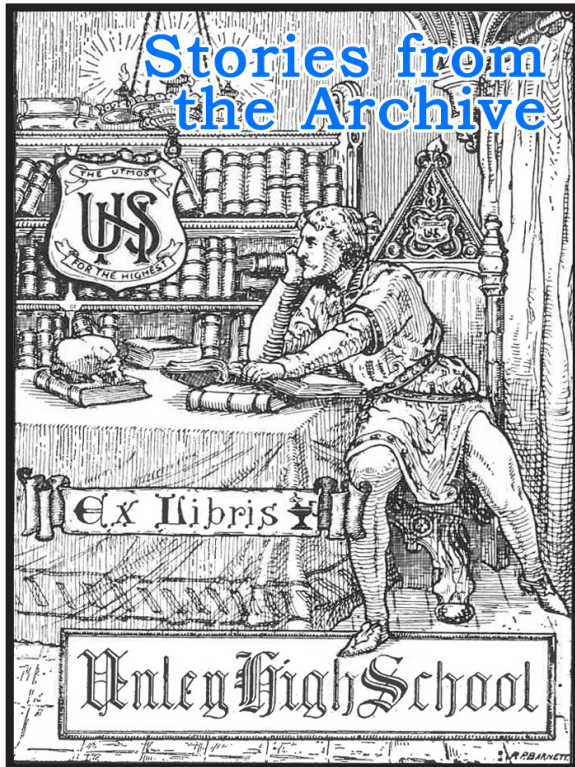
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Stories from the Archive



To begin 2023 in Stories from the Archive, we're going to demonstrate the old saying, "a picture is worth a thousand words". In this case it will be two pictures and two thousand words!

We are going to begin the year with a series of "then and now" photos, taken in different locations around Unley High School.

We'll seek out a grainy old photo then take a new photo from the exact same spot, showing the changes that have happened.

To begin with, the photo above is a school Army Cadets ceremonial parade in 1967. This photo appears in the school's 1967 Yearbook. I'm almost certain it was taken from the second level of the first wing of the main buildings, looking north.

The area was then an open expanse of grass with a row of sport (mainly tennis) courts extending east-west on the northern edge of the school.

Below is that view today – 56 years later. As can be seen, the open grassed area has been landscaped and buildings erected on it. The space where the courts were in 1967 is now mostly a car park, and from this vantage point not even visible today.

This all does make sense. This site was only a handful of years old in 1967. It was inevitable that some of the available space was going to be developed for different purposes.

Stephen Murphy
Archivist





Welcome to 2023 Student Voice Council (SVC)

The tradition of strong student engagement with the Student Voice Council is evident again this year with 81 students representing the voice of their peers on the Council.

The first event for the year, organised and led by the Prefect Team, was an SVC Induction day held on Friday 10 February in the George Cresswell Hall. The day provided a great opportunity for students to explore the concept of leadership, what it means to be a leader and the life-long skills developed through the leadership roles.

Keynote addresses delivered by past Head Prefects: Chris Bui (2021), Isaac Covington-Groth and Scout Sylva-Richardson (2022), set the scene for the day and further ignited students' passion and enthusiasm. We were delighted to have them with us to share their views and experiences.

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 teamness and belonging.

The 2023 SVC members and the Prefect Team were officially introduced to the school community at a whole-school assembly held on Wednesday 22 February, which was only the second assembly of its kind since 2020, due to Covid-19 restrictions. The main purpose of the assembly was to introduce all student leaders (SVC, Sports, and Arts) to their peers and to welcome the new international students who joined Unley High School at the start of the year.



Chris Bui





During the assembly, SVC members took the Oath of office, as guided by the school's Principal, Mr Greg Rolton.

Student Voice Council is led by the Prefect Team, year 12 students elected by their peers and staff.

Members of the 2023 Prefect Team include:

- Head Prefects: Inuka Amaratunga and Melson Shi
- Deputy Head Prefects: Ellie Saies and Tessa John
- Secretary: Emma Azhar
- Treasurer: Saswata (Sunny) Giri
- Prefects: Hong Hahn (Jenny) Mai and Riya Sajith

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

Ms Karmen Petric
Assistant Principal



COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS FOOTBALL CLUB

2023 JUNIOR SEASON

BOYS TEAMS

UNDER 12 - 17.5

GIRLS TEAMS

UNDER 9 & 11

MIXED TEAMS

BOYS AND GIRLS

UNDER 7 - 11

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Diary Dates

Term 1 2023

13 Mar	Adelaide Cup Day public holiday	
14 Mar	Parent Voice meeting	6:00pm
18 Mar	Head of the River Rowing Regatta	
21 Mar	Governing Council meeting	7:00pm
29 Mar	Twilight Open Night	5:00-7:00pm
7 April	Good Friday public holiday	
10 April	Easter Monday public holiday	
11 April	Parent teacher Interviews - students not required at school	
14 April	Last Day Term 1 - early dismissal	2:30pm

Term 2 2023

1 May	Term 2 Commences	9:00am
11 May	Year 10 Immunisations	
23 May	Governing Council meeting	7:00pm
9 June	Student Free Day - staff professional development	
9 June	Year 12 Formal	
12 June	King's Birthday public holiday	
13 June	Student Free Day - staff professional development	
20 June	Governing Council meeting	7:00pm
21-23 June	Year 11 Exams	
26 June	Semester 2 commences	
7 July	Last Day Term 2 - early dismissal	2:30pm

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