



From the Principal



Welcome to the mid-term newsletter. After a very warm and unusually dry Autumn we are now heading into the colder months. As usual, I ask a favour of all our parents to support students to be warm but in school uniform.

Term 2 began with the opening of our refurbished canteen and the addition of new entry doors and central servery has doubled the flow of students has greatly improved services. It was also amusing to see senior students sneak into the middle school side just to see what it looked like compared to the senior school side.

On Saturday 15 June both the federal and state ministers will attend the opening of the new Hockey/Multisport pitch. This opening represents phase 1 of the development for Forestville Hockey Club. Phase 2 will be the building of new change rooms which they hope to complete in approximately 12 months followed by phase 3 which is the clubroom, which will be further in the future.

A change coming for term 3 will be SMS messaging to parents notifying them of student absences. If a student is marked

unexplained by 11:00am parents will be notified. Please see the detailed notice in this newsletter.

We have also noticed an increase in sickness, particularly COVID cases, this term. If your child is unfortunate enough to contract COVID, please notify the school as we are required to report all cases to the Department.

Enjoy the newsletter with articles ranging from camps to Pedal Prix, drama performance and the new Chicken Club.

Greg Rolton
Principal



Outdoor Education camp



ANZAC Day

On Thursday the 25th of April, ANZAC Day, the Head Prefects, Deputy Head Prefect and Treasurer of Student Voice Council attended the Mitcham and Unley dawn services to commemorate the ANZAC soldiers.

Amani and Leelu laid a wreath at the Unley RSL, with Amani also reading a prayer.

Punsisi and Akshita laid a wreath at the Mitcham RSL.

All 4 prefects were grateful for the opportunity and very proud to represent Unley High School at the local dawn services and pay their respects to the soldiers who fought for our country.



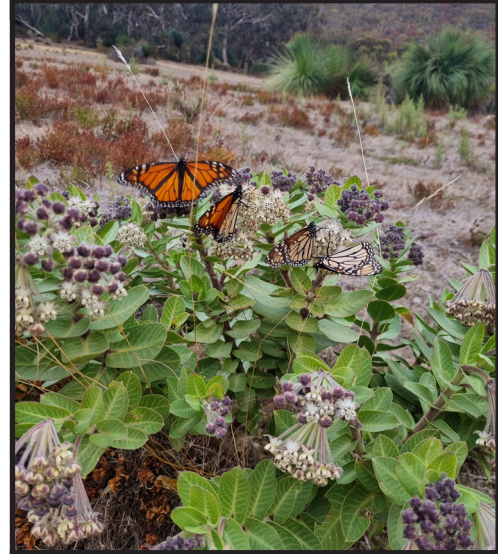
ANZAC DAY
Lest We Forget





Outdoor Education Bushwalking

The yr10 Outdoor Education class spent 3 days bushwalking through the beautiful Deep Creek area, where we were super lucky to experience perfect bushwalking and camping weather. Students demonstrated many fantastic qualities including leadership, resilience, communication and empathy, to work together as a group and carry everything they needed for their 3-day journey. Students saw plenty of Western Grey kangaroos, Monarch butterflies, birdlife and a few foxes, as well as experiencing many stunning views.





Beach Volleyball

Congratulations to our Yr 9/10 girls who took out a beach volleyball day carnival event in Term 1. The girls won some really close games throughout the day and were very deserving winners. We had fantastic weather and will be looking to take some more students to the carnival in 2025.





Year 10/12 Drama Excursion - Symphonie of the Bicycle

On Wednesday 22 May, the year 10/12 drama class went on an excursion to the Adelaide Festival Centre to see a State Theatre Company production. This production was called 'Symphonie of the Bicycle' and was written and performed by Hew Parham.

The drama class was inspired by the performance, and after a busy rehearsal week for their own play, was able to draw inspiration from Hew for their final performance the next day.

The year 10/12 drama class will now use their analysis of this production for future assignments. Each student walked away feeling inspired and excited after viewing the incredible one-man show.

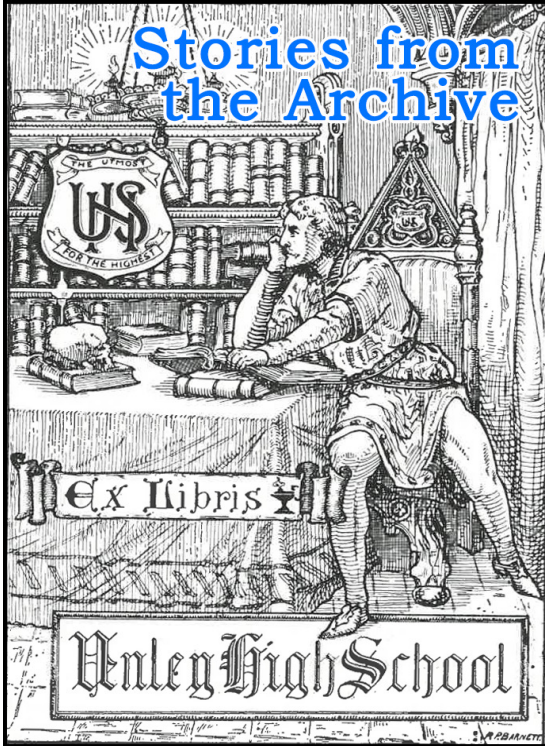
Written by Amani





Stories from the Archive

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A headmaster who had a unique way with words

The Unley High School Archive holds one very special and unique publication. It's titled, "The Benedictions of Benjamin Gates".

Ben Gates, of course, was our first Headmaster (until 1940), and it appears his way with words was one to be remembered.

The book was published in 1977 and co-written by acclaimed South Australian author (and teacher) Colin Thiele, and former Unley staff member Arthur Burfield.

In the Foreword, Thiele writes that Gates "was a South Australian headmaster who became a legend in his own time, not because of his scholarship, humanity or educational insight, but because of his foibles, fury and autocratic single-mindedness – and, above all, because of the

unique way in which he handled the English language."

Thiele continues: "Malapropisms, mixed metaphors and maulings of meaning in his daily speech were a source of delight to his harassed and hard-pressed staff."

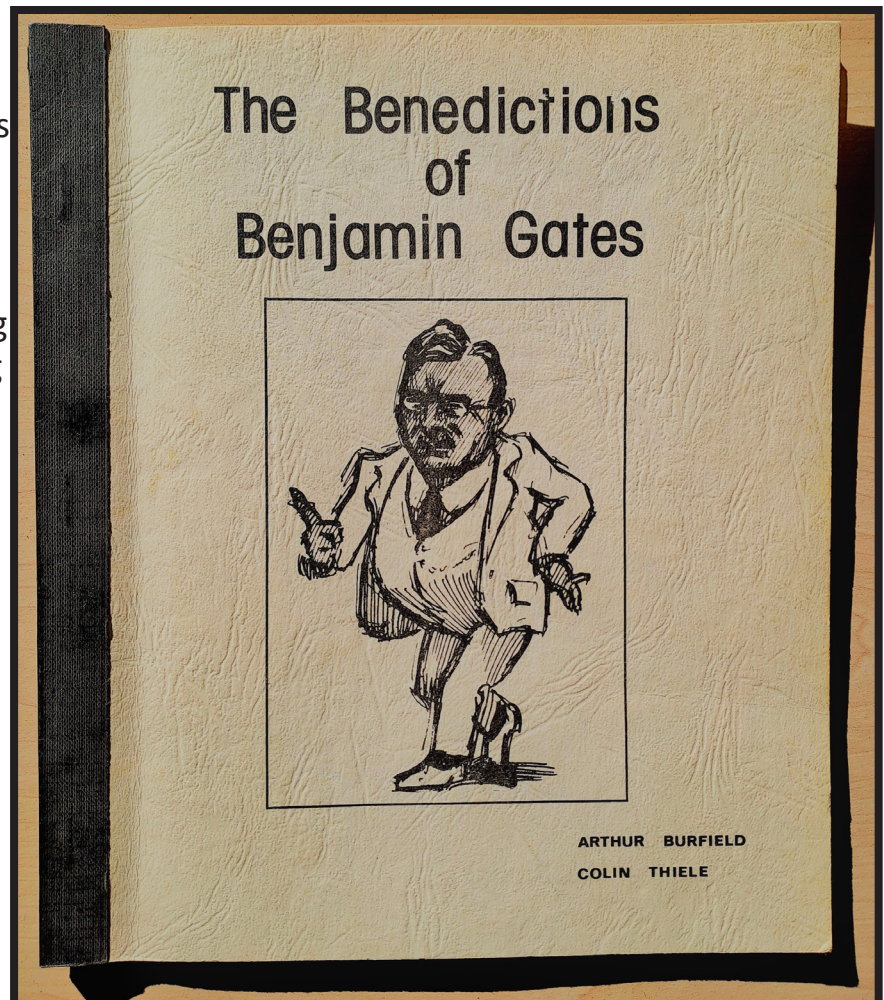
The short but well-illustrated book includes chapters titled 'Anecdotes and Stories', 'Ben on Character Types', 'Ben as a Sportsman', and 'Ben in the World of Science'.

Thiele pays tribute to Burfield for supplying many of the recollections and for inventing the term "Bennie dictions", which Thiele says came into general usage.

"All staff members at Unley High School were required to record their leader's advice in a personal diary during staff meetings. At one such session in the early 1930's Burfield ended his entries with 'And the meeting closed with the Benediction'."

Stephen Murphy

Archivist

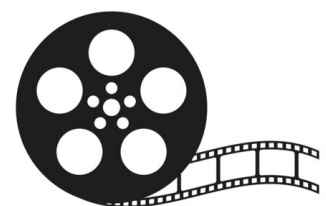




10/ 12 Drama Performance - Talking to Brick Walls

The senior drama students captivated audiences with their performance of "Talking to Brick Walls," a play by Claire Christian. This compelling piece was staged over two evenings, Tuesday, May 21 and Thursday, May 23 —delving into the intricate dynamics of adolescent and parent relationships. As a hybrid verbatim theatre production, it authentically voiced the real conversations and emotions shared by both generations. This was the conversation they wanted to have, breaking down barriers and fostering understanding. It was the story they wanted to tell, portraying the raw, honest experiences of growing up and parenting. The students poured their hearts into this show, reflecting their desire to bridge the communication gap that often exists in families. Those who attended witnessed powerful storytelling and genuine connection brought to life on stage by these talented young actors.

Kimberly Mullan
Arts Coordinator





Outdoor Education - Rock Climbing

The Stage 1 Outdoor Education class ventured to Morialta for their day of rock climbing, after several practise lessons at school and at the Urrbrae indoor wall. After a chilly start to the day, students experienced perfect weather and beautiful views.

We were grateful to be joined by Dr Rob Brooks, long-time volunteer of the Friends of Black Hill and Morialta conservation group, who volunteered his time across the two days to work with and educate students on the conservation work being undertaken around the climbing areas. Students learnt about the effects of invasive weeds and other human impacts in the area, as well as management strategies undertaken in the Park. Students displayed fantastic attitudes in contributing to identifying and removing various weeds, including Olives, Blackberries, Roses, Montpellier Broom, English Broom and St John's Wort.





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Students then spent the afternoon learning about the cliff environment and developing their climbing and belaying skills. Students had a great time climbing and abseiling, while experiencing the beautiful views Morialta has to offer. We were also thrilled to spot a cute koala perched high in one of the trees!





yLead Altitude Day

On Tuesday, May 21, student leaders and aspiring leaders from the Unley High School Year 9 cohort had the opportunity to attend the yLead Altitude Day. A group of twenty students went to the Adelaide Town Hall along with several other high schools in the Adelaide region to further their leadership skills, connect with the broader Adelaide community, and listen to three local guest speakers talk about their experiences with risk-taking, resilience and responsibility. As our cohort continues to grow and mature, it is important to be exposed to many opportunities which will enable us to step up into positions of higher responsibility and leadership. Some highlights from the day included an event wide dance to the song "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" where students could join the staff on stage to dance.



There were various activities that allowed the students to establish new connections and gain confidence in conversational skills and networking. These activities led to many students leaving the day with new friends and valuable experiences.

We also met the mascot of the Kids Arthritis Organisation, Arthur the Arthritis Bear, who had come to visit along with guest speaker Sarah Freeman.

Altitude Day was a fun, educational and valuable experience for the students involved. It was great to see such a number of our cohort actively participating in both activities and discussions with the guest speakers. These lucky students left the event with new friends, skills, and confidence in themselves for the future.

Lawrence (yr 9)





Trans Day of Visibility

On April 2, Unley High School students gathered around under the Wellbeing Center to celebrate Trans day of Visibility. Trans day of Visibility is a day celebrated on March 31. As this day occurred on a weekend, the day was celebrated on April 2.

This day is celebrated to commemorate the identity of Transgender people to make them feel welcome within our school. For many gender diverse people, a lack of representation, role models and community can feel isolating and it makes it hard to feel like themselves.

Students of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) organised icing sugar cookies using colours from the transgender flag. Students and staff who wanted to get involved enjoyed the mess and ate home-made cookies.

Transgender Day of Visibility helps invite gender diverse people to be themselves and, through the GSA, Unley High School is trying to encourage and welcome them into the school community.

Written by year 10 students from the GSA





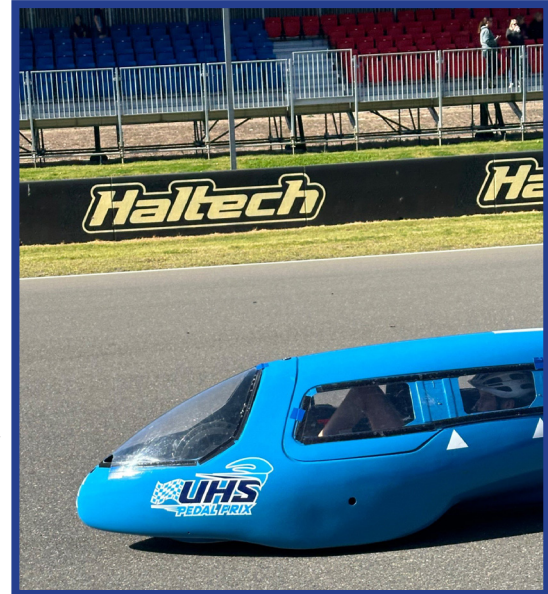
Pedal Prix Update

In a world teeming with countless sports, there are few which demand not only supreme cardiovascular prowess but also an unwavering determination to conquer. From April to September, the stage is set for an epic saga of speed and endurance, where over 200 teams from across Australia vie for glory within their sleek "trikes." These highly specialized velomobiles have three wheels and utilize the same mechanism as a normal bike, but inside a bullet shaped carbon fiber shell.

After a long hiatus, Unley High School reinvigorated its pedal prix team in 2019. At this time there were a small number of committed riders, but the team lacked experience. Then in 2022, Mach 1 took off after acquiring a new coach, mechanic and talented riders, clinching second overall in their category after 5 races. When 2023 arrived, to Mach 1, the name was already synonymous with victory and podium finishes, yet the brutal nature of pedal prix deemed them unworthy of the outright victory and the team had to settle for second place once again.

Enter the 2024 series of AHPVSS. The first race was held in MacNamara Park in Mt. Gambier, where it took a long drive there and back, as well as 8 hours of nonstop, frantic racing for the team to seize a hard-earned bronze medal. Recently in Tailem Bend, the team's mettle was put to the test again and they claimed a silver medal with authority. Despite Mach 1's best efforts, the shadow of the indomitable leaders remains between them and the allusive gold medal.

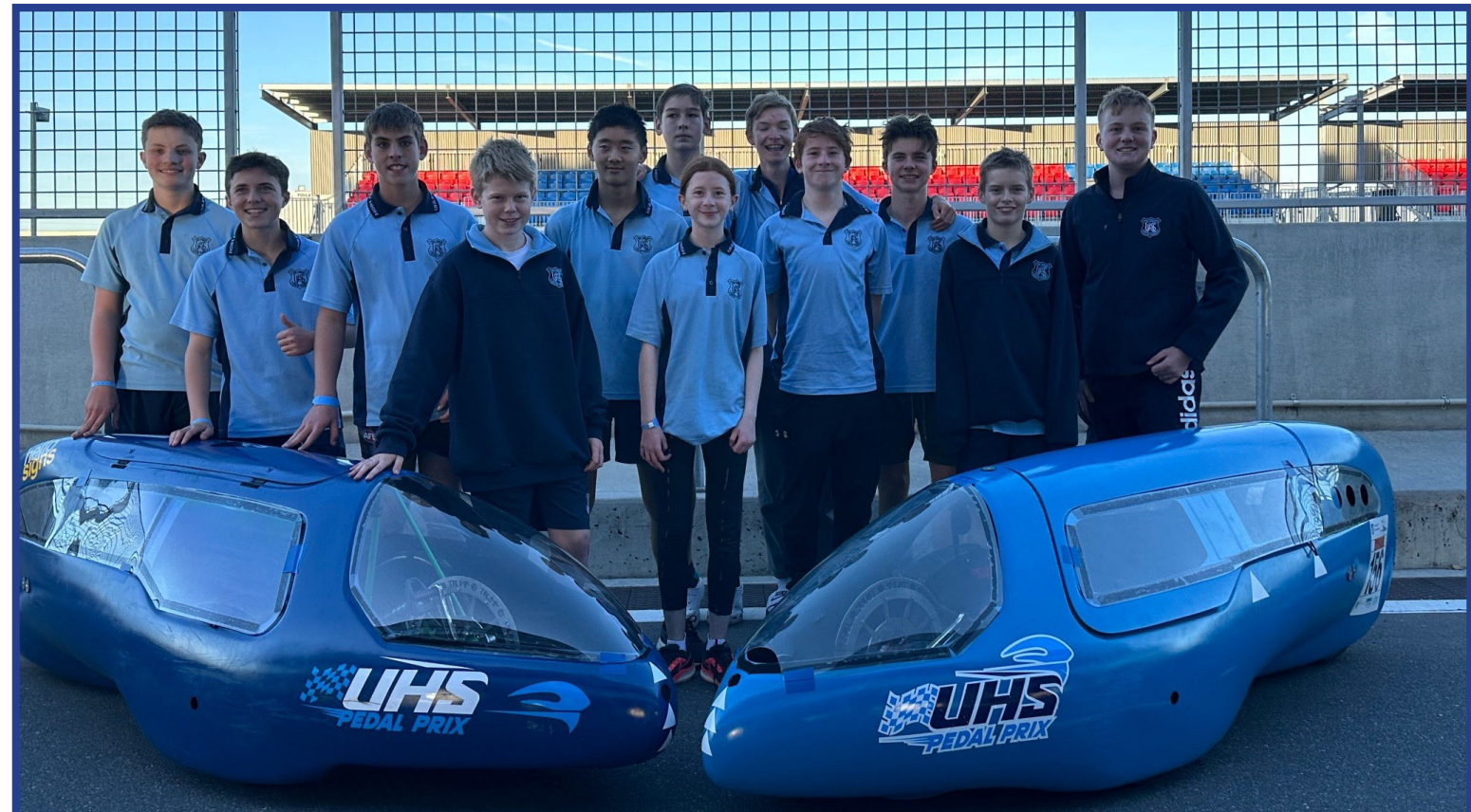
This year with the fire of ambition burning brighter than ever, Mach 1 and 2 are hoping to build on their success in the previous two years and contest the first place ranking in the remaining races - completing such a feat would be a momentous chapter written in Unley High School history.



Taylor

Year 10 Student & Pedal Prix team member

Dare to join us in this odyssey of triumph and resilience? Please contact: erin@canto.com.au





IDAHOBIT Day

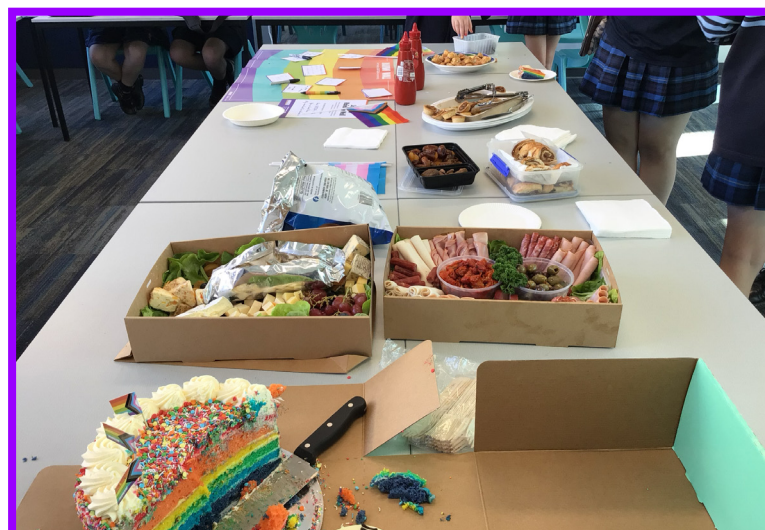
On May 17, the Unley High School's student-led club, Gender and Sexualities Alliance (GSA), organised a school-wide event to celebrate one of our well known LGBTQIA+ events of the year - IDAHOBIT.

IDAHOBIT is an acronym that stands for The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. This day is celebrated to raise awareness of Queer rights violations and stimulate interest in LGBTQIA+ rights work worldwide.

The GSA in collaboration with SVC organised a lunch event for staff and students. They had organised platters and cake. There was also a rainbow wall where students and staff could pledge how they will support the LGBTQIA+ school community and show their support for inclusivity.

The GSA encouraged Unley teachers and students to wear rainbow accessories to celebrate IDAHOBIT and encourage awareness of the LGBTQIA+ community.

IDAHOBIT day is a day to be celebrated, and celebrating the event helps build a world free from discrimination.





Chicken Club

We have started a chicken club here at Unley High School as part of the Royal Adelaide Show's egg-laying competition.

We received 6 pullets that our club is looking after in order to enter into this year's show. Our pullets will be judged along with the quality of their eggs. Students will also submit a poster documenting their efforts and knowledge of caring for poultry and also investigating the links with the poultry industry.

With well over 17 members and growing each day, students have relished the opportunity to look after the hens and handle them safely. Chicken club members meet every Thursday at lunch time, but have rostered duties throughout the week to ensure that the hens have everything they need.

A big thanks to Mr Toby Watts, Mr Greg Waldek and the Tech crew for building our magnificent coop. Mr Wallace for designing our club logo and to all the staff who are helping provide the chickens with scraps and treats to eat.

This club has really taken off with developing a real sense of community, one of our core values.
More updates to come.

Fiona Pettinau & Lisa Stephenson
and the chooks: Apricot, Charlesworth,
Queenie, Biscoff, Rusty & Chicki Minage



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Chicken Club





Absence Text Messaging

Beginning in Term 3 Unley High School will introduce absence text messaging on a daily basis for parents/carers through our Daymap system.

At 11:00am each day a text message will be sent to the parent/carer of all students who have been recorded as an UNEXPLAINED absence on that day.

This text message will come from the following number **0447 100 153**

Parents/carers can respond directly to this number (via text)
or email dl.0797.studentservices@schools.sa.edu.au
or call the school on 8394 5400 to report their child's absence.

COVID Reporting

A REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS THAT IF A STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 THEY MUST NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY.

We, as a school are still required to report all positives cases to the Department for Education.

Please note, a person is considered infectious 2 days before they had their positive COVID-19 test taken or began to experience symptoms.

PLEASE KEEP STUDENTS HOME WHILST SYMPTOMATIC.



Overdue Accounts

The statements due to be sent during the term 1 holidays were delayed due to technical issues with the bank. This has now been rectified and the statements have now been posted.

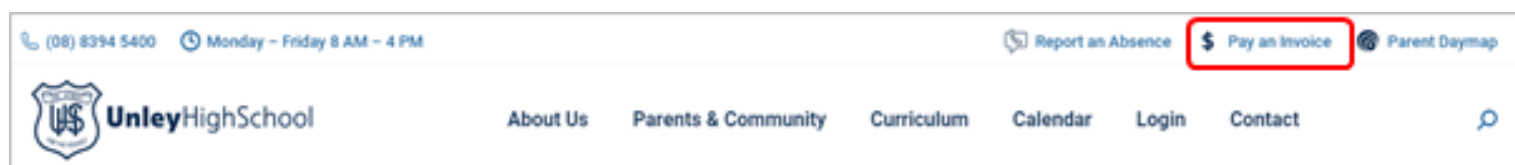
Thank you to those who have paid their accounts in full, applied for the 2024 School Card grant, or are maintaining a Direct Debit Payment Plan.

The 2024 Materials and Services Charge is now overdue.

If you have not yet established a Direct Debit Payment Plan or applied for the 2024 School Card Grant please pay the balance of your Statement Total to prevent your account being progressed for the collection of outstanding accounts. If you have made payments after 23/5/2024 you are welcome to contact Finance on 8394 5400 (Option 4) to verify your adjusted balance before processing, to prevent an overpayment.

Please make payment of the outstanding Statement Total amount as a matter of urgency.

Bpoint Payments can be processed by visiting <https://uhs.sa.edu.au/> then click on the **\$ Pay an Invoice** button and follow the prompts.



For information about other payment methods including:

- Instructions for the Qkr app
- request for a Direct Debit Payment Plan
- 2024 School card applications

please go to the school website <https://uhs.sa.edu.au/>

Click on **Parents & Community**



Select **Finance** from the drop-down menu.

Select the link to your preferred option on the landing page.

If your **Statement Total** is in CREDIT you were invited to email dl.0797.finance@schools.sa.edu.au with your request for refund along with your Account Name, BSB and Account Number.

Please be aware Term 2 and Semester 2 charges will be invoiced soon. If you have any questions regarding your account please email dl.0797.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

School Stream/EdSmart

We have had some parents enquire as to why School Stream is not working.

Please note, as per the April Principal's update, which was emailed to all parents, the school will now be communicating via EdSmart as the contract with School Stream is now complete.

The reason for the change is EdSmart is protected by the Department for Education fire walls to better guard the personal details of the school community.



June Trading hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 - 5:00

Saturday 9:00 - 12:00

Enquiries - please call 0431 776 713



Diary Dates

Term 2 2024

4 June	Parent Voice meeting	6:00pm
5 June	Big Day In	
7 June	Year 12 Formal	
7 June	Student Free Day for Staff Professional Development	
7 June	Year 12 Formal	
10 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday	
13 June	Year 10 Immunisations	
18 June	Governing Council meeting	7:00pm
19 - 21 June	Year 11 Exams	
20 June	World Refugee Day	
24 June	Semester 2 Commences	
5 July	Last Day Term 2 (early dismissal)	2:30pm



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