

Calendar Dates

Term 1

1st March
Sports Day
22nd March
Governing Council
15th March
Pupil Free Day
30th March
Yr 8 Immunisation
15th April
Last day of Term
(Early Dismissal)

Public Holidays

14th March
Adelaide Cup Day
25th March
Good Friday
28th March
Easter Monday

Term 2

2nd May
First day of term
10th June
Pupil Free day
8th July
Last day of term



From the Principal.....

Welcome. I feel very privileged and excited to be appointed Principal of our Underdale High School for 2016 and am looking forward to building on the great work we do with our students. I would also like to acknowledge the positive impact Mr Nigel Gill has had over the last decade at our school, and wish him well in his new challenge as Principal of the Heights P-12 School.

Most of you would have been contacted by your child's Home Group teacher before school started, which has laid the foundations for closer relationships and communication

between school and home. It has been a very positive and energetic start to the school year from teachers, support staff and students alike. Continuing students have settled in well to the new year, and the Year 8's have impressed all teachers with their enthusiasm and application in their new environment. We have already had some very positive feedback from community members about how well presented our cohort looks (particularly the Year 12's with their white shirts and school ties), and the reports of positive student behaviour on buses, treating the public with respect and courtesy. Please be encouraged to share these positive experiences with us and the rest of the community, as well as letting us know how we can further improve the community perception of Underdale High School.

2015 Student Results

Our **STAGE 2 results** in recent times have been at a standard highly competitive with those of any school in the state. 2015 is no exception, in fact in some aspects the best ever! Congratulations to all Year 12's and their teachers, but it must be acknowledged that Year 12 is the culmination of many years of nurturing. Credit must be shared by every teacher our students have had, the peers that have supported each other, and in no small measure, the support and encouragement that has come from home. As a team, we should be proud of what our students achieve, whilst always seeking to support them in more effective ways.

Individually, special congratulations to the following students:

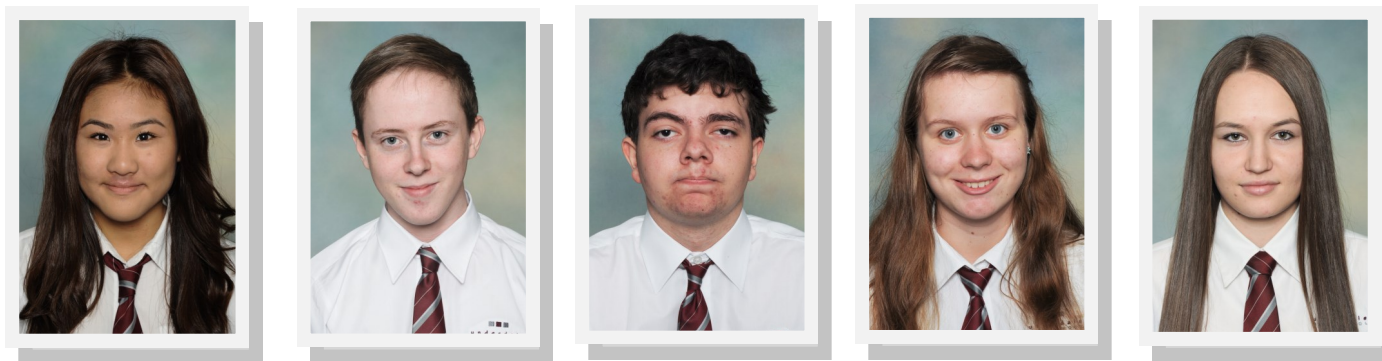
Tayla Bradley – School Dux ATAR 94.30

Glen He – Merit Award for Mathematical Studies with ATAR of 93.65

Isabella Martin – Merit Award for Research Project



2015 Student Results continued....



Students exceeding 90 in their ATAR:

Janice Ly ATAR 94.20
Liam Magrath ATAR 93.35
Reeves Carbone ATAR 93.10
Marceline Overduin ATAR 91.00
Tatiana Orsulic ATAR 90.35

- Our SACE completion rate for 2015 was 94%, an increase of 12% in two years, and the highest level it has ever reached.
- 95% of all of our Stage 2 Grades were passing grades, an increase of 15% in 4 years, and equalling the 2014 figures.
- 98% of our Year 12's successfully completed the Research Project.
- For the first time ever, the percentage of students gaining A and B Grades far outweighed those gaining C Grades
- 30% of our students gained at least 1 A Grade
- 7 students gained an ATAR exceeding 90.
- The number of students who completed the SACE as a direct result of their involvement in VET courses was 24%, 7% higher than the state average.
- We exceeded the state average for the number of School Based Apprenticeships brokered through our school.

Our **STAGE 1 results** showed a record percentage of passing grades, including up to 96% of passing grades in the compulsory subjects. Our **Year 9 NAPLAN results** in relation to DECD's "Standard of Educational Achievement" showed a higher percentage of expected achievement compared to similar cohorts for "Literacy – Reading" and similar results in "Numeracy"; our students' best results since 2010.

A survey of our Year 8, 9 and 10 student cohort indicated that 97% felt pleased with themselves when they did well with school work, 88% believed that school was relevant to them now and was helping them to become the person they wanted to be. T

The most positive student responses to the statements were:

- Teachers expect me to do well.
- I know when to listen and when to work independently.
- If I don't understand the learning task, I have an opportunity to ask for help.

I feel proud of everyone from the whole school community who contributed to these first class student outcomes, and with you, look forward to the challenge of bettering them in 2016!

Car Parking and Speed Limit

Please be reminded to observe the speed limit around the school, particularly at the beginning and end of the day. Also note the parking signs. Garden Terrace becomes very congested with traffic so please don't park adjacent to the school in the no parking zones.

In addition, between the 28th January and the 28th February, Compliance Officers from the West Torrens Council will be attending the school zones to educate parents and students about parking restrictions. After the 28th February the Council will move from education to patrolling and issuing expiation notices.

Governing Council AGM and Acquaintance Night

This event occurred on Tuesday 16th in our Resource Centre. The evening was well attended by representatives from all sections of the school community. There was a great deal of enthusiasm and optimism about the quality of student outcomes we obtain, and a resolve to improve them even further. The main message was for Staff, Students and Parents to collaborate even more to make Underdale High School the school of choice it should be. As well as the continuing members, there were four new parents that were eager to join our team representing you, the parents of Underdale High School. Strengthening the input and influence of Student Voice was also a topic of discussion. I have listed the continuing and new Governing Council members and their email addresses below. Remember, they are your voice, so please use them to bring your ideas to the table.

Following the AGM was the acquaintance night, run by the Year Level Managers and Home Group teachers. The discussions that were happening in small groups and one-on-one for over an hour was encouraging to see. Parents were impressed with the positivity exuded by the teachers and went away from the evening with a justified sense of confidence in the Underdale High School Community.

2016 Governing Council Parent Representatives

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Student Voice representatives will be determined after the nomination process is complete in the next few weeks. I met the Student Voice team recently at their training session, and was impressed with the mature and determined approach they were demonstrating. Congratulations must go to Deb Daniel for the manner with which she is developing these fine upstanding leaders.

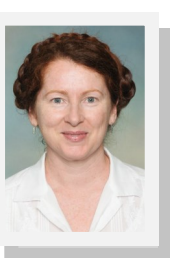
The final component of the Governing Council is Community Members (our constitution allows up to 3). If you have any thoughts on a community member that would be an asset to have a hands on role, please do not hesitate in contacting any of the Governing Council members to discuss your ideas.



2016 Staff

We began the year with teachers and support staff appointed to most of our positions. The position of Science Laboratory Assistant is currently being finalised. We also welcome back Mr Peter Savvas who has been appointed to Underdale for 2016 and Sabrina Prisco filling short term vacancies and Branimar Cirjak.

This year's Executive Leadership Team comprises of myself and:



Lesley Holliday, Deputy Principal – Quality Teaching and Student Services and support for Year 10 Year Level Management

Anne Bell, Senior Leader- English, EALD and LOTE, Literacy Coach and support for Year 8 and 9 Year Level Management

Rob Portscht, Senior Leader- Student pathways, VET and support for Year 11 and 12 Year Level Management

Sue Wilson, Business Manager – Finance and School facilities and manages the support staff.

We are all supported by co-ordinators who make up the rest of our Leadership team.

Debbie Daniels – Student Counsellor and Student voice

Luke Granleese – Digital Learning/Art and Year 11 Year Level Manager

Ian Groom – SACE and school organisation

Brett Hains – Mathematics, Numeracy Coach and Year 8 Year Level Manager

Zoran Maricic – HPE and Year 10 Year Level Manager

Heather Moyes – Special Education, Gifted, International students and Differentiation Coach



Sophie Pyromallis – Attendance Case management and Year 9 Year Level Manager

Jason Symmonds – STEM and design technology and assists with Year 11 Year Level Management

Christine Zientara – HASS, Research Project and Year 12 Year Level Manager

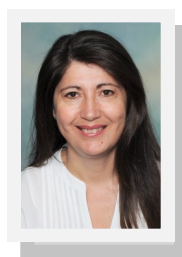
Several other teachers have also taken on Leadership roles this year:

Rod Del Nido – Sports and Football/Netball Program Manager

Josh Hilditch – Student Counsellor

Phoebe Virgo – Supported Learning centre

Natalie Zuccon has stepped into Zoran Maricic's role for 4 weeks while he is on leave.



Uniform

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the majority of students who are wearing correct school uniform from day 1 this year. The year 11 and 12 students have embraced the changes to the senior school uniform and looking really smart in the white shirts.

However, I need to emphasise that the endorsed uniform jacket is a black rain proof jacket, not the various coloured jackets, windcheaters or cardigans that some students are persisting in wearing. In 2016, these jackets are only to be worn to and from school and stored in student lockers during the school day. Students are not to wear them to class or in the yard during breaks.

If a student is wearing a non- uniform item, it will be confiscated and students will be required to wear borrowed uniform for the day. We appreciate your support in maintaining the wearing of correct school uniform both at school and in the community before and after school.

Visit our new Website at <http://underdale.sa.edu.au>

School Fees

School fees this year are \$640 plus subject fees. If you think you are eligible for school card, please come into the school and request a school card application.

Building Fund

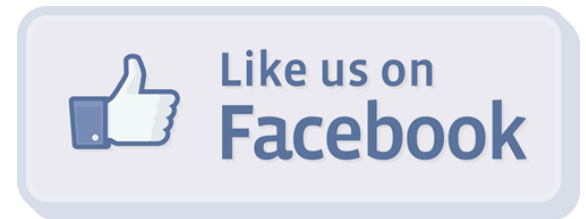
A Building Fund has been established to provide funds to assist in maintaining existing school buildings or to contribute to the construction or acquisition of new buildings on the school site in the future.

Donors can make income tax deductible donations to the fund. Any contribution to our Building Fund will be most appreciated. Please contact the school on 83018000.

Facebook

New Underdale High School Facebook Page is published.
Please like the page to get a notification.

<https://www.facebook.com/underdalehs/>



Daymap

If you need to access Daymap and school email from home and you have old link added on your browser at home, you need to update the shortcut.

<http://underdale.sa.edu.au> and the link located on the top of page.

To access Daymap from home, you need to use your curriculum login

User name - **uhs**john smith (you need to add "uhs\" in front of your user name)
password

FREE seminar – Children, teens and pornography: what every parent should know

The online is filled with risks for children and families. Come and hear nationally recognised parenting speaker, author and researcher Dr Justin Coulson talk about:

- the alarming statistics regarding children's access to online pornography
- the impact on boys and girls
- how parents can guide their child or teen.

The event will be webcast to accommodate parents and carers who cannot attend in person.

Date and time: Wednesday 6 April, 7.00 to 9.00pm

Venue: City Rooms, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace

[Register online](http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au) at <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au> to attend, or to view the webcast.

For more information, visit <http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/parentingsa/seminars.htm> or phone Parenting SA on 8303 1660

Contact: Senior Health Promotion Officer, Parenting SA, [Dorian Marsland-Smith](#), phone 8161 7159