

## CALENDAR

### DATES

28th—30th November  
Year 11 exams

1st December  
Last Day for Yr 11

5th—7th December  
Yr 10 Exams

7th December  
12:45 - 2pm  
Middle School Assembly

9th December  
Last day for Yr 10

12th & 13th December  
Yr 8 & 9  
Panel Presentations

15th December  
Pupil free Day  
Yr 8-11 Reports  
Posted

16th December  
Last Day of Term

20th December  
Yr 12 results from  
SACE Board

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL.....

### YEAR 12

By the time you read this, the Year 12's would have had their Graduation and many would be preparing for Exams or completing final assignments. It is the culmination of an educational journey that has dominated their lives up to this point. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of their Year 12 teachers, but also recognise all of the teachers (both subject and Home Group) who have helped build their knowledge, skills and dispositions over the years, from Reception to the point 9 months ago that they started Year 12. Of course, the one constant over this period has been you, their family. Without your support and caring, their achievements would have been so much more difficult to attain. They will continue to need your support and guidance as they progress into early adulthood and all of the challenges this presents.

Of course, the biggest acknowledgement needs to go to the students themselves. Without their effort and application, reward is minimal. Many have realised the commitment and dedication required to maximise their success. Their results will get students to a point in 2017 where they will be starting a new life at University, TAFE or other Training Organisation, an Apprenticeship or Traineeship, full-time or part-time employment, a gap year or extending their secondary education. Their success in these new endeavours will be determined by the many things school develop in students that do not appear on their SACE Certificate. Being able to work independently and make the right choices, whilst still knowing when and from whom to seek help when required. Being able to take on board feedback and improve their learning. Being able to see their goals and strategically plan to achieve them. Being able to apply their learning to new and unfamiliar

situations, something they will experience a lot in coming years. Today's generation has come out of necessity skilled in this last one because of the technological revolution that is accelerating at phenomenal speed.

The most exciting part of this for students (and most scary for us parents), is their sense of self direction. Up to now, their story has been largely determined by others. Choice has been a developing concept for them. From total dependence on others up to pre-school, little or no choice on their chapters through Primary and early secondary education, to a much wider range of stories they could choose from in Senior Secondary. From now on, however, their story will largely be written by themselves (even though they will still seem to be on your couch every night playing X-Box!).

On behalf of Underdale High School, I would like to firstly wish all Year 12 students the best in their exams and final assignments, look forward to the Formal and their final results (which are due out December 20<sup>th</sup>). I trust these results will be a pleasing start to the festive season, with any surprises being good ones. I also believe our students have the courage and resilience for an optimistic future and that they will come back soon to share their successes with us.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL...CONTINUED

### SINGA CUP

Great to see our boys doing so well over in Singapore. At the time of writing they were going to play in the final. Please check our Facebook page for updates.

### EXTERNAL REVIEW

The External Review I have talked about previously has been completed, and as expected, there were many positives about our school that shone through. Many thanks to the parents and students who agreed to participate in the review. The panel commented at length on the supportive parents we have and the positive approach our students have to their education. They were impressed with the pride all groups exhibited in Underdale High School. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our staff for their input. It is not always easy being put under the spotlight about something that you do passionately every day, but I was proud of the honest and open approach everyone took.

The panel also believed we have an opportunity to take our good school to the next level and become a great school, and we are already planning how to put the recommendations for moving forward into action. I look forward to the future of Underdale High School with even more optimism and excitement. The summary report will be available through our website when we receive it later in the term.



### STEM FUNDING

We have met with the architects to begin planning for our STEM redevelopment, and this process should be finalised by the end of this term. I envisage making these plans available when completed and work should start at some point early next year. This will cause disruption to some of the planned physical locations of classes, but the quality of education your child receives will not be compromised.

### SCHOOL SPORTS AWARDS

Congratulations to Year 10 student Liam Bekric for becoming a Grand Finalist in the secondary school category of the School Sports Awards.

An extract from the local messenger;

**“A SOCCER player, a Paralympic swimmer and a Shooter are in the running to win the secondary school category of the School Sports Awards.**

**Adelaide United W-League rising star Emily Condon, vision-impaired swimmer Liam Bekric and Commonwealth Games air rifle shooter Emma Adams have been named as finalists. “**

The winner will be announced on Thursday November 17th. Good Luck!!

### BAHA’I COMMUNITY HOSTS WORLD TEACHERS DAY

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the Baha’i community for celebrating World Teacher’s Day with us and providing a lunch and flowers to us all. Below is an excerpt from their presentation.

“Teachers have an influencing role in the life of every student. They are like beacons of light, guiding children in the formative years of their lives. However, very often, we fail to show our appreciation and gratitude for your unselfish devotion. Teachers need encouragement and support from the community to feel that their efforts are being recognised. To serve this purpose, over the last 11 years, the Baha’i Community of West Torrens has been hosting their annual Teacher Appreciation event. We know and appreciate the role teacher’s play in contributing to the happiness and future of our children. Education is highly valued in the Baha’i Faith, and we view our children as our most precious assets. While the mother is recognised as the primary educator, the lifelong path of a child’s intellectual and spiritual growth is nurtured by teachers who are crucial to every child’s development. Children need to acquire appropriate moral and ethical standards to equip them for life as caring world citizens.

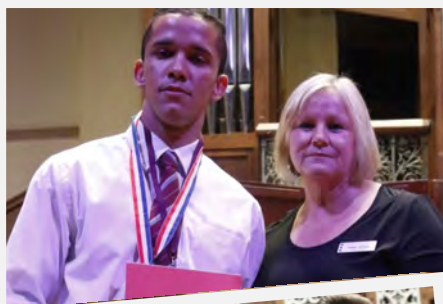
Teachers are also the engineers of human souls. Their ultimate life goal is to nurture you into physically, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually balanced beings. In their eyes, you are unique in your own right. Through their tireless effort, children not only acquire the wisdom of knowledge but also become more wholesome in character. Although teaching has become more challenging in this era, we believe you can cope well with the situation with your selfless, resilient and unyielding spirit. Once again, on behalf of the local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’i’s of West Torrens, I would like to wish every teacher a happy Teacher’s Appreciation Day.”



# YEAR 12 GRADUATION

The Graduation Evening for the Class of 2016 was held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Elder Hall in the grounds of Adelaide University. This is an exciting evening for students, family members and teachers. Year 12 Student Council Captains spoke very well with Jiayi Litten and Jimmy Letona delivering the welcome address.

Peter Lever, Selina Whiting and Kaitlyn Manko performed a couple of musical pieces accompanied by Greg Palmer and Jillian Gulliver. Nadin Mahmood had the privilege of closing the evening with the Valedictorians' address. We appreciated the support of our special guests MP Member for Hindmarsh Mr Steve Georganas, Cr Kym McKay Deputy Mayor for West Torrens and Capt David Haupt Australian Defence Force who attended the evening to present our special awards. Our 2015 highest achieving student Tayla Bradley was also welcomed back to receive the 2015 DUX of the School Award. It was evident people thoroughly enjoyed the event. All graduating students received a certificate and many were singled out for special awards.





# 2016 GRADUATION AWARDS

**Subject Award** Awarded to the student who has achieved the highest academically, based on School Assessed marks and predicted External Assessment marks

Automotive (VET)	Ben Smith
Biology	Nadin Mahmood
Chemistry	Jiayi Litten
Digital Photography	Fatemah Askari
	Gazlacheh
English Communications	Pedro Rezende
English Studies	Jiayi Litten
IPP	Stephanie Scherstobit
Mathematical Studies	Jiayi Litten
Maths Applications	Nadin Mahmood
Physics	Jiayi Litten
Research Project B	Jiayi Litten
Society and Culture	Caitlin Netherton
Workplace Practices	Ashleigh Rutledge



**Bright Futures Award** Awarded to the student who exemplifies Courage, Resilience, and Optimism. Someone who has achieved to their potential through organisation, hard work and determination.



Biology  
Chemistry  
Digital Photography  
English Communications  
English Pathways  
English Studies  
ESL  
Design/Technology  
Food and Hospitality  
Integrated Learning (PE)  
IPP

Peter Tran  
Amin Ariaee  
Conner Wilson  
Alexia Tropeano  
John Hurrell  
Michael Hollow  
Kafumba Fofana  
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Amarpreet Kaur  
Caitlin Netherton  
Alexia Tropeano

Mathematical Studies  
Maths Applications  
Music  
Physical Education  
Physics  
Research Project  
Society and Culture  
Design  
Visual Arts  
Workplace Practices

Peter Tran  
Pedro Rezende  
Peter Lever  
Mattie Crook  
Conner Wilson  
Bhargavee Aravkar  
Stephanie Scherstobit  
Kyle Ware  
Nadin Mahmood  
Pedro Rezende



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF 2016





# Underdale's Got Talent Grand Final

## CONGRATULATIONS MATTHEW SAYEE..

Student Voice Council were most impressed with the talent that was shown during the rounds and the grand final.

Congratulations goes to both the winner Matthew Sayee for his Dance Performance and to Lawrence Tropeano for his Beat Boxing.

We would also like to thank students and staff who came as support and as a great audience, plus our Judges – Mr Harriss, Ms Moyes, Jimmy Letona and Ben Munu. We have decided that this will be an annual event at Underdale so we encourage both staff and students to be creative for 2017.

See digital/ student Voice/UHS got talent / Grand final – pick one of each boy performing & maybe with Mr Harriss?



## YEAR 12 PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr.Hilditch's Year 12 PE class celebrated their end of year summative work with Bubble Soccer and Archery Attack. Check out the UHS Facebook page for more photos!



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

Term 4 is always a busy time with many activities for our students as we prepare for the end of the school year for 2016. The following information outlines the expectations for Underdale High School students.

### YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Year 11 students are expected to be at school until **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December (week 7)**. However students who have not completed to a satisfactory C standard in the compulsory subjects SACE Literacy (English and ESL), Numeracy (Maths), PLP (Personal Learning Plan) and Research Project will be required to attend school after the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Year 11 exams will be scheduled in the week of 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November (week 7) for specific subjects. Parents will be informed of the exam timetable and whether students are required to attend school after the 1<sup>st</sup> of December later in the term.

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Year 11 students will have an assembly and transition activities for Year 12 in 2017. The students will have the opportunity to attend a session for each of their subjects to obtain information about the course, assessment tasks and to borrow relevant text books. All Year 11 students are expected to attend and will receive a program for the day during the Futures and Transition lesson on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The Middle School Celebration Assembly will be held on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 12.45-2pm** for all students in Years 8-10. This assembly is a time of celebration to acknowledge the academic achievements, community involvements and sporting triumphs of our middle school students.

### YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Year 10 students are expected to be at school until **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December (week 8)**. On **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** all Year 10 students will participate in the panel presentations as a part of their assessment for PLP. Information about the panel presentations and the scheduled time will be sent home soon. We encourage parents to attend these presentations. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December there will be a year level excursion. Information about this excursion will be sent home closer to the date. Year 10 exams will be set for specific subjects as determined by Curriculum Coordinators and scheduled during normal lessons from Monday 5<sup>nd</sup> December to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (week 8).

Year 10 students are required to attend school for Middle School Celebration Assembly Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December in correct school uniform.

### YEAR 8 AND 9 STUDENTS

In week 9 of Term 4 our Year 8 and 9 students will participate in a range of activities including the Personal Presentation, Year level and curriculum area activities.

Each year our Year 8 and 9 students participate in presenting a 10-minute Personal Presentation to a small panel. This activity will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December (Year 9 students) and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (Year 8 students). The Personal Presentation offers students the opportunity to reflect on their work in a positive manner and develop confidence in their communication skills. Specific details regarding the presentations and the scheduled time will be sent home in Week 5. We encourage parents to attend these presentations.

Details about other organised activities for this week will be sent home closer to the date.

Year 8 and 9 students are required to attend school for the Middle School Celebration Assembly Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December in correct school uniform.

**THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER IS A PUPIL FREE DAY** and staff will be working in Area of Study teams to review and develop the curriculum for 2017. Students are not required to be at school on this day.

Year 8 and 9 students will be dismissed from school on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm**.

### SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Year 8-11 reports will be posted home at the end of Term 4. Year 12 students will receive their results from the SACE Board on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.



# **VISUAL ART & PHOTOGRAPHY GRADUATE EXHIBITION**

presented by Year 12 students of  
**Underdale High School**

**3 - 28 November 2016**

**The Wheatsheaf Hotel**

**39 George Street**

**Thebarton, Adelaide**

opening Thurs November 3 @ 6pm



# YEAR 12 PHOTOGRAPHY AND VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

7TH NOV—5TH DEC HINDMARSH LIBRARY 139 PORT ROAD HINDMARSH

MON, TUES, WED & FRI 9:30AM - 5PM THURS 9:30AM--8PM SAT 12 -4PM SUN CLOSED



These images have been produced by students at Underdale High School who elected to study Photography as part of their Year 12 SACE Creative Arts course. Students were required to produce two photographic products. This exhibition displays a selection of the best work from the Class of 2016.

The first product was a series of images based on a theme or photographic style of the student's choice. Student's ideas were varied and were influenced by their surrounding worlds, life, people and emotions, natural lighting and current world issues. Students also gained inspiration from the work of other photographers.

The second product was a 'photo story'. This required students to visually tell a story through the medium of photography. The majority of students chose to tell a personally relevant story, either closely related to their own life or the life of someone they know, or to portray their view on current issues in society.

Students worked through the creative process to develop their own ideas and refine their individual photographic styles, techniques and skills. Each student was responsible for directing their own photo shoots at selected locations that were relevant to their ideas. They had the opportunity to enhance images accordingly through the post production process.

Each series of images is supported by a statement that outlines the student's idea.



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## G'DAY USA 2018 – PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Jo Kendray from EWT (Educational World Travel) addressed the students at a recent school assembly about a short term Cultural Exchange Program which is offered to Australian students during the January 2018 School Holidays.

An information evening has been organised for interested students and their parents/ carers.

Date: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Time: 5pm – 5:45pm (registration from 4.45pm)

Where: School Library

The G'Day USA program provides students with the opportunity to live with an American Host Family for 10 days and experience daily life in the United States of America. The tour itinerary also includes four fun filled days in Los Angeles/ Anaheim and 3 days exploring San Francisco.

Students travel as part of a supervised group with a teacher as Group Leader. Representatives from EWT will be located in the hotels and host city.

This information evening will be hosted by Jo from EWT, who will explain the program in detail, distribute application forms and answer any questions.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please RSVP to Jo by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at [jo.kendray@ewt.com.au](mailto:jo.kendray@ewt.com.au) or on 0418 882 477

## UNIFORM SHOP

Open Mondays 8.30am - 9.30am and Wednesdays 2.15pm - 3.15pm

During School term only

Uniform shop contact details:

Email: [underdale@devonclothing.com.au](mailto:underdale@devonclothing.com.au)

Phone: 0403 339 804 (during shop hours only)

Online ordering available through the school website or by using the following link:

<http://onlineshop.devonclothing.com.au/underdalehs>

## 2ND HAND UNIFORM SALES

Where: Office between Rm 14 & 16

Donations of UHS uniform items are greatly appreciated

All items are washed & will be individually priced (negotiating is possible!)

Opening times for this term are: Every Tuesday Lunch & Tuesday 3.15 – 3.45pm

We have been selling a number of items and fundraising is going to UHS student resources

Any queries or donations to Ms Daniel

E: [Debbie.daniel152@schools.sa.edu](mailto:Debbie.daniel152@schools.sa.edu) or P: 8301 8038

## 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.