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From the Principal's Desk

Uniform Update

We are very pleased to announce that after extensive consultation with staff, parents and most importantly students, we will be phasing in an updated skirt from 2017. The current grey skirt will still be an accepted uniform item, however, Lowes will no longer stock the plain skirt. Early feedback from students is overwhelmingly positive and many students are very keen to move to the new skirt (pictures can be seen on our Facebook page.) Please note there are no other changes to the uniform currently under consideration, we do try and listen to students and the community and are therefore open to improvements in the uniform.



Year 12 Celebration

The final formal day for year 12 students was a fantastic celebration of a wonderful cohort of students. Not only did they all look fantastic in their dress up costumes, their behaviour, (as always!) was exemplary. In particular I was extremely impressed with the captains giving powerful and inspirational speeches. For those of us lucky enough to hear them speak regularly, this comes as no surprise. It has been a pleasure to see the development of the students over the course of a very demanding year.

As with their speeches, this is a very emotional time that brings to a conclusion 6 years of hard work, support and bonding amongst all members of the school community. Just the exam period to navigate!

James Merlino, Minister for Education visit

On the celebration day we were fortunate enough to have James Merlino, Minister for Education visit. Although the main purpose was to discuss the facilities at Upper Yarra Secondary College, he spent the morning with the students and left with a view that the quality of teaching, student work and student behaviour is outstanding. He was able to celebrate with the year 12s in the morning and then visit most classes to discuss the high quality of work being produced with the students.

We await a response regarding a facilities upgrade.

Scott Tully | Principal



KEY DATES

Wednesday 26th October to 18th November
Year 12 Exams

Thursday 10th November
Mock Interviews

Monday 14th November to Friday 18th November
Year 11 Exams

Tuesday 15th November
Cambodia Tour Final Parent Meeting

Monday 21st November to Friday 25th November
Year 7 - 10 Exams

Year 12, 2017 Orientation

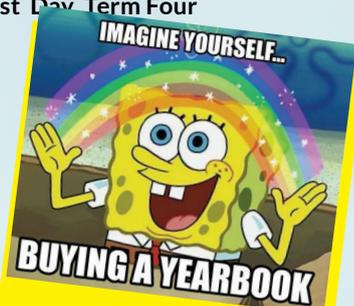
Saturday 26th November to 10th December
W O D Cambodia Tour

Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December
Year 11, 2017 Orientation

Tuesday 6th December
Year 6 Orientation Day

Wednesday 14th December
**Evening of Excellence
UYSC Theatre 7.00pm**

Tuesday 20th December
Last Day Term Four



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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For an outstanding work in FLIP:
AMANDA HARRIS

Year 7



For recognition by the year 12 students:
JANA KRSLOVIC &
TREY MORRISSEY

Year 8



For helping to set up the model UN assembly in the theatre:

JONATHON PITMAN

Year 9



For commitment to Humanities studies/ representing his country on his own at the Model UN Conference:

TRISTAN MCINTOSH

Year 10



For improved work ethic in English:

TAYLA EYCKEN

Year 11



For putting together the year 12 photo presentations for the final assembly:

KELLIE BEDGGOOD

Year 12



Farewell Address

Alannah -Jane Kioulafas College Vice Captain

Good morning everyone and thank-you for joining us here today to celebrate our final day as high school students at Upper Yarra. I would like to congratulate all the year 12's behind me for making it to the end of this chapter in our life. Finishing Year 12 is an amazing achievement and we should be extremely proud of ourselves.

Over the past year I have been overjoyed thinking about this day, but as the day goes on and we come closer to leaving I find myself wanting to stay a little longer.

It has finally come to that time of our lives where we have to embark on our own journey and become responsible adults. This year has been a wild roller coaster as I'm sure majority of my fellow year 12s agree. There have been times throughout the year where I'm sure most of us have been on the verge of tears. Some like myself have shed many tears but we never let that get in our way. Every day this year felt like the same old boring routine; with the constant nagging from our teachers to hand work in on time and the stressful late nights studying for multiple SACs the next day. But we found that if you put in 100% hard work and effort you will get back what you put in.

Year 12 is a different experience for everyone. Some may say it's a breeze, others may disagree and say if you aren't stressing about something then you're doing it wrong. But in reality, there is no right or wrong way to how you experience the wrath of Year 12. For me, I have always found school to be quite easy, but this year definitely put that to the test. I can honestly say that year 12 has been one of the most stressful times of my 17 years of existence. But at the same time it has helped me grow as a person. At the end of the day it is all worth it because I know I have achieved something great.

Lastly, on behalf of all the year 12s we would like to thank all the teachers that have guided us over the last 6 years of school. Thank you for so unselfishly sharing your time, knowledge and talent. Yes, we know it was your job to do it, but what you have done for us is beyond imaginable. You took the time to explain assignments, sometimes repeatedly because we weren't paying attention the first three times. Although throughout our years at school you may have been seen as the enemy who told us what to do for 5 days a week, you have helped shape who we are today, and for that we are truly thankful.

Chloe Verkes College Vice Captain

Like Alannah, Year 12 has been a challenging year for me, yet my journey has been different to hers. I am not the most academically gifted person in the year level, but I can say that I have put in 100% hard work and dedication in all my subjects. I constantly pushed myself to complete outcomes and homework that our teachers would give us each night, to stay on top of the work load. No matter how heavy the work load was or how long my nights were, I always managed to get it done. Now my 13 years of school is coming to an end and I am so proud of myself for pushing my academic boundaries this year. Although times were tough, I have enjoyed every moment of the last 6 years at Upper Yarra.

I would personally like to thank Mrs Shallcross for always being there for me. She has helped me through the good and the bad times and I wouldn't have made it to the end if it wasn't for the hard work, effort and dedication she gave me. My journey has been going for a long time but even though this chapter is ending soon, a new chapter in my life is about to begin.

For the year 12s next year, just remember that what you put into your education is what you'll get out of it. Hard work doesn't come easy, that is the reason it is known as 'hard'. Keep pushing on when times get tough, learn to challenge yourself, to push yourself beyond your limits. But most importantly, have fun and take every opportunity there is to make your last year as memorable as it was for me. Good luck to those in our leadership positions next year and remember to hit the ground running and not show up to school on the first day with incomplete work and a "can't be bothered attitude", because what you do over the Christmas holidays will set you up for the rest of the year.

YR 10 MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

Thursday 10th NOVEMBER

During their career classes all year 10 students have been busily preparing for their Mock Interviews which will be held on Thursday 10th November in the UYSC Theatre. Students will participate in a 10 minute "mock interview" where they apply for a job from their preferred industry with the aim of gaining valuable skills which they can then utilise in the real world. The jobs have been sourced from the SEEK employment website and are relevant jobs for school leavers.

Students are required to come to their interview well-groomed and in appropriate clothing for an interview i.e. no jeans, t-shirts, shorts, runners etc., face piercings removed and neat and tidy hair.

Students can choose to wear these clothes for the entire day or if they prefer they can change back into their normal school uniform. As discussed in class, suggested clothing would be slacks and shirt for boys (feel free to wear a tie/suit if you would like!) and either slacks, skirt or dress for girls with a suitable shirt/top.

Normal classes will be running on the day. A timetable will be posted near the year 10 office and also on Compass. Students are required to be ready and waiting in the designated area 5 minutes prior to their scheduled interview time. They need to bring to the interview their careers portfolio folder which they have prepared in class.

As this is an assessable task, if a student is away that day they will have their interview rescheduled during the following week. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Tracey in the Careers Office.

Tracey Smedley | Careers Assistant



Our Year 9/10 Leadership elective class has been continuing to support our local community and continued a strong relationship with the Upper Yarra RSL. This term we have visited an elderly World War 2 veteran in Yarra Junction to assist with maintaining his gardens and we also worked to maintain the gardens of the RSL. Coming up with another home care visit to a lady in Woori Yallock and we will also be install a vegetable and herb garden at the RSL. The student's enthusiasm has been outstanding. They recognize that they are role models for UYSC but also role models for young people in general.

Mitchell Gray | Junior School Leader

Mary McIntosh College Captain

I'd like to say my personal congratulations to all year 12 students. I think you should all be extremely proud of yourselves for making it through such a journey. A journey that hasn't been quite as dramatic as high school musical made it out to be, but one with some serious speed bumps. Speed bumps such as having to deal with only ONE microwave in the common room at the start of the year, having to comprehend that two hours of homework a month won't cut it, and eventually coming to the realisation that you cannot blame every kilo you gained this year purely on year 12. Although I'm not sure if like me, the canteen was a huge factor in keeping you at school, I hope that you can say your time here was full of moments to cherish forever. Moments, like crying yourself to sleep before Year 7 needles, being forced on camp to walk past a student's fresh poo after an accidental miss judgement of where the path was at night (thanks stebbo), or at the Athletics Carnival having to make out that you are pretending to be bad at high jump when really you can't pull yourself over that pole. All moments I personally will take away from Upper Yarra Secondary College with great pleasure and a bit of disgust.

As College Captains, this is our last chance to lead the school. So before my turn is done I would like to try and inspire you to recognise what it is to be a student here. When it comes to it, we are here to learn and be educated. The definitions of those are acquiring knowledge and believe it or not, being educated, especially being educated beyond average. Those were the easiest definitions I found off google but I would like to reiterate the part of being educated beyond average. We all go through that stage in school where we question the usefulness of what we are taught to real life. Raise your hands if you have had someone in class say "when are we going to use this is real life". Pretty much all the year levels after you learn about Pythagoras and trigonometry. The reason we get taught all sorts of things is to extend our knowledge then push that even further, so we can be well educated. The more educated you are the more prepared you will be for life. By learning about new things whether it be new concepts in Maths, or how to do new athletic events, or even how to draw better, it all prepares you for when you're faced with new problems so you know a way to solve them. It's all a matter of perspective. This place is not a jail where you are being forced to learn things we don't need in real life. It's an opportunity for us to be educated as much as possible to be better prepared for real life.

So I encourage you to learn as much as possible and to push yourself further. Make the most of the opportunities provided for you by being a student here. Don't be afraid to do things that are outside your comfort zone. Just have a go because you have nothing to lose and everything to learn from it. Don't stop yourself from competing in events, or going for leadership roles or pass up opportunities that interest you. This doesn't confine you to just doing things at school either, you can take on roles in the community as well. Because, the more experience you gain, the more you will learn, and the more you learn the higher than average you will be educated. I hope everyone considers this during the rest of their years at Upper Yarra. Have a go and make the most of your time as a student.

I am a strong believer that happiness and kindness go hand in hand. They can not be separated. Generous words and actions provide us with rewards of happiness that not only benefit the people around us, but also enlighten our inner self. The very process of speaking kind words brings a delight of its own. In the same way there is a feeling that comes over us when we perform an act of compassion towards others.

School is a place where you all deserve to feel this joy, a place where these acts of empathy should not be uncommon. It should be a place where each one of you is proud of and glad to be at, and something you all have the right to look back on and be content and satisfied with the memories you have created.

But in reality and specifically at school we often forget the impact we can have on one another and I believe too many realise a little too late.

So I encourage you all to be courageous and welcoming, be thoughtful and selfless and you will see the benefits of doing so. Understand that if you aren't doing this already that there is still time to make these changes in yourself, and know that it will be the best decision you ever make.

As I reflect on my time at Upper Yarra, it has given me mixed emotions about this day. It is something so many made out to be easy, but for me leaving here is one of the hardest things I've done yet. I believe this is because I have been so lucky to have met incredible people, to have had the best experiences and the privilege of been taught and influenced by the greatest teachers I could have asked for, something I am truly thankful for.

Leadlights - Restorations & Repairs
 Supplies - Glass - Lamps - Mirrors - Table Tops
 Glass Bricks - Domestic Glass - Splash Backs
 Leadlight Classes - Insurance Work

Tuew Mon Aphaï College Captain

G'day everyone and welcome to our final day as year 12s. I would like to congratulate everyone here and especially the year 12s behind us for making it through to this day. For some this is the first chapter of your high school experience, for many others, this is just that time of the year again when the year 12s run around in funny costumes. For us, this marks the end of our journey at Upper Yarra. We, as captains are extremely proud of our cohort for finally finishing 13 years of schooling and surviving this year. It hasn't been easy and we still have the final exams to go, but that did not block the fact that our time here has been truly memorable. In good or bad ways some moments are unforgettable, like how Harambe isn't with us anymore. We hope the rest of you will enjoy your final years much like we have.

We would just like to take this time to recognise a few students that have demonstrated leadership qualities, kindness and persistence throughout the year, that we as captains and your teachers believe deserve to be acknowledged.

Outstanding students in their Year Level

Year 7 Jenny Morris

Year 8 Jana Krslovic, Trey Morrissey

Year 9 Robert Jones

Year 10 Natasha Elderhurst

Year 11 Rahnie Geileskey-Wilson

Yet, as today comes to an end I am saddened by the fact that school will now only be memories, but that we will no longer be back here after the summer holidays. It is time for us to begin a new chapter of our lives.

I am proud to have been a College Captain of this school and I am beyond grateful to have gone to Upper Yarra Secondary College for my final years of schooling.



STEM Boat Building

In STEM this semester, we built solar powered race boats. We constructed these boats out of foam, using a hot wire to cut it to shape. We built a parallel/series circuit that enabled us to select how dependent the boat was on the sun, increasing the boats performance. We soldered together a capacitor to store energy and feed it back into the motor, similar to how a turbo would work in your car. The boat, which we had dubbed 'Boats 'n' Gardens', took us a semester to design and build. We entered these boats into a competition at Science Works in Melbourne.

The competition was on a Sunday. The boats ran in a round robin, in which we scored mainly first and seconds. However, we soon found out that the biggest challenge would be to keep our boats in working condition for the whole day. Along with cloudy weather, it proved to be quite difficult. We powered through and took home the best first entry! It was a fantastic day, we were proud of what we have achieved and would strongly encourage anyone to take part in STEAM and some point in their school careers.

Jonathon Pitman Yr 9



I am really happy with how my landscape turned out. I started with a photograph that I took on the South Coast of NSW. I like the silhouetted trees in the foreground and the bright colours of the sunrise in the background. The hardest part was trying to get the colours of the sunrise to blend. They are such different colours and it was hard to make them look realistic.

Breeanna Pouicha



This is a painting of the sun rising over my backyard. You can see a mountain in the background and fog over the valley in the foreground. The black mountain was easy to do but the fog and the sky were the hardest. I am happy with the end result because I like the colours and it reminds me of cold winter mornings.

Lillybeth Fulford



I wanted to paint Sydney because I went there last year in September and had a great time. The Sydney Harbor Bridge is in the background and there are boats on the water in the foreground. I found painting the buildings difficult because trying to get them to look realistic was hard. I persisted though and I am really happy with how my painting looks. I used harmonious colours to make it look like sunset.

Lorryn Debono



“The experience was definitely educational but also relevant as global warming is occurring and affecting us whether we realise it or not. There were a variety of countries, both wealthy and poor, which led for an interesting discussion. In the end a draft resolution on climate change was constructed that satisfied as many country’s needs as possible. The debating to get there would have to have been the highlight for me.”

Caitlyn Muir Yr 10

“I found the experience of the Model UN quite educational, as it gave me an insight into what these meetings may be like. The experience was also relevant to real-world issues of global warming, adding to the authenticity.”

Rhyder Coshutt Yr 10

“I found the Model UN Conference fascinating and quite enjoyable. I particularly liked the debating, and it was interesting to see how each group represented their respective country. The topic, climate change, was the catalyst for much debate and discussion. It is an issue that permeates society and needs attention, as it is one of the problems that affects the world most. It is important that everyone understands climate change and the impact it is having on our planet, as well as the devastating consequences we will face if not enough is done to stop it. The conference was very informative and everybody walked away having learnt something new about climate change.”

Hannah Mahoney Yr 10



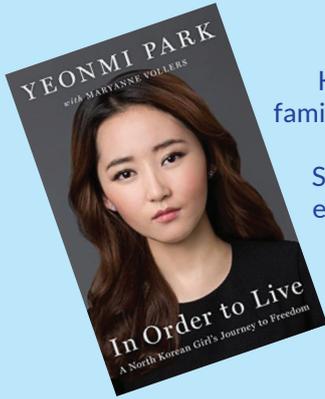
Model United Nations Conference

On Friday, 21st October, Upper Yarra Secondary College played host to the United Nations in the form of a Model United Nations Conference. The conference, an example of a General Assembly meeting of the United Nations involved all the Year 10 students as part of their Humanities curriculum. The Year 10s took on the role of delegates for different countries around the world to debate and discuss the issue of Climate Change and what the global community can do about it. The students had spent a number of weeks researching the issue of climate change and investigating their country’s response. Countries represented included the United States and Russia as major global powers, to small states such as Fiji and Kiribati in the Pacific.

Each country addressed the issue as it faced them, explaining to the other delegations the range of problems that Climate change would present, as well as their country’s view on the agreement that the conference was addressing. After a period of at times heated debate and negotiation amongst the countries represented, a range of amendments to the resolution was agreed to. The amended agreement was ultimately agreed with a vote of 14 countries in favour to 7 countries against.

Simon Tacey | Humanities Leader

WHAT HAVE YOU READ?



In Order To Live by Yeonmi Park is a book about a North Korean defector named Yeonmi. The book describes her family's rescue from North Korea to China. Her sister Eunmi escaped to China the day before her mother and sister. She disappeared for ten years. Her father two years after escaping died of cancer. After eight years of being in China they escaped through the Gobi Desert into Mongolia just to fly back to Seoul, South Korea. I forget to mention that Yeonmi and her mother were captured by human trafficker. Two years after living in Seoul, Yeonmi's sister appeared again.



Angus Mellet Yr 8

Cambodia Fundraiser

A fantastic night at Koha for our Cambodia Fundraiser! A massive THANK YOU to everyone who came tonight to support our volunteers Hannah & Megan in their fundraising efforts! Also thank you to all those who donated prizes for the raffle; and a big THANK YOU to our absolutely fabulous bunch of volunteers who worked hard tonight to make it all happen - it was an awesome night with approximately 100 people enjoying a Cambodian feast!

And the exciting result of the night is that we raised ... \$1,391.55!!! This will go towards buying medicine for communities in Cambodia. THANK YOU ALL!!!!



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