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From the Principal's Desk Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the swimming sports, we were fortunate to have perfect weather on Thursday for the day; warm but overcast. The students were amazing in their bright colours with the day turning into a big pool party around the serious swimming events. The behaviour of the students was faultless and the swimming events were all conducted with outstanding sportsmanship (including the teachers after winning the relay!). The students undertaking Drone studies used the day to take some amazing photographs and the day was another fantastic chance to see the whole school together in a festive mood.

Year 7 BBQ & VCE Evening

Thanks to the families of Year 7 students who were able to attend the Year 7 BBQ. It was a great evening for students and parents to meet each other. Speeches were kept to a minimum so that families could enjoy a relaxed mingle with the staff. We are glad so many of our families were able to make this event and hope it was a beneficial evening. We also had a great turn out for our VCE Info Evening. Parents of VCE students should now know, a little better, what their sons and daughters are in for.

Meet the Teacher - Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews is this week.

Another reminder - Student/Parent/Teacher conferences will be held at the College this **Thursday March 8th 1:00pm-7:30pm**. Once again, they are earlier in the year so that parents can meet their child's teacher and 'put a face to a name'.

Parent/Teacher interviews are a great way to demonstrate to your child you value their school and their education by taking an interest in their progress and their work. It is also a valuable opportunity to receive early feedback on how your child is progressing, as well as passing on relevant information to class teachers to help them better assist your child. Please note: to accommodate the interviews, school will conclude at 12:15pm (end of Period 3).

Open Evening Tuesday May 1st 7.00pm - 9.00pm - Save the Date!

This year we will have our Open Night for prospective Year 7 students on Tuesday 1st of May. Current families are more than welcome to attend. Can I ask families to pass this 'save the date' to any members of our community that may be looking for a secondary school in 2019 and beyond.

Scott Tully | Principal



YARRA - House Champion 2018!

Key Dates

Thursday 8th March
Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
1.00pm - 7.30pm

Monday 12th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 20th March
VCAL Pink Stumps Day

Monday 26th March to
Thursday 29th March
Duke of Ed Canoe Trip

Thursday 29th March
Last Day Term One

Monday 16th April
First Day Term Two

Monday 16th April to
Wednesday 18th April
Year 7 Camp Phillip Island

Thursday 19th April
Years 7 & 10 Immunisations

Tuesday 1st May
UYSC Information Evening

Thursday 8th May
Athletics Carnival
Morrison Reserve Mount Evelyn

Friday 1st June
Presentation Ball

Monday 11th June
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 13th June
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Friday 24th June
Last Day of Term Two

CORRECTION

Apologies to Harry Bray, for incorrectly saying he was Vice Captain in the last Newsletter. He is our 2018 College Captain.



Bendigo Bank

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

...recognising excellence.

RESPECT · RESPONSIBILITY · EXCELLENCE · RESILIENCE



For excellence in their interviews and achieving Year 7 Captaincy:
COOPER ALLUM & ASHLYN HERMANSEN
Year 7



For working consistently, showing responsibility at school:
ALASTAIR MCINTOSH
Year 8



For making an excellent transition to Year 9 and UYSC:
MAX GOODMAN & SARAH ALLSOP
Year 9



For working hard and making an excellent transition to UYSC:
ZAZEN HORIZON
Year 10



For demonstrating school values by assisting a new student in finding her way around UYSC:
MEG HUISKEN
Year 11



For displaying persistence and excellent organisational skill with Pink Stump Day:
CHRISTIAN CAMERON
Year 12



Welcoming Our Year 7s



Three weeks ago, I started as a Year 7 at Upper Yarra Secondary College and since then I have loved every minute of every school day. I have made many new friends and it has been amazing. The new experience is crazy. I have been making new friends, walking all around the school to get to different classes and having new teachers for every class. This takes a little bit to get used to. So far, my favourite subject is F.L.I.P with Miss Molan. Everything I have been learning, I take on board and will try not to forget. The one thing I have absolutely loved in F.L.I.P is learning about a growth and a fixed mindset. I like to think I have a growth mindset because it is a positive thing. It means that I believe that I can always learn new things and keep improving my skills and intelligence.

The verdict on secondary school so far, it is amazing!

Alexis Kaden Yr 7



On the 30th of January 2018, I had my first day of Year 7 at Upper Yarra Secondary College. I came to this school not knowing anyone but I made many new friends in the first week. So far UYSC has been very enjoyable and an amazing experience. My favourite subject has been Maths with Mrs Morrish. I like it because I find math fun and challenging. Having a new teacher for every subject is very different; it is going to take some getting used to.

UYSC is awesome. I love it now and I am going to love it until the end of Year 12.

Luke Hall Yr 7



Year 8 News

This week in Year 8 we have been working on rendering in Visual Communication Design. We were required to find an image and abstract it using various lines and unique colours.

GTAC - Year 11 Biology

Year 11 Biology students attended GTAC (Gene Technology Access Centre) last week where they conducted practical activities relating to cellular structure using advanced microscopy techniques.

The equipment and expertise are not readily available in a school setting, so this was a wonderful opportunity for students to work with real scientists in a research grade laboratory.

Bronwen Foley | Science



Indigenous@UYSC

Close the Gap - March 15th 2018



Why is closing the gap so important?

Most Australians enjoy one of the highest life expectancies of any country in the world – but this is not true for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can expect to live 10–17 years less than other Australians do. Babies born to Aboriginal mothers die at more than twice the rate of other Australian babies, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience higher rates of preventable illness such as heart disease, kidney disease and diabetes.

The mortality rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is on par with some of the world's most impoverished nations. The United Nations Report, The State of the World's Indigenous Peoples (2009) indicated Australia and Nepal have the world's worst life expectancy gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Look out for information around the school to raise awareness of these issues. We will be holding a staff morning tea with Indigenous foods and students will be taking part in an Instagram photo challenge.

Denise Muir | Indigenous Liaison Leader

Year 9/10, Outdoor and Environmental Studies

The Years 9/10, Outdoor and Environmental Studies students packed the canoes and got ready for a cracking day at Lysterfield Lake. This was their first trip out on an Outdoor Education trip and all of the students were able to show some great leadership traits and were respectful of the outdoor environment.

Well done to all the Outdoor Ed students on a successful first trip out.

Ben Blattman | Outdoor Education



CHEFS OF THE WEEK





Swimming Carnival 2018



This year's annual Swimming Carnival was a great success with many students and staff getting dressed in their house colours and competing in many events, such as the bombing contest and fashions on the field. I would like to congratulate the overall house winner, Yarra as they made an amazing comeback during the day. I would also like to congratulate all those who competed and showed support throughout the day, it made the whole day very enjoyable for all who attended.

Starry Mullan Yr 12

Results

The overall winning house of the day was

YARRA!

The overall house results are as follows:

Yarra - 646 points

Acheron - 380 points

Donna - 501 points

Yuonga - 392 points

Once again well done to the staff and students for making it a sensational day! The next whole school sports event will be the Athletics Carnival on **Tuesday, May 8th**.

Megan Sloan | Sports Coordinator



The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Team

Students have been training for 4 weeks on basic operations, flight safety and setting up a secure flight path. It was great to see them confidently and safely fly the DJI Phantom 4 Drones in an actual flight operation. The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) team are working well as a team and took some great photos of our Swimming Carnival. Well done!

Marcus Cook | Flight Trainer

At Swimming Sports...



"...our job was to film and take pictures of the events and school. We flew above the swimming pool grounds in order to film the races and take photos of the people in their house colours."

Jamin Hamnett Yr 11

"Swimming Sports was fun. Especially having the chance to take the photos of everyone posing. Even with the slight wind it was still a good experience."

Bradley Cole Yr 11



"...it was good to gain more knowledge of how to safely control a fly zone and how to gaining a better understanding of the paperwork required. It was, overall, a fun day."

Robert Jones Yr 11



AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS 2018

13YR



Female Champion:
Caitlyn Woolley



Male Champion:
Rex Partel

14YR



Female Champion:
Lily Smith



Male Champion:
Blake Sykes

15YR



Female Champion:
Isabelle Nightingale



Male Champion:
Liam O'Dea

16YR



Female Champion:
Camryn Partel



Male Champion:
Kai Jenkins

17YR



Female Champion:
Jamiee Brabazon-Hooper



Male Champion:
Alex Ganson



Female Champion:
Macy Dobson



Male Champion:
Ethan Griffiths