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From the Principal's Desk



Welcome Back!

Congratulations to the entire school community – it continues to be a wonderful start to the year. Welcome to our 150 new Year 7 students and their families, and a big welcome back to the rest of the College! It is so nice to have you all with us.

Whole School Swimming Carnival

Last week we enjoyed magnificent weather for our whole school Swimming Sports. The positive environment on the day extended to the swimming competition, fun events and of course the traditional Year 12 versus teacher race (I'm happy and relieved to say I was not required and the staff were convincing winners!) Students were in a great mood, possibly helped by the weather and it is indicative of the positive attitude and relationships between all at the College.

Meet the Teacher - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences will be held at the College on **Tuesday February 28th**. It will not only be a chance to meet your child's teachers, but a chance to give them any information that may help them teach your child this semester. We hope to see as many families as possible for Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, there will be a BBQ for most of the day, so feel free to come by and grab a sausage.

Open Evening

Our Open Night for Year 7 families in 2024 is being held on May 2nd. Although it is early to promote the event, we have had a number of primary school parents contact the office. If you have friends or families interested in secondary schooling next year, please refer them to us, our open night or encourage a school tour.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our College Captains for 2023 Cooper Allum and Ashlyn Hermansen College Captains, Erin Callanan and Ebi Rowe Vice Captains. We look forward to seeing their input in the school and our community over the coming year.

Scott Tully | Principal



Key Dates

Tuesday 28th February
Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
12.45pm - 7.30pm
Free BBQ All Day

Tuesday 7th March
Whole School Athletics Carnival

Monday 13^h March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 6th April
Last Day Term Two
2.30pm Finish

Monday 24th April
First Day Term Two

Tuesday 25th April
ANZAC Day

**Wednesday 26th April to
Friday 28th April**
Year 7 Camp
Phillip Island



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Don't Forget!

CSEF application forms are now due.

You can Help!

If your child needs to leave school during class time, please provide them with a note to allow them out of class.

Contact Info

Here are all the ways you can contact us:

- upper.yarra.sc@education.vic.gov.au
- 5967 1877
- Absence Notification SMS
0477 391 484

STUDENTS OF WEEK

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RESPECT · RESPONSIBILITY · EXCELLENCE · RESILIENCE



For an excellent start at UYSC:
INA PERRY

Year 7



For demonstrating excellence across all his classes:
THOMAS BALL

Year 8



For demonstrating responsibility and showing respect:
BROCK CANEVA

Year 9



For her positive attitude to school and showing respect to her teachers and peers:
CHELSEA SIMMONS

Year 10



For showing enthusiasm and accountability for his studies:

LACHLAN ANDERSON

Year 11



For being responsible and assisting an elderly passenger off the tram with their belongings:

COOPER ALLUM

Year 12



Year 12 Orientation Camp 2023



We set off to the city, on the Year 12 Orientation Camp, for three days staying at the Hotel Claremont Guesthouse in South Melbourne. During the three days, students visited Melbourne, Deakin, Collarts, RMIT and Swinburne Universities. The University tours were very informative and offered some great hands on experience, one of note was using the giant iPads at Swinburne which had a life size digital model of a human body.

We also completed a range of fun activities including Melbourne Zoo, Eureka Skydeck, Bounce, Strike Bowling, a Yarra River Cruise, the Crown Promenade night walk and dinners at Grill'd and Blue Train. The camp showed students a range of options and opportunities for their future studies. Thanks to Katie Feagan for all her work in organising this camp and the staff who attended.

Denise Muir Senior School



The 2023 Year 12 camp was extremely fun! I found everything from bowling and bounce to walking the streets of the city to be very enjoyable.

It gave us all a chance to get closer with everyone in our year level and it felt as if we were all one big family. The food was great, and the universities were very eye opening to the possibilities that post high school life holds. I adored this camp and would happily get the gang together for another one.

James Drysdale Yr12



The year 12 camp was an interesting time, and everyone had a lot of fun. Bounce was the absolute highlight of the camp, especially the Ninja Warrior section.

I am incredibly grateful to all the staff that supervised and the opportunity we had to tour some universities. It was a wonderful chance to bond more with my classmates and I would happily do it again.

Caitlyn Hall Yr12



The year 12 camp was a wonderful experience. During our three days of camp, I enjoyed going to all the different universities such as Melbourne, Deakin, RMIT and Swinburne. The tours of the university gave me an amazing insight into future career pathways. The zoo was 'grouse' to see, due to all the exotic animals like the monkeys. Over camp we also went to

bounce and went bowling. They were both quite delightful. Overall I think the camp was a wonderful experience and I am grateful to have attended.

Jarred Harvey Yr12



Japanese Language Studies



Learning a second language is not only about speaking and listening. It is also about becoming aware of another country's culture and values. To that aim, the year 9 class of 2023 participated in a lesson where very little language was covered as we had a go at constructing sushi rolls and using chopsticks.

The chopstick activity was quite tricky. They were told if they could remove the M&M's from the bowl using chopsticks, they could eat them. They undertook this task with vigour and most managed to master the Japanese eating utensil.

The sushi task was making a sushi roll with the ingredients of rice (gohan), seaweed (nori), salmon (sake) and cucumber (kyuuri). The rice had already been cooked in a steamer, and students were shown how spread and roll the sushi using a sushi mat.

All students enjoyed the task and enjoyed their hard work even more when they ate the sushi. We hope to do more of this kind of thing in future lessons.

Steve Cheswick *Japanese Language*



On Tuesday 14th of February, the Year 9 Japanese elective class had a Japanese practical task. The aim of the task was to use chopsticks to a relatively acceptable degree and to create a roll of sushi, which the class would end up eating.

With the chopsticks, our teacher, Mr Cheswick, brought a multitude of chopstick packets, two bowls, and a bag of crispy flavoured M and M's. The students were instructed to, using chopsticks, move the M and M's from one bowl to the other. Many were successful ranging from 16 to 8 M and M's moved. Others may have not achieved more than three, but M and M's are slippery, so they were not to be blamed. The other side of the prac, was the sushi that we made. The rice was pre-made and although the process was short and quite easy, it seemed no one could cut the rolls for the life of them!

The process included laying down a seaweed sheet, layering on small portions of rice, laying down a piece of cucumber followed by salmon and then using a sushi mat to finish off the roll.

The Japanese 'LOTE' subject is not just about the words and the language used but the culture that the other students and I embrace, the evidence being in these activities that the class completed.

Jack Polisen *Yr 9*



Wellbeing Team

Hi, my name is Emma, I have been working as a Student Counsellor with the Wellbeing Team at Upper Yarra

Secondary College since early 2022. My days of work are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. You can find me in the Wellbeing Hub behind the pink door.

I completed a Certificate IV in Youth Work at the beginning of 2022. I am passionate about supporting the young people in my community to navigate the ups and downs of adolescence and creating a stable launch pad into the world of adulthood.

In my spare time I am studying an Associate Degree in Professional Writing and Editing as well as volunteering for the S.E.S.

I am looking forward to another rewarding year at Upper Yarra Secondary College.

Please remember to pop in and say "hi."

Emma Mills | *Student Counsellor*



2022 Year 12 Success



As we begin a new year, it is exciting to look back at the successes of our 2022 Year 12 cohort as they leave UYSC to begin the next stage in their

lives. These young people will begin a new and exciting journey and we wish them every success. Of the 52 students who completed Year 12 in both VCE and VCAL, 40 students put in applications to tertiary institutions and 12 students had already gained apprenticeships or full-time employment before the end of the school year.

Those students moving into the work force had secured apprenticeships in air-conditioning, refrigeration, and carpentry. Employment opportunities have begun in retail, hospitality, and environmental maintenance.

Students are permitted to apply for 8 different courses at different universities and TAFES and 40 students chose to apply. Offers to these courses are dependent on several different factors such as a student's Year 12 score (ATAR) or prerequisite subjects that must be studied to be considered for the course.

Some courses require the completion of additional assessment tasks such as an interview, auditions, tests, and submission of folios of work before you will be considered. It was a nervous wait for our 40 applicants until the first-round offers were released on December 22.

We were very pleased and proud when every student who put in an application received an offer. Over 65% of students received their first preference and 90% of students received an offer for their 1st, 2nd or 3rd preference.

As we are so proud of these students, we have included a list of their courses so you can see just how varied they are.

Congratulations again to all students and we wish them continuing success in the future.

Tracey Shallcross | *Careers Advisor/VET Coordinator 2022*

NAME	OFFER
George Anderson	Building and Construction Swinburne
Luke Anderson	Guiding Box Hill
Harry Benson	Civil Engineering and Design Swinburne
Tyler Bert	Building and Construction Swinburne
Maeryn Bird	Arts Melbourne University
Charlee Bremner	Arts Deakin
Will Calkin	Engineering (Honours) RMIT
Bradley Carroll	Conservation and Ecosystem Management RMIT
Brayden Cope	Cyber Security Swinburne
Charli Dunne	Visual Art RMIT
Nick Durant	Music Monash
Riley Foley	Exercise and Sports Science Deakin
Koby Gay	Sports Development Deakin
Nathan Geurts	Archaeology La Trobe
Sophie Gray	Nursing Victoria Uni
Emily Hay	Engineering (Honours) Monash
Alysha Hin	Animation Swinburne
Louis Jenkins	Prosthetics and Orthotics (Honours) Latrobe
Ziggy Kneebone	Engineering/Science (Honours) Monash
Ryan Kogtevs	Science Swinburne
Kruse McDonald-Jones	Games and Interactivity Swinburne
Alistair McIntosh	Network & Cyber Security/ Info & Comm Tech Swinburne
Jack McIntosh	Networking and Cyber Security Swinburne
Ruby Mellett	Chemical Engineering (Honours)/Pharmaceutical Services RMIT
Nelson Meredith	Health/PE Secondary Teaching RMIT
Amy Morris	Sports Coach and Development Latrobe
Brodie Newell	Mechatronics Engineering Design Swinburne
Mikayla Peers	Exercise and Sports Science ACU
Ash Pitman	Criminal Justice/Law ACU
Xavier Richardson	Aeronautical/Aerospace Engineering (Honours)
Tyler Russell	Building Design RMIT
Bridie Smith	Allied Health RMIT
Blake Sykes	Electrical Engineering (Honours) RMIT
Damon Trengrove	Games and Interactivity Swinburne
Jess Van Der Vegt	Health/PE Secondary Teaching RMIT
Brodie Voce	Nursing Federation Uni
Jake Wiffen	Business Swinburne
Piper Wright	Journalism Degree RMIT
Kiara Zekas	International Studies RMIT



Buildings and Grounds Feb 2023

Things have progressed on our many building works over the summer break. The list of works is long and exciting! Rest assured we have contingencies in place to ensure student learning is not interrupted, nor is their access to amenities.



- New building near the oval-due for completion in August
 - Final earthworks, footings and blockwork have been completed.
 - Steel has been erected which will accelerate the work on this building over the coming weeks as the external fabric is finished.
- Library-due for completion in the Easter holidays
 - All services have been roughed in, internal walls and ceilings have been plastered. Painting will commence in the coming weeks.
- New playspace near bus loop-due for completion in April
 - New drainage has been installed, concrete seating has been boxed up. Final earthworks to be completed shortly and resurfacing will then begin.
- Demolition of D5,6,7, building of new girls toilets and landscaping-due for completion in December
- Redirection of gas has been completed. All other works will wait until the new library is complete.

Additionally we have constructed new year 9 lockers that will shortly be available for use. There was painting of the external theatre pillars, staining of external timber surfaces and general maintenance and gardening to ensure the school was in tip top shape when we returned from holidays.

Watch this space (or come and have a look for yourself!) for more information as things continue to progress!

Michael Schultz Assistant Principal



Welcome To Our Newest Community Member!

"Hi, my name is Aura. I'm the UYSC community's first school dog! My birthday is September 1st and I'm almost 4 ½ years old.

I'm an English Staffordshire Terrier X American Staffordshire Terrier and came to Mr Schultz and his family as a rescue puppy.

I'm a little nervous around large groups of people now, but love having my tummy rubbed when there are only a couple of people around and things are quiet.

When I get excited, I sometimes howl and the only time I ever bark is if I get suuuuper excited and think we're playing a game (or if I see a possum!)

At the moment I only work part time and will have a couple of days off each week.

I look forward to getting to know everyone across the year!"

Aura | First School Dog



AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS 2023

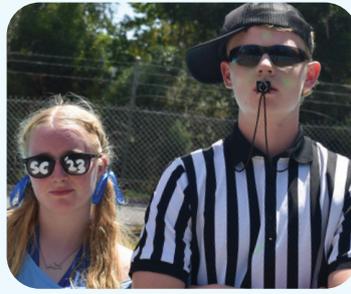
13YR



Female Champion:
Kimberley
Cochrane



Male Champion:
Josh
Iacuone-Hadley



14YR



Female Champion:
Ruby Forbes



Male Champion:
Jace
Savage-Brennen



15YR



Female Champion:
Jade Bennett



Male Champion:
Bailey Filliponi



16YR



Female Champion:
Dakota
Sagebrecht



Male Champion:
Norvi Kunkpe



17YR



Female Champion:
Jessica Bennett



Male Champion:
Lucas Rush



20YR



Female Champion:
Caitlyn Woolley



Male Champion:
Kobi Rostron



The overall winning house of the day was

YARRA!

- Yarra - 1151
- Acheron - 1072
- Yuonga - 1010
- Donna - 455

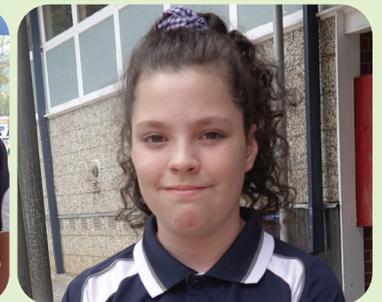
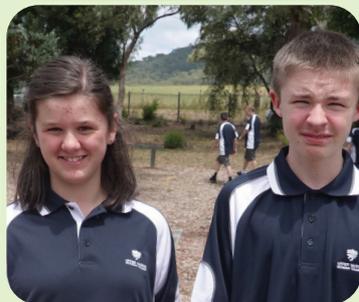




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Welcome to our New Year 7s!





After School English Class



After-school English class is each **Tuesday 3.15 - 4.15** in room 7B. Please come along if you would like a space to complete your English homework and some extra help from an English teacher.

Lisa VanderKolk | English Domain Leader

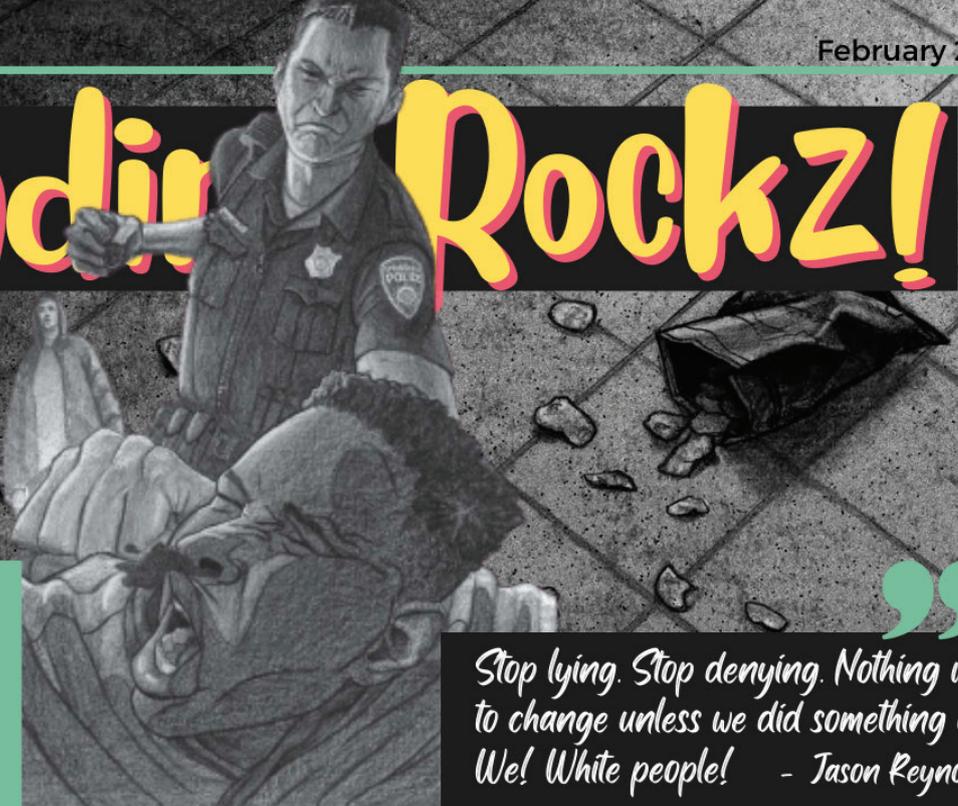
After School Maths Class



After school Maths is every **Thursday 3.15 to 4.00** in room 7B for students who would like extra help outside of their Maths classes with a variety of Maths teachers. All students are welcome and are expected to work quietly and respectfully.

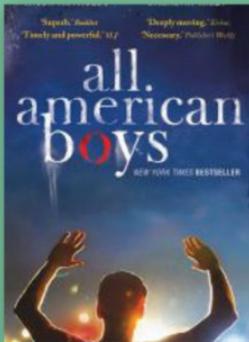
Jessica White | Mathematics Domain Leader

Reading Rockz!



**NEW
NEW**

Stop lying. Stop denying. Nothing was going to change unless we did something about it. We! White people! - Jason Reynolds



All American Boys Jason Reynolds

Genre: Realistic

The story:

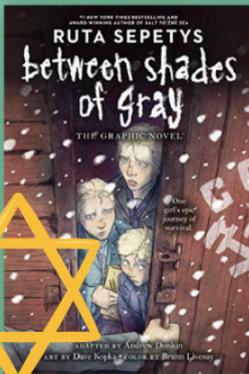
A bag of chips. That's all sixteen-year-old Rashad is looking for. What he finds instead is a fist-happy cop.

Paul, who mistakes Rashad for a shoplifter, mistakes Rashad's pleadings that he's stolen nothing for belligerence, mistakes Rashad's every flinch at every punch the cop throws as further resistance and refusal to STAY STILL as ordered.

But how can you stay still when someone is pounding your face into the pavement?

Read it if you liked:

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas, Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds



Between the Shades of Gray Ruta Sepetys

Genre: Historical Holocaust

What's it about?

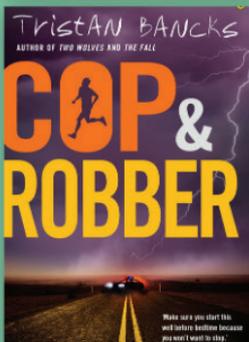
June, 1941. A knock at the door and the life of fifteen-year-old Lina Vilkas changes forever.

She's arrested by the Soviet secret police and deported from Lithuania to Siberia with her mother and younger brother. The conditions are horrific and Lina must fight for her life and for the lives of those around her, including the boy that she loves. Risking everything, she secretly passes along clues in the form of drawings, hoping they will reach her father's prison camp.

But will her messages, and her courage, be enough to reunite her family? Will they be enough to keep her alive?

If you like:

Stories about the Holocaust, true stories, graphic novels



Cop & Robber Tristan Banks

Genre: Action/Adventure

A new nailbiter:

If your mum was a cop and your dad was a crim who needed your help to commit a crime, would you do it to save him? At what cost?

Nash Hall's dad is a criminal who just can't seem to go straight. He wants Nash to help him commit a robbery. A big one.

The trouble is, Nash's mum is a cop. And the robbery is at Nash's school. But Dad owes a lot of money to some very dangerous people and if Nash doesn't help him do the job, it could cost both their lives.

Other books by Tristan Banks:

Detention, Two Wolves, The Fall, Tom Weekly series, It's Yr Life

New

