



# URRBRAE

## AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

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## Principal's Report

### Minister Boyer MP's Visit to Open the Capital Works Buildings

On Wednesday, 31st July, we had the pleasure of welcoming Minister Boyer MP to Urrbrae Agricultural High School for the official opening of our new Capital Works buildings. The Minister inaugurated F Block, K Block, and the refurbished gymnasium, marking a significant milestone in our school's development. The event was graced by the presence of numerous community dignitaries, highlighting the importance of these additions to our educational environment. Following the formalities, Minister Boyer was given a comprehensive tour of the new facilities, led by our school captains.

### SFD for External Moderation Preparations

The first day of this term was dedicated to preparing our staff for the upcoming external moderation process, which involves collaboration between high schools in our area. In 2024, we will focus on moderating Mathematics and English, with plans to extend this to all curriculum areas in 2025. This

preparation ensures that our teaching standards remain high and consistent, benefiting our students and teachers.

### Ski Trip

Our recent ski trip was a tremendous success, with 40 students and 4 staff members enjoying a week of skiing amidst varying weather conditions. The abundant snow added to the excitement and learning experience for all participants. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the staff who generously gave up a week of their school holidays to supervise and support our students on this adventure.

### The Royal Adelaide Show Preparations

We are eagerly preparing for the Royal Adelaide Show, with over 300 entries from Urrbrae Agricultural High School in 2024. Our Learning Centre is receiving a fresh look with new banners and promotional posters, ensuring our presence is vibrant and inviting. We look forward to seeing the Urrbrae AHS community come together to enjoy the Show and celebrate our students' hard work and achievements.

### **Mural**

Our community may have noticed the stunning new mural visible from Cross Road. We are thrilled to have collaborated with artist Thomas Readett on this project, which involved active participation from our students in the design process. Thomas completed the mural over the last school holidays, and we invite everyone to come and admire this beautiful addition to our school.

### **SALA Art Opening**

The SALA Art opening was held at 10 am on Saturday, 3rd August, coinciding with the Barn Market. It was a well-attended event, with Councillor Joanna Wells officiating the opening. We are proud to announce that four of our Year 9 students were awarded Principal Awards for their outstanding artwork, which has been purchased by the school for display. Congratulations to Brodie Paay, Archie Higham, Aire Howard-Jones, Lily Beauchesne for their exceptional contributions.

### **Loneliness Awareness Week**

During the whole school assembly on Monday, 5th August, I addressed the significance of Loneliness Awareness Week in Australia, running from 5th to 9th August. The statistics on loneliness are alarming: one in three Australians feel lonely at any given time, one in four experience persistent loneliness, and 41% of young people are persistently lonely. Among our staff, 24% of full-time workers are affected. Financial hardship further exacerbates this issue, with affected individuals being seven times more likely to experience persistent loneliness. We discussed the measures our school is taking to support those who feel lonely and explored ways to enhance our efforts.

### **Science Week (5th to 9th August)**

Science Week in Week 4 promises to be an exciting period, filled with a variety of engaging activities designed to spark curiosity and a love for science among our students.

*Kind regards, Todd.*



## Parent Contact Emails and Online Permissions Slips

As many of you will have experienced recently, Urrbrae is moving to an online permission slip system for excursions and other activities, managed through the EdSmart platform.

### ***Here's how it works***

You will be sent an email notification with a link to click which opens a secure web page version of the permission form to complete and submit. These links can be accessed on your phone, tablet or computer at your convenience. There is usually a linked letter providing more details.

All of the data you submit in the forms is held in a secure database only accessible to authorised school staff and EdSmart personnel.

Using this system will help us better manage any needs in the school community with the extra time saved. Another bonus is that we'll be reducing our carbon footprint and cost significantly.

### ***What is it used for***

At the moment, as we get used to the system, about half of our excursions and other permission events are being passed through the EdSmart online system. The other events are still using the paper-based system.

As we progress through 2024 it is anticipated that less and less paper will be coming home to you (or getting lost in school bags as the case may be). By the beginning of 2025 we intend to be fully online in this, as well other uses such as parent surveys, information broadcasts, policy agreements and other information. This will be communicated as the year progresses.

### ***What can you do?***

We believe that the EdSmart communication and feedback system will improve the vital links between school and home. For this to be successful we ask that you ensure that the school is holding your most up-to-date and frequently used email address (as well as all the other contact details.) These can be provided to the general [dl.0798.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0798.info@schools.sa.edu.au). It should be noted that our systems require a separate email for each parent (with access permission) and not a single family email.

Thank you to the parents who have already been using the system and responded positively. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me through the usual Urrbrae communication channels.

***Ian Reed***

***Assistance Principal (Engaged Learners)***

## Year 12 News...

As we speed headlong towards the end of the year, Year 12s are working towards their final assessment pieces and are beginning to think about their future pathways as they approach into their last days of High School. It is important that we continue to support students to be motivated, attend school and engage with their learning. Please also encourage your child to ask for help if they are struggling; we are here to provide them with assistance and support as they navigate this step forward into adulthood.

For those students wishing to apply for university and TAFE courses, the SATAC applications portal opened last week on August 5 for them to begin the application process. We had an assembly in Week 2 of this term about how to do this, and the Home Group teachers and I will be on hand to assist students with submitting their applications. Applications are open until September 30th with an application fee of \$60. After September 30th, late applications will be accepted up until December 1st. However, the application fee rises to \$210 – so while there is no rush to put in applications, it is in students' best interests (financially) to apply by September 30, 2024.

At school, students have access to a variety of publications from South Australian and interstate universities in their Study area that they can take home. I encourage you to look at these with your child and discuss the courses that they are interested in. We have had representatives from the major South Australian universities in to talk to our students about what those universities have to offer. These reps are also offering 1:1 appointments for students wishing to discuss courses that they are interested in. The first rep from Adelaide Uni will be in the Senior School Centre on Friday 16/8 with students able to book a time to chat about the courses they are interested in. Students can register their interest in the Uni SA on Monday 26/8 or Flinders appointments on Tuesday 27/8 by adding their name to the lists in the Senior School Centre.

Later in the Term we will be holding the Flinders Unitest for those students who are planning on attending Flinders University. The Unitest is an opportunity for students to boost their ATAR or to be considered without an ATAR. Students have been given information about how to register for the UniTest.

We had a fantastic turnout for our SATAC Parent Information evening on Wednesday 14th August, attended by representatives of the three major SA Universities and we hope that those of you who attended found it to be informative. If you were unable to attend, you should have received my information slides. However, if you would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

I look forward to working with you all as we travel this final stretch of the High School Road...

*Michelle Rowe*  
*Senior School/SACE Coordinator*



# Year 7 and Year 10 2024

## School Immunisation Catch Up Clinic

The City of Mitcham is conducting a **FREE** catch-up immunisation service for students who have missed their immunisations at school.

Vaccines that will be available include:

### **Year 7 Students**

HPV - Gardasil 9 and Boostrix

### **Year 10 Students**

Meningococcal B - Bexsero - Dose 1 & 2 and  
Meningococcal ACWY - Nimenrix

### ***Where and When***

**Wednesday 23 October 2024 and  
Wednesday 27 November 2024  
3.30pm - 6pm**

City of Mitcham - Civic Centre  
131 Belair Road, Torrens Park

Contact the City of Mitcham on 1300 133 466 or visit  
[www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](http://www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) for more information.

## Middle School Assembly

In CAB (Connection and Belonging) in Week 2 the Middle School Assembly was held. The assembly was run by our four Middle School SRC Captains, Angus Schiller, Julia Littlejohn, Tilly Chennells and Jamal Khalaf. Dimetri Lam volunteered to read a personal 'Acknowledgement of Country', which connected to his own connection to country.

During the assembly reminders were shared with the middle school around locks and lockers, uniform expectations and subject selections for Year 9 students going into year 10 in 2025. We also gave out awards for Academic Excellence (Semester 1) and the school value awards for 'Respect' and 'Responsibility' (see images below).

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the assembly and/or won an award.

### Academic Excellence Award Winners

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Tyler Place	Jake Turner	Bradley Ayles
Chloe Wheadon	Lily Zweck	Isla Gierke
Ayumi Yeung	Linda Kanberga	Myah Goegan
Scout Fleming	Ciara Miller	Katiya Hand
Denham Haines	William Glatter	Taya Johnson
Frankie Bishop	Ava Richards	Jamal Khalaf
Charlotte Glatter	Ella Cobbledick	Dimetri Lam
Patrick Ayles	Daina Rozitis	Sophie Lorincz
Kyan Pike	Liv Storey	Madeline Monkhouse
Jason Ness	Sophie Callen	Angus Schiller
Reuben Bunch	Aakash Chauhan	Scott Schulz
Ella Dowling	Jennifer Kaplan	Rosalie Sinnett-Jones
Jasmin O'Neill – Marshall	Tasmin Tilbrook	Julia Littlejohn
Eleanor Timmis	Daisy Griffin	Edie Weenink
Patrick Arthur	Lyly Mudge	Chloe Graetz
Tulsi Wilson	Anabelle Stead	Elise Marangone
Mike Lodge	Bridie Wilson	Claudia Muller
Tom Riddle		Felicity Nye
Jack Rosser		Evie Paltridge
Belle Townsend		Max Peruzzi
		Monique Saville
		Matilda Thiel
		Hayley Gillis



Year 7 Academic Excellence Award Winners



Year 8 Academic Excellence Award Winners

### School Values Award Winners (Respect)

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Ayumi Yeung	Bridie Wilson	Henry Arthur
Harper Bailey	Amelia Hoobin	Xavier Kutschke
Frankie Bishop	Liliana Cook	Henry Dunk
Brooklyn Jarmaine-Watt	Lily Zreika	Bradley Ayles
Matilda Osborn	Lilah Cobby	Katiya Hand
Eleanor Timmis		Willa Pankhurst
Scarlett Monkhouse		Hayley Sales
Georgia Groen		



Year 7 Value Award Winners



Year 9 Academic Excellence Award Winners

School Values Award Winners (Responsibility)		
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Luke Brumby Amber Berwick Connor Patten Patrick Ayles Zac Frendo Logan Studt Patrick Arthur Makenzie Wigmore	Adele Manson Tyler Merritt Tobi Kaempf Patrick Berry Lachie Hosking	Josh Hentschke Isabella Cook Sadie Knight Lucy Whiting Monique Saville Angus Schiller



Year 8 Value Award Winners



Year 9 Value Award Winners

## THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

### GRATITUDE

Some benefits of practising gratitude are:

- After 21 days, you start to scan the world for positives.
  - After 42 days you become:
    - More optimistic, energised & focused.
      - Less likely to get sick.
      - You will sleep better.
    - Anxiety and depression decreases.

A few quick and simple ways to practise being grateful are:

- Journaling; each night write down 3 things that went well for you that day or purchase a gratitude journal with gratitude prompts.
- Write a gratitude letter to someone special, telling them why you are grateful they are in your life.
- Have a family discussion on the way home from school or around the dinner table about the things that went well that day or made you smile.

You can purchase 21 day, 6 month and family journals from The Resilience Project website, if that is something you're interested in.

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/shop/>

The Urrbrae farm has been a hive of activity in preparation leading up to the Royal Show scheduled during Week 7 of Term 3. Highlights include:

### Senior students visit University of Adelaide Roseworthy Campus....

The University of Adelaide invited a select number of Urrbrae senior students to visit the Roseworthy during Week 8 of term 2. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn more about the tertiary pathways which are available at the Roseworthy Campus including Animal Science and Animal Behaviour degree programs. The visit included a tour of the facilities which are some of the best of their kind in the southern hemisphere. Thank you to the University of Adelaide for hosting this important visit to inform our students in their post school pathway options and to our Pathways Coordinator, Annasofia Hamilton, for promoting this opportunity and organising the student attendance.



### Senior Agriculture Mid North Field Trip a real success....

Fifty two of our Senior Agriculture students and five staff completed 4 days touring the Mid North region of South Australia during Week 10 of Term 2. The Urrbrae students and staff visited numerous agricultural enterprises learning about agribusiness, Ag Tech, animal handling and management, cropping innovations, career pathways and opportunities available in the Agricultural industry. Urrbrae is extremely grateful for the time and effort given by local farmers, producers and industry leaders throughout the trip. Congratulations to our students for representing Urrbrae so well. A fantastic team effort by all.





## National Schools Tree Day celebrated at Urrbrae

The National Schools' Tree Day was held on Friday 26th August. As part of this important event we were visited by a wonderful group of young people from Saint Patrick's Special School who enjoyed a Wetlands session facilitated by Vanessa Greenslade followed by a hands-on tree planting session with some of our Year 10 students and facilitated by Vince Fleming and Brenton Borchard. Thank you to Year 10 students Rose Buckton, Ewan Coghlan, Ella Hopkins, Taylah Hunter, Olivia McMinn, Alexia Miller, Amos Mulholland, Cerys Thomas, Kalle Murray, Mia Priddle, Harry Traino who volunteered to mentor the Saint Patrick's students during the tree planting. The day resulted in over 150 native trees and shrubs being planted along the Creek paddock southern fence line which will eventually provide a corridor for wildlife and shelter for livestock.



## Poultry production a major program each term at Urrbrae

The Term 3 newly hatched meat bird chicks were delivered in Week 1 of Term 3. The 200 birds will be managed by Mr Heyneman's Year 8 Agriculture class for the next 5 weeks.

Our industry connection and Urrbrae Governing Council Member, Daniel Edwards from AAM, spoke to the students about some recent changes to best industry practice. He talked about how in industry they are now starting the chicks on rice paper rather than newspaper, which breaks down over time in the wood shavings. They have found that 80% rice paper coverage improves their 7-day growth rate by making it easier for the new chicks to find the food. AAM will also be supplying equipment so we can install a second drinker line on the southern side of the shed. Daniel emphasised the need for strict biosecurity because of the recent outbreaks of Avian Influenza in Victoria. To minimize traffic only farm staff and the students directly involved in caring for the birds will be allowed into the broiler shed. Our students continue to benefit from Urrbrae's strong relationships with industry. Thank you Daniel for supporting this important part of our agricultural curriculum.



## National LambEx Conference – ‘Schoolies Hour of Power’

In Week 3 of Term 3 thirty five enthusiastic Sheep Club students from Years 9 – 12 attended the world’s biggest sheep, lamb and wool forum. LambEx organised the brightest and most innovative individuals, businesses and products to come to Adelaide as part of the event: the absolute sheep showcase, with the culmination of this activity providing an incredible learning opportunity to expose secondary students to the depth and breadth of careers, roles and services associated with Australia’s sheep sector. Thank you to the LambEx conference organisers who offered Urrbrae students and staff the opportunity to attend, to learn and be exposed to the latest and on-trend innovations and advancements within Australia’s sheep sector. The Urrbrae students were wonderful ambassadors for our school; we received excellent feedback from delegates and organisers from across Australia during this national conference experience.



## Royal Adelaide Show Wool Stewarding

During Week 2 of this term Year 11 and 10 Sheep Management students assisted with the wool stewarding at the Wayville Showgrounds in preparation for this year’s Royal Adelaide Show. The students were involved in the testing of wool samples, classing fleeces and setting up wool displays in the Sheep and Wool Pavilion. This was an excellent opportunity to learn more about wool classing and wool judging, thanks to the following students for volunteering to be involved: Year 10 Katrina Brokus, Roxy Fiedler, Harry Freshwater, Cooper Grivell, Lainie Jackson, Nikki Jones, Fabian Schmidt, Will Sinnett-Jones, Cerys Thomas

Year 11 Rileigh Abbott, Alice Eckert, Amelia Effingham, Shayla Harrison, Katherine Lord, Caitlin Lush, Adelaide Monkhouse, Amber Rowland, Kiara Taylor

We received excellent feedback about the students from the organisers of the Wool Judging, well done.



### Lambing time at Urrbrae in full swing!

The stud Suffolk ewes were artificially inseminated on March 3rd by Brecon Breeders veterinarian Margie Troubridge, with top-line genetics donated by Suffolk breeder and Old Scholar Daniel Lutz. The ewes began lambing on Thursday 25th July with fantastic results of 22 healthy lambs from 15 ewes so far. Lambs will be eventually selected to be the team for the 2025 Royal Show sheep competition.



### Royal Adelaide Show Media Launch

On Thursday of Week 2, Urrbrae was invited to take part in the media launch for the Royal Adelaide Show where we provided two very healthy and cute week-old Suffolk lambs. Thank you to our Year 10 Sheep and Wool students, Katrina Brokus, Roxy Fielder, Lainie Jackson and Cerys Thomas, who enthusiastically and ably assisted. This was an excellent promotional opportunity for Urrbrae and is another example of the close working relationship we have with the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of SA.





### Horse Industry Exploration Activity

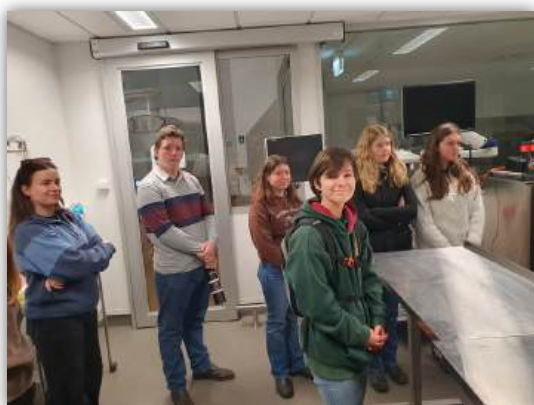
On Wednesday August 7, the Horse Management class travelled to the Adelaide University, Roseworthy Campus and the Gawler Racing Club for the Life Members Racing Meeting and Horse Industry Awareness Program.

We had an eye-opening tour of the Large Animal Veterinary Facilities and spoke to several Vets and Veterinary Students. Career pathways and the opportunities of employment in the horse industry were a focus of discussion.

After Roseworthy we attended the races at the Gawler Race course with our host of the day, Clare Lindop from Racing SA. Clare explained all the details of activities that make a Race Day happen, and we had full access to every area on the course. Some of the highlights included a talk from the Chief Steward and a look inside the telecast box high above the grandstand. We also had a close up view of the starting gates as the horses jumped out in the first race. In between races, we walked down the track along the finishing straight. A catered lunch was provided by Racing SA.

Overall, it was a unique experience and we really appreciated all the efforts of Clare Lindop from Racing SA to make the day so very beneficial for the students.

*Michael Brokus*  
Agriculture and Technology Teacher





### Year 7 Agriculture Trip – Botanical Gardens and Central Market

On Friday 2nd August, Mr. Brokus's Year 7 Agricultural class visited the Adelaide Botanical Gardens and the Adelaide Central Markets. This excursion was funded by proceeds from the sale of their vegetables at the Urrbrae Barn Markets and served as a celebration of the students' learning, hard work, and the positive attitude they demonstrated throughout last semester.

Among the highlights at the Botanical Gardens were the Museum of Economic Botany, the rainforest within the Bicentennial Conservatory, the Amazon Water Lily Pavilion, and the spiky plants in the Palm House.

We were fortunate to have the Manager of the Diggers Club Garden Shop speak to us about heirloom plants. They generously donated seeds for us to plant in the upcoming Spring and Summer seasons.

After we visited the Botanical Gardens, we took a tram to the Central Market for lunch and a shopping activity. Students were encouraged to expand their culinary horizons by trying foods they wouldn't normally eat at the Asian Food Court and to purchase unusual items to research and present to the class.

It was a fantastic day, and we only caught one wrong bus! Thank you to Cass Neller for helping make this day such a success.

*Michael Brokus*  
Agriculture and Technology Teacher



## Adelaide Hills Aviary Open in Urrbrae Sanctuary



Diamond Fire-tail finches – Australia’s largest native finch

For over a year the members of the Native Animal Club and the Year 11 Native Animal Studies classes have been stealing a little bit of time here and there to renovate an old possum cage into an aviary that mimics the environment of the Adelaide Hills. This includes the planting of a variety of native species including callistemon and correa species. It has taken quite a while to complete because this work has been done around all the regular tasks of feeding, cleaning and maintenance in the native animal sanctuary. The initial inhabitants are diamond fire-tail finches, peaceful doves and superb fairywrens, all of which naturally inhabit bushland areas of the hills. All three species are new to Urrbrae, and we are very excited by their arrival. The fairy-wrens are a particularly welcome addition with the beautiful blue breeding colours of the male and the animated way in which they search about the aviary for food. Being insect eaters, the fairywrens present some challenges when it comes to keeping up the supply of bugs, but our experience with white-browed wood-swallows has been invaluable in helping get prepared. As we come in to breeding season the club members are hopeful that the supplies of nesting material supplied will result in new additions to the aviary community.



Superb fairy-wren – the bright blue male is easy to pick



White-browed woodswallows – our practice species for insect eating birds



Peaceful Dove – subtle but beautiful colours

## Urrbrae's SALA Exhibition

The SALA Exhibition held over the weekend was a success, running alongside our monthly Barn Market. The event featured works from both staff and students, and we received a lot of positive feedback from the community. It was also a great opportunity for the public to view our murals, including Ella Germein's colourful mural in the spine of the school and Thomas Readett's depiction of the wetlands on the climbing wall shed.

We would like to thank everyone involved in submitting work and setting up the exhibition. The combined efforts made this event a memorable experience for all attendees.

We have a few special mentions for their outstanding contributions. Molly Cooper, Baxter Sudo, Avah Anderson, and Dasha Kovalova received prizes from our exhibition sponsors and art suppliers for their creativity and technical proficiency. Their work stood out and added a special touch to the exhibition.

This year, we also introduced the Principal's Award, given to students whose work will be proudly displayed in the school. The recipients are Year 9 students Brodie Paay, Archie Higham, Aire Howard-Jones, and Lily Beauchesne.

The exhibition was kindly opened by Counsellor Joanna Wells from the Mitcham Council. Congratulations to all our talented students and staff, and thank you for making this event a success.

*Belinda Sulkowski – Arts Coordinator*





Molly Cooper, Dasha Kovalova, Baxter Sudo (Absent) and Avah Anderson (Absent)



Photos feature awards presented to Brodie Paay, Archie Higham, Aire Howard-Jones and Lily Beauchesne (Absent).



## Urrbrae's New Mural

The latest addition to our school's artistic landscape is the striking large-scale composition adorning the climbing shed. Painted by Thomas Readett, a talented Ngarrindjeri artist from Kurna Country, this mural captivates with its dynamic portrayal of local wildlife. Designed to offer a unique perspective from every angle, it invites viewers to discover new details and perspectives with each glance. This artwork not only enhances our school environment aesthetically but also enriches our cultural tapestry by celebrating Indigenous art and the rich biodiversity of our region. We encourage everyone to take a moment to admire and appreciate this remarkable contribution to our school community.

*Belinda Sulkowski – Arts Coordinator*



## Reconciliation Week Art Workshops

On the Wednesday of Week 5, during Reconciliation Week, Urrbrae art students were lucky enough to attend two workshops run by Aboriginal artists, to try some material experimentation and learn about the methods used in some of their art.

The morning workshop was run by Thomas Readett, a Ngarrindjeri man based on Kurna Country, whose practice spans painting, drawing, and music just to name a few, and has created literally dozens of aerosol murals around SA. My favourite work of his, and the one I've seen in person, is the stunning mural of David Gulpilil outside the Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute. Even when I look at his other murals on his website [trvisualarts.com](http://trvisualarts.com), his ability to capture the movement and realism of his subject means that they appear to come to life, out of my screen. During the workshop, Thomas shared his story of doing really well in Year 12, not knowing where to go next, dabbling in a trade, then enrolling at the Central School of Art and loving it. He also spoke about aerosol, saying it took him a year to master the technique and encouraging the students to have fun and try different methods of application. These included using different nozzle heads to achieve certain pressures, angling the can almost parallel to the wall to achieve sharp-to-fading strokes, and using a piece of board to create specific shapes (e.g. a heart shape). I thoroughly enjoyed this workshop, because it allowed me to experiment in a medium I'd never tried before, under the guidance of a warm-mannered and encouraging artist.

The afternoon workshop was run by Charlie and Auntie Elaine. Charlie taught the students about some Kurna symbols and what they represented (e.g. pudna: water hole, kudli: wash, wardli: home) and showed the students how to make dot paintings using cotton swabs or filter tips. Auntie Elaine shared with us the history of the dot painting technique, which is relatively new and came about in 1971, when art teacher Geoffrey Bardon encouraged his students to paint a mural on the school walls based on traditional dreamings. She also brought in some Aboriginal tools for us to look at, including a woomera, which shouldn't be considered an 'artefact' because people are still using them today. Not only that, but the ball thrower you use with your dog at the park uses the very same technology. I also had a lot of fun in this workshop. Charlie and Auntie Elaine shared many interesting stories and the dot-painting was therapeutic. Inspired by the sense of movement in Thomas Readett's works, I tried to achieve a similar feeling of animation by varying the thickness of the dots and the space between them.

*Miles, Year 12 Art student*

### New Collaborative Artwork:

Our recent collaborative art project, inspired by Reconciliation Week workshops, have been a journey of creativity and cultural connection at our school. Facilitated by artist Charlie Griffiths Barkindji and Kurna Elder Aunty Elaine, these workshops brought together students from various year levels and Art Club members to create paintings that beautifully highlight the significance of wetlands and their intricate food webs.

Focused on Brown Hill Creek and the Kurna creation story of Tjilbruke, the artworks are now completed, framed, and proudly displayed throughout our school, serving as a testament to the talent and collaboration within our community.

Additionally, an aerosol workshop led by Thomas Readett sparked the creation of our latest mural on the northern side of the school. This workshop allowed students to explore contemporary methods and techniques, resulting in Readett's vibrant depiction of flora and fauna from our local wetlands. This new addition enriches our school's growing collection of artworks, further celebrating our natural surroundings and the creative spirit of our students.

We are immensely proud of the meaningful connections and artistic achievements that have emerged from these projects, underscoring our commitment to cultural awareness and environmental stewardship.

*Belinda Sulkowski – Arts Coordinator*

### Year 9 Visual Art, Collaborative Painting with Visiting Aboriginal Artist, Charlie Griffiths Barkindji

During reconciliation week, our year nine art class had the pleasure of meeting and working with Charlie Griffiths Barkindji and Kurna elder Aunty Elaine who is highly respected throughout the community. We were taught different painting techniques, as well as numerous new words relating to the environment around us. It was fascinating, we learnt many different artistic skills that will help us in the future.

Charlie and Aunty Elaine were kind enough to share historical facts, such as the origin of the dot painting style. They also brought in tools and discussed how they have been utilized for thousands of years by Aboriginal people.

The workshop was a great learning experience and gave us insight into the history and art of Australian Aboriginal culture.  
*Lucy W. and Madeline M. Year 9 Art.*



### Year 9 Design – Redesigning the Urrbrae Egg Carton Label

Year 9 Design Class B is excited to undertake the process of creating a new label for the Urrbrae Egg Cartons! In preparation for this creative task, students took a trip out to the Urrbrae farm to see where the chickens live, take photos, study how they are kept, and meet with Allan Penhall to ask questions and learn more information. It was an incredibly informative and worthwhile trip, and the class is very eager to show off their designs soon!

*Gemma Owens (Pre-service Teacher)*





## Senior School Snow Trip 2024

In the July holidays 40 students headed to the Australian Alps at Mount Hotham for a week of snowboarding and skiing. After a overnight bus ride through regional SA and Vic we started the slow journey up to Mt Hotham from Bright. As we got closer to the top the snow started to appear on the roadside. With most of the group not seeing snow in real life, the bus started to buzz with excitement. After dropping our bags at the lodge, we got kitted out with our equipment and hit the slopes for a lesson. There was lots of falling over and laughter in the first few days as the students learnt how to slide around on snow.

They even found out that snow is not always soft and fluffy. As their confidence grew, we moved from the green runs of the Big D and Summit to Heavenly Valley's blue runs. There was a small group who had been before and they got to see runs like Image and The Milky Way. While the weather was not always blue skies, we did get the opportunity to do night skiing at The Big D. Everyone made good progress by the end of the week and got the chance to do a Village loop run down slalom gully. Nights were spent playing cards, pool or table soccer. There were even a few students doing some study as well. After a quick shop on the last day we needed to leave before the blizzard hit. Everyone was moving quickly to get onboard before getting blown away. The students had a great time and created memories with friends they will keep for a long time.

Planning has started for the 2025 senior school snow trip, so if you are in year 10, 11 or 12 next year look out for information on Daymap. Happy winter everyone and in the words of Warren Miller, "if you don't do it this year, you will be one year older when you do!"

*Neil Muggleton*  
*Snow Trip Coordinator*





## Ben Hits the Trail of Success

Ben Van Raalte in year 11 is having a successful year on the track. After setting a standard at the Interschool Athletics event in term 1 he won the state cross country championships recently. Ben will be heading to Launceston later this term for the nationals. Ben was identified earlier this year as one of The Advertiser's athletes of the future to watch out for. Good luck in Tassy Ben and well done managing your time between athletics and your studies.

*Neil Muggleton*





**EVERYONE  
BELONGS**

**Bullying No Way  
National week of action**

**12-16 August 2024**

**Bullying No Way: National week of action is on Monday 12 to Friday 16 August. This year's theme is 'Everyone Belongs'.**

**When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place. It's about embracing who we are, respecting everyone's differences and standing up against unkindness.**

**Belonging means we all have a role in preventing bullying. We're encouraged to speak up and create a safe place where everyone feels supported and respected, and our voices are heard and valued.**

# LOST PROPERTY

Remember to check lost property at Student Admin  
Label your belongings, as all named items  
are returned to their rightful owner.

All unclaimed items will be donated to  
a local charity at the end of the term



🔍 School Student Broadband Initiative | Student Home Internet Program

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## Free home internet access for students

### There are currently 2 options available

- wireless internet access from the Department for Education through the Student Home Internet Program
- NBN internet access until December 2025 from the Australian Government through the School Student Broadband Initiative



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### You might be eligible if you

- have a school aged child
- don't have reliable home internet access or have no active NBN connection

[education.sa.gov.au/student-home-internet-program](https://education.sa.gov.au/student-home-internet-program)



## Diary Dates

Monday 19th August	Principal's Tours 9.30am & 4.00pm – Book online
Tuesday 27th August	Casual Day
Monday 2nd September – Friday 6th September	Royal Adelaide Show Week
Wednesday 4th September	School Closure Day
Saturday 7th September	Barn Market
Thursday 19th September	Careers in Ag Expo
Monday 23rd September	Principal's Tour 9:30am & 4:00pm- Book online
Friday 27th September	End of Term 3
Monday 14th October	Start of Term 4
Monday 21st October	Last Official week for Year 12
Wednesday 23rd October	Principal's Tour 9:30am & 4:00pm- Book online
Friday 25th October	Year 12 Breakfast & Year 12 Assembly (WholeSchool)
Monday 28th October	Year 11 RAP- Road Safety Program
Saturday 2nd November	Barn Market
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12th November	Year 6 to Year 7 Parent Information Night
Friday 15th November	Principal's Tour 9:30am - Book online



# Urrbrae Agricultural High School BARN MARKET

**Farm fresh produce**

9.00-12.00  
7th September  
2nd November

Book your site for only \$20  
For further information please  
visit the school website  
[www.urrbraehs.sa.edu.au/barn-market](http://www.urrbraehs.sa.edu.au/barn-market)

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