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Principal's Report

Senior School Awards and Graduation Evening

On Friday, 28th November, we celebrated our Senior School Awards and Graduation evening. It was an excellent event, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the invited guests, especially those who gave an address. A special thank you to the sponsors of the student awards. This evening was a great send-off to our 2025 Year 12s. Congratulations to all the award winners.

Spring Music on the Green

On Wednesday, 19th November, we held the Spring Music on the Green event. It was wonderful to hear from a range of our music students, showcasing various levels of experience and music genres. Thank you to everyone involved in the planning, setting up, and running of this event.

Canteen Staff and Volunteers

I would like to extend my gratitude to the canteen staff and volunteers who have done a fantastic job serving food to Urrbrae staff, students, and TAFE staff and students. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Without your valuable contribution, the smooth running of the canteen could not be assured.

Year 11 into 12 Jumpstart Program

The Year 11 into 12 Jumpstart program ran on Monday, 24th November. This was an excellent transition day, preparing students for a solid start in 2026. I wish next year's Year 12s a restful break before their final year of high school.

Year 6 into 7 Transition Day

The Year 6 into 7 transition day and parent tours took place on Thursday, 27th November. This was a significant effort in preparing a fully operational site to cater for an extra 200 students for the day. A big thank you to Amy Klitscher and the middle school team for their preparation and running of this day.

Governing Council

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Governing Council in 2025. Their support of the school is unwavering. I encourage everyone to nominate for the council at next year's AGM in March.

December Barn Market

The December Barn Market was held on Saturday, 6th December. I want to thank the volunteers involved in preparing for and running all the other markets during the year. It is pleasing to note that more stalls have opened up and that more people are attending. This is a testament to our fantastic Urrbrae community.

Confirmed staff who are leaving at the end of 2025

The following staff have confirmed that they are leaving the school at the end of this year. I would like to thank each of them for their contribution to the school and wish them all the best in their transition to other pursuits:

- Brenton Borchardt has won a position as a leader at Seaview High School
- Mark Zivkovic has retired
- Ben Hornsey has won a teaching position at Morialta Secondary College
- Anne Fry has won a teaching position at Morialta Secondary College
- Tom Jennings has won a teaching position at Plympton International College
- Kym Naulty has retired
- Andrew Healy has decided to go back to running his own business
- Ian Dewey has won a teaching position at Scotch Oakburn College in Launceston, Tasmania
- Ellie Duffy has won a teaching position at Orroroo Area School
- David Sonntag has completed his contract
- Tyson Davis has completed his contract
- Clare Destro will be taking 12 months leave
- Dave King has completed his contract
- Ray Klinger has completed her contract
- Hayley Cochrane has completed her contract

Festive Season Wishes

Finally, I wish everyone a restful and, most importantly, safe festive season. I look forward to connecting with all of you again in early 2026.

Warm regards,
Todd George
Principal

Congratulations Larissa Tallent

Larissa was recognised by Educators SA with the ATASA Award for Excellence which was presented by the Minister for Education as part of their World Teachers Day Celebrations.

“With over 30 years in agricultural education, Larissa has inspired thousands of students through innovative, hands-on learning and strong industry connections. As Coordinator of the Royal Adelaide Show Learning Centre and long-serving ATASA leader, she has created impactful programs, mentored teachers and students, and strengthened the profession. Her vision, dedication, and leadership have elevated agricultural education across South Australia.”



Presentation Night recognises Major Agriculture Awards

Since 1932 Urrbrae has enjoyed mutually beneficial partnerships with a diverse range of agricultural businesses and industry groups. The result has seen significant sponsorship for our wonderful school including the funding of major agricultural awards that recognise students who have excelled in the study of agriculture whilst at Urrbrae.

Major Agriculture Awards



Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society Education Foundation Scholarship: Awarded to Emily Muggleton, Presented by Nicola Feeney (Board Member, Show Society Foundation)



Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society Education Foundation Scholarship: Awarded to Ella Ruchs, Presented by Nicola Feeney (Board Member, Show Society Foundation)



Peter Waite Old Scholars Prize: Awarded to Daniel Billing, Presented by Charlton Jeisman

AJ & PA McBride Awards for Agriculture



McBride Excellence in Agriculture Year 10: Max Peruzzi



McBride Excellence in Agriculture Year 11: Lainie Jackson



McBride Excellence in Agriculture Year 12: Daniel Billing

The **Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Show Society Education Foundation** generously provides scholarships to two students from the Class of 2025 who have achieved the highest ATAR scores and then commenced an Agricultural or allied tertiary program. The scholarships are awarded as a single year scholarship, valued at \$2,000 each. The Urrbrae community congratulates the recipients of the **Show Society Foundation Scholarship** Emily Muggleton and Ella Ruchs.

Emily Muggleton commenced Year 8 at Urrbrae in 2020. Emily absolutely fell in love with working with animals on the Urrbrae Farm, which changed her life trajectory! Her favourite subjects included Cattle Management, Animal Science, Animal Production, Biology and Chemistry. Emily also enjoyed learning how to handle animals and being able to 'run away' to the Urrbrae Farm every lunchtime! Currently Emily is studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Bioscience at the University of Adelaide and is aspiring to travel the world (to gain veterinary experience) and eventually run her own veterinary practice in regional South Australia upon graduation.

Ella Ruchs commenced Year 10 at Urrbrae in 2022 originating from the Upper South-East region of SA. Ella aspired to attend Urrbrae as she was interested in pursuing a career in Agriculture and it was evident that Urrbrae provided greater opportunities across diverse Agriculture and Science related subjects. Over the years Ella's family have also attended Urrbrae including her brother, father, uncles and grandfather!

Ella's favourite subjects included Animal Science, Animal Production and Mathematics and she also enjoyed being an active Sheep Club Leader in Years 10 - 12.

Congratulations Emily and Ella!

Our second major Agricultural award category is the **Peter Waite Old Scholars Award** which is sponsored by the Urrbrae Old Scholars Association through the generosity of Peninsula Farming which is owned and operated by the family of past Old Scholar and President of the Association Jamie Smith who lost his battle with cancer two year ago. The Urrbrae community recognises and appreciates the dedication and contribution to Urrbrae Jamie made over many years particularly through the Old Scholars Association. The Peter Waite Old Scholars award recognises a Year 12 Agriculture student who has made the most significant all-round contribution to the Urrbrae community including participation in a range of community activities, successful academic achievement and personal attributes that Urrbrae strives to instil in all students. The Award is valued at \$1,000 and congratulations to the 2025 recipient Daniel Billing.

Daniel commenced his studies at Urrbrae in Year 8 in 2021, entering as the only student from his primary school. He had attended a few school tours over the previous years, and was struck by the school's practical, application-based approach to education. Compared with the other schools he considered attending, Urrbrae's strong focus on hands-on science perfectly matched the way he learns best. Daniel particularly enjoyed maths and applying critical thinking in events like the Science and Engineering Challenge. He is also grateful for the opportunity to be a Peer Leader and participating in the Royal Adelaide Show Learning Centre. His passion in agriculture developed throughout Years 8 to 12, and he thoroughly enjoyed studying a wide range of subjects, with particular interest in Viticulture, Animal and Crop Sciences, Agricultural Systems and Animal Production.

Daniel was also a leader in Goat, Sheep, and Cattle Clubs which has helped him build valuable industry connections and lasting friendships. Daniel is currently awaiting acceptance into a Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences at Adelaide University, on completion he hopes to become an agronomist, a goal he has had since he applied to Urrbrae and one that still motivates him today. He is also open to exploring other opportunities in the agricultural industry if they come his way... especially if they come with good pay! Congratulations Daniel.

The third category of our major Agricultural Awards is sponsored by AJ and PA McBride Pastoral, a major SA Agribusiness that own and operate numerous properties across SA and interstate. Recipients of a **McBride Agricultural Award** have achieved outstanding results in their agricultural studies and have also been actively involved in Agricultural Clubs and/or agricultural work experience. In addition, one student from each senior year level will receive a **McBride Excellence in Agricultural Award** recognising exemplary achievement of the selection criteria.

The McBride Agricultural Award winners from Year 10 each received \$150 and a certificate. The winner of the Year 10 McBride Excellence in Agricultural Award receiving \$500 is Max Peruzzi.

The Year 11 McBride Agricultural Awards winners each received \$250 and a certificate. The winner of the Year 11 McBride Excellence in Agricultural Award receiving \$500 is Lainie Jackson.

The Year 12 McBride Agricultural Awards winners each receive \$350 and a certificate. The winner of the Year 12 McBride Excellence in Agricultural Award receiving \$500 is Daniel Billing.

Congratulations to all the 2025 McBride Agricultural Award winners. Well done.

On behalf of the major award recipients and the Urrbrae community we thank the major Agricultural awards sponsors

- The Show Society Education Foundation
- Urrbrae Old Scholars Association and Peninsula Farming
- The AJ and PA McBride Board

for their generous ongoing support of these major agricultural awards.

Vince Fleming

Assistant Principal - Agriculture

Service Awards

Sofia Baalcke
Service to Barn Market
Service to EFG

Daniel Billing
Service to Sheep Club

Amelia Blunsden
Service to Barn Market

Claire Bryant
Service to Goat Club

Isabella Bubb
Service to EFG

Katiya Hand
Service to Music
(School Band)

Josh Hards
Service to EFG

AJ Jeffery
Service to Alpaca Club

Jamal Khalaf
Service to Barn Market
Service to Music
(Jazz Ensemble)

Alexia Miller
Service to Native Animal Club

Adelaide Monkhouse
Service to Goat Club

Kalle Murray
Service to EFG

Jedd Oster-Ives
Service to Barn Market
Service to Music
(Performance)

Lara Pargin
Service to SRC

Laughlan Percy
Service to Barn Market

Amelia Pisaniello
Service to Alpaca Club

Mia Priddle
Service to Music
(School Band)

Hayley Sales
Service to Library

Zak Simcox
Service to Barn Market

Lizzy Smith
Service to EFG

Matilda Thiel
Service to Barn Market

Cerys Thomas
Service to Dairy Club

Harry Traino
Service to EFG

Neila Turner
Service to Cattle Club

Dylan Westlake-Siegmann
Service to Goat Club

William Whiting
Service to Sheep Club

Subject Awards

Daniel Billing
• Animal Production

Liam Mason
• Plant Production

Liam Mason
• Essential Mathematics

Abby Butler
• General Mathematics

Nick Wildenaur
• Specialist Mathematics
• Mathematical Methods

Deacon Nicholas
• Activating Identities & Futures

Nick Wildenaur
• Activating Identities & Futures

Olivia Harris
• Workplace Practices

Jonah Spry
• Industry Connections

Owen Todd
• Integrated Learning

Lachlan Burns
• Furniture Construction
• Metal Technology

Neve Gardner
• Hauser Memorial Prize for
Year 12 English Literary Studies

Evelyn Wilson
• Hauser Memorial Prize for
Year 12 English

Abigail Bauer
• Essential English

Nessie Leathart
• Outdoor Education

Jacki Craill
• Food and Hospitality

Levi Llewellyn
• Sports Studies

Shayla Harrison
• Health and Wellbeing

Emerson Warren
• Agricultural Systems

Peta Stuchbery
• Child Studies

Evelyn Wilson
• Biology

Lucy Taylor-Wright
• Psychology

Eve Craggs-McCaul
• Psychology
Nick Wildenaur
• Physics
• Chemistry

Imogen Wright
• Visual Arts
Lara Pargin
• Music

Major Awards



Ampol - Best All Rounder:
Nick Wildenauer



Urrbrae Service Award:
Lara Pargin



Muriel Matters:
Evie Paltridge



Miticham Churches Schools Ministry
Support Inc(MCSMS Inc) Encouragement
Award: Charlie O'Brien



ADF Long Tan- Leadership & Teamwork
Award Year 10: Sadie Knight



ADF Long Tan- Leadership & Teamwork
Award Year 12: Jack Wallis



ADF Future Innovators Award - STEM -
Year 10: Bradley Ayles



ADF Future Innovators Award - STEM -
Year 10: Declan Chambers

Agriculture Subject Awards

Brianna Bradshaw

- Hills Farm Supplies Award Year 10 Agriculture Subjects

Josh Hentschke

- Hills Farm Supplies Award Year 10 Agriculture Subjects

Max Packer

- Hills Farm Supplies Award Year 10 Agriculture Subjects

Charlotte Pardoe

- Hills Farm Supplies Award Year 10 Agriculture Subjects

Matilda Wyatt

- Hilton Memorial Award Year 10 Agriculture

Katrina Brokus

- Coopers Animal Health Award Year 11 Agricultural Practical Cattle Management

Rose Buckton

- Coopers Animal Health Award Year 11 Agricultural Practical Sheep & Goat Management

Erin Frost

- Coopers Farm Supplies Award Year 11 Animal Science

Jayden Lamprill

- Coopers Farm Supplies Award Year 11 Crop Science

Lainie Jackson

- Magill Grain Store Award Year 11 Agricultural Practical Livestock Management

Daniel Billing

- LC Bettison Scholarship Agriculture Production

Jessie Rosser

- Ben Scutter Memorial Prize Year 11



AJ & PA McBridee Agriculture Awards

Year 10 Winners

Brianna Bradshaw
Matilda Chennells
Katiya Hand

Nikita Harris
Chloe James
Sadie Knight

Lily Mason
Matilda Muggleton
Charlotte Pardoe

Dylan Westlake-Siegmann
Matilda Wyatt
Lucy Whiting



Year 11 Winners

Katrina Brokus
Mia Brown
Rose Buckton

Jayden Lamprill
Amelia Pisaniello

Jessie Rosser
Cerys Thomas



Year 12 Winners

Rileigh Abbott
Starr Hampton
Caitlin Lush

Leiella Pagon
Annabell Schlueter
Kaylee Shallow

Patrick Stewart
Neila Turner
William Whiting



As the year wraps up, it is with great pleasure that I introduce our Senior School team for 2026 and beyond.

Sam Furniss has won his position as the Year 11 Coordinator for the next five years, and Kim Maynard joins us from Clare High School as our Year 10 Coordinator for the same period. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Meg Neindorf for her incredible work with our Year 10s this year, and to acknowledge Kate Lindblom for stepping into the role this term while Meg is on maternity leave.



Kym Maynard
Year 10 Coordinator



Sam Furniss
Year 11 Coordinator



Michelle Rowe
Year 12 & Senior School
Coordinator

Last Friday we saw the final event for our Class of 2025, with the Senior School Presentation and Graduation Ceremony at the Ridley Centre, at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds. This was an exciting evening to recognise the achievements, growth, and contributions of our senior students and to celebrate the culmination of thirteen years of schooling for our graduates.

This year, we were privileged to be led by our 2025 School Captains, **Ottie Attwood and Jack Wallis**. Their leadership has been exemplary - calm, committed, and consistently focused on lifting the student experience for all. They have set a strong standard for future leaders and have represented the school with integrity in every arena.

A number of major awards were presented during the ceremony, recognising students who demonstrated excellence, service, innovation, and leadership:

- **Ampol All Rounder Award** – **Nick Wildenauer**, an exceptional student who has excelled across academics, leadership, and community involvement.
- **Urrbrae Service Award** – **Lara Pargin**, whose dedication to Urrbrae has enriched our school community.
- **Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards:**
 - Year 12: **Jack Wallis**
 - Year 10: **Sadie Knight**
- **ADF STEM Innovators Awards:**
 - Year 12: **Declan Chambers**
 - Year 10: **Bradley Ayles**

We were also treated to an outstanding Valedictory speech from **Sol Gunson**, who represented the Class of 2025 with maturity, humour, and genuine insight. Sol captured the spirit of the cohort beautifully and spoke with the confidence and clarity of a young person ready to take on the world.

As we close the year, we also pause to acknowledge and honour the students from this cohort whom we have sadly lost. Their absence is deeply felt, and our thoughts remain with their families, friends, and all who were touched by their lives. They remain an enduring part of the Urrbrae story.

As we close the year, we celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2025 and look with confidence toward 2026.

To our graduates-congratulations.
You leave with our pride, our respect,
and our warmest wishes
for what lies ahead.

Michelle Rowe
Senior School Coordinator



I am excited to share that Mitchell Johnston and Sarah Truran successfully won the Year Level coordinator positions that were advertised last term. Mitchell will continue as the Year 8 Coordinator and Sarah as the Year 9 Coordinator. I (Amy) look forward to working together with Mitchell and Sarah to create a safe and positive learning environment for our Year 7 to 9 students at UAHS. This includes implementing 'The Resilience Project' across all year levels in CaB.



Amy Klitscher
Year 7 & Middle School Coordinator



Mitch Johnston
Year 8 Coordinator



Sarah Truran
Year 9 Coordinator

I also want to wish Mark Zivovic all the best as he continues to enjoy his leave and retirement. Mark (or known by many students as Mr Z) quietly decided to go on leave at the end of Term 2 this year, after spending many years at UAHS as Year 8 coordinator.

On Monday Week 8, the Middle School End of Year Assembly was held. This was a jam-packed assembly that was full of celebrating students and their achievements this year. Our Middle School Captains did a great job at hosting the assembly and introducing our awards. We also handed out numerous certificates to students in the middle school who have attended at least 95% for the year. This is a great effort with some students only missing 1 day for the whole year. Please enjoy the photos of our winners below.

Mitchell, Sarah and I, look forward to working with the Middle School students and their families next year. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a great break.

Amy Klitscher
Year 7 and Middle School Coordinator



Responsibility Award



Resilience Award



Academic Award



HASS Award

Resilience Award Winners

| | | | |
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| John Antonis | Lachlan Guerin | Elena Norman | Archie Wandless |
| Charlie Beaumont | Zali Harris | Xavian Parr | Jacob Wood |
| Penny Butler | Madelin Jacobs | Tobin Porteous | Ayumi Yeung |
| Imogen Deed | Casper Jones | Charlotte Reeves | |
| Georgia Edwards | Matilda Lay | Ava Richards | |
| Harvey Gardiner | Luke Maple | Dakotah Stewart | |
| Charlotte Glatter | Emma Mcritchie | Marley Thane | |

Responsibility Award Winners

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| Max Bekiarian-Quinlan | Kieran Eastwood | Patrick Marston | Charlotte Thomas |
| Patrick Berry | Jordana Gower-Meldrum | Hailey Northcott | Chloe Wheadon |
| Sophia Bielby | Georgia Groen | Izabella Percy | Gwenyth Wyatt |
| Amelia Birkett | Max Harris | Logan Pulford | |
| Mia Christie | Eva Kanberga | Zoe Richter | |
| Liliana Cook | Linda Kanberga | Lewis Rodda | |
| Sara Day | Evie Klau | Liv Storey | |

Excellence in Agriculture Award Winners

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Emile Adam | Lilah Cobby | Riley Huddy | Jack Rosser |
| James Angeloni | Charlie Collins | Mia Jeffery | Immy ROWSELL |
| John Antonis | James Fakes | Eva Kanberga | Anabel Schultz |
| Patrick Ayles | Hayley Fix | Linda Kanberga | Cameron Simm |
| Ella Bowen | Scout Fleming | Sam Mahon | Jasper Singh |
| Cacey Brink | Zac Frendo | Patrick Marston | Liv Storey |
| Reuben Bunch | Iris GARRETT | Oli Mason | Eleanor Timmis |
| Savannah Burke | Morty Gibson | Tyler Merritt | Makenzie Wigmore |
| Angus Burnett-Mumford | Milo Gilding-Smith | Ciara Miller | Charlotte Wilkinson |
| Keira Campagnolo | Jordana Gower-Meldrum | Xavian Parr | Bridie Wilson |
| Luna Clear | Denham Haines | Gullen Popper-Png | Gwenyth Wyatt |
| Ella Cobbledick | Max Harris | Oscar Raidel | Ayumi Yeung |

Academic Award Winners

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|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Chloe Bailey | Iris Garrett | Tyler Merritt | Jack Rosser |
| Francesca Bishop | Coralene Gillespie | Ciara Miller | Jasper Singh |
| Cacey Brink | Charlotte Glatter | Jack Newman | Anabelle Stead |
| Reuben Bunch | Owen Good | Angelica Panteladis | Samuel Stevens |
| Savannah Burke | Jordana Gower-Meldrum | Kyan Pike | Elise Thomas |
| Aakash Chauhan | Denham Haines | Gullen Popper-PNG | Tasmin Tilbrook |
| Luna Clear | Max Harris | Tobin Porteous | Isabella Townsend |
| Jessica Dally | Eva Kanberga | Tilly Priddle | Jake Turner |
| Billie Dickson-Caton | Jennifer Kaplan | Emma Richards | Bridie Wilson |
| Georgia Edwards | Stella Karpenko | Holly Richards | Lily Zweck |
| Angus Fairgrieve | Emily Kirkwood | Thomas Riddle | |
| Owen Gardner | Lara Marsden | Lilly Robson | |

Murray Bridge Show highlights Urrbrae's Dairy and Poll Hereford Cattle Clubs

Dairy Club had another successful day out at the Murray Bridge Show held on the first weekend of the Term 3 holidays. This show allows our juniors of the club to have many of their first show ring outings and is a fantastic event to support youth. Our junior students spent Friday afternoon washing, prepping, and practicing with the heifers, with instruction from some of the club leaders, before heading up overnight.

We started off the day with the heifer classes. With our little Illawarra heifer, Glenbrook Little Princess 19 placing 6th in a large baby class with Izzy Reilly leading. Vachel Sultan Laura, our Brown Swiss, received Junior Grand Champion Other Breeds with Isa Ahlgren and Billabong Tadoo Sunshine Junior Grand Champion Holstein with Cerys Thomas. Sunshine continued to impress by taking out Junior Supreme Champion of all breeds at the show.

Our success continued in the afternoon with handler completions. With students placing in every class entered. The success students have in these classes is a credit to their dedication at lunch clubs!

Junior Handlers

5th - Molly Cartridge with Laura

Intermediate Handlers - consisted of 2 heats.

1st - Liv Storey

2nd - Quba Verwey with Spangle

3rd - Wallace Brown

4th - Anabelle Stead with Maddie

And Matilda Wyatt and Lyly Mudge also making the top 8 from both heats.

Senior Handlers

1st - Cerys Thomas

3rd - Rose Buckton with Spangle



Liv, Quba and Cerys competed in the Supreme Champion Handler, with Liv Storey taking the Reserve Supreme Champion Handler.

Well done to the team and a huge thank you to Miss McEvoy, Allan and Serena for their support. And another thank you to the Murray Bridge show and particularly the Afford family for a wonderful day! Happy Holidays!

Some of our junior members of the Poll Hereford Cattle Team, with Ms Truran, also represented Urrbrae at Murray Bridge Show. We had a very successful day, and students represented our school with pride. Thank you to Mandy Lintern for organising such a great show, Josh Wiltshire for judging and Sam Edwards (Old Scholar) for stewarding.

The Urrbrae cattle team were proud to receive the following

Junior Champion Bull with Urrbrae Vortex

Reserve Senior Champion Female with Urrbrae Uni

3rd with Urrbrae Violet

1st in Breeders Group

1st in Pair of Bull and Female

3rd in Pair of Females

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded a ribbon on the day

Junior Handlers

1st Charlie C (Year 8), 2nd Travis C (Year 8), 3rd Belle T (Year 8)

Senior Handlers

1st Keira C (Year 9), 2nd Opal V (Year 9)

Junior Judging - Junior

1st Charlie C (Year 8), 2nd Travis C (Year 8)

Junior Judging - Senior

1st Dylan B (Year 8), 2nd Nikita H (Year 10), 3rd Aliyah M (Year 9)

Many thanks to Ms McEvoy, Mrs Truran, Mr Penhall and Mrs Wyatt for your help and support at the Show. Thanks to Mr Brookes and the Cattle Team seniors who clipped our cattle and helped us pack to attend the show and to the many parents who cheered us on the day!



Urrbrae shines at the 2025 Melbourne Royal Show

The Urrbrae Steers, Senior Cattle Club students and staff travelled all the way to the Royal Melbourne Show which was held on the first weekend of the Term 3 holidays. Outstanding results were achieved on the first judging day yesterday with 4 ribbons from 4 classes:

1st: Cliff Farms Vengeance, 3rd: Blue Gum Hill Volcano, 4th: Savannah Vito and
1st: Cliff Farms Van Halen

These classes were then followed by the Champion classes where our steer "Van Halen" was awarded Reserve Champion Heavy Domestic Steer on hoof and also Reserve Champion School Steer on hoof. A credit to the breeders of these steers and also Urrbrae Agricultural High School staff and students who broke them in, fed them and presented them with pride.

Handler Competitions were held on the second day where Urrbrae students were fortunate to compete in the Sheep Judging and Handling Competition whilst waiting for the Cattle Handling to start. There were 3 categories: Long Wool, Short Wool and Handlers. Results as follows:

Daniel Billing- 3rd in all 3 classes, Lainie Jackson- 1st (Long Wool) and 2nd (Short Wool), Patrick Stewart- 2nd (Handlers). Congratulations to our Cattle Club members for showing off their impressive sheep skills interstate.

Cattle Handler classes were conducted in the afternoon, and it was fantastic to see all Urrbrae students competing. Results as follows:

Sadie Knight- 6th, Lainie Jackson- 6th, Shayla Salt- 6th, Starr Hampton- 2nd and Katrina Brokus- 1st plus Reserve Champion Senior Handler.

This was a great finish to a very successful Melbourne Show. Students were outstanding ambassadors for Urrbrae their teamwork and support for each other is to be commended. Congratulations to all staff and students involved and thank you to all breeders who provided steers for this high-level competition.



Urrbrae promoted at the 2025 Yorke Peninsula Field Days

The Yorke Peninsula Field Days were held during the first week of the Term 3 holidays. The Urrbrae display was well attended with many prospective families from regional SA finding out about our program and the application process. A significant number of Urrbrae Old Scholars visited our display to say hello and reminisce about their times at Urrbrae, some as far back as the 1950's!



Urrbrae promotion at the annual Uraidla Show proves very popular

The Urrbrae display at the Uraidla Show on Sunday 2nd November drew lots of interest, with the Boer goats and Suffolk sheep being very popular... particularly the goat kids. Many families enquired about the application process and lots of Old Scholars visited over the day. Thanks to Tilly Chennells (Year 10) and Sophie Chennells (Year 8) for assisting setting up and supervising the display, you were excellent ambassadors for Urrbrae.



Friendship Force visitation to Urrbrae a real success

Urrbrae welcomed visitors from Canada along with their South Australian hosts to enjoy a tour of the farm in Term 4. The group learnt about the history of Urrbrae, curriculum offerings and our industry partnerships and club programs that support the many and varied agricultural enterprises of the Urrbrae farm. At the duration of the tour our Urrbrae wine and other farm produce was purchased as 'souvenirs'. Thanks to Bobbie Mullholland from the Friendship Force group who helped organise this event.



Urrbrae invited to promote the 2025 Livestock SA AGM and Dinner

Urrbrae students and staff were delighted to attend the Adelaide Showgrounds to meet with cricket legend, Merv Hughes, and Livestock SA Chair, Gillian Fennell. Our students did an outstanding job representing our Agriculture program, and enjoyed speaking with both Merv and Gillian, who were very generous with their time and knowledge. Merv and Gillian were in Adelaide for the annual Livestock SA Dinner.



Urrbrae Old Scholars Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Valedictory Event 2025

Well done to Tilly Dent (2019 Urrbrae Graduate) and Will Lane (2019 Urrbrae Graduate) attended the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Valedictory Ceremony 2025 to recognise their completion of Veterinary Medicine. Congratulations Tilly and Will!

Urrbrae is kidding

During term 4 we have had 15 Boer goat does kid with a total of 28 new additions to the flock (that is a 186% kidding rate!). This will give the Urrbrae Goat Team plenty of stock to select from to help improve our genetic gains as well as put us in a strong position for the Royal Adelaide Show next year.



Urrbrae Old Scholars Christmas Lunch well attended

The annual Urrbrae Old Scholars Christmas Lunch was held in the Urrbrae Skills Centre on Sunday the 30th of November with 40 Old Scholars and family members celebrating the event. A delicious Christmas roast, desserts and Urrbrae wines were served. Thank you to all the committee members of the Old Scholars Association who organised and facilitated this special event. Many fond memories were shared (with some guests being old scholars from the 1950's era) and a tour of the Urrbrae Farm was also enjoyed. We look forward to the many Old Scholar events planned for 2026.



URRBRÆ STAFF JOIN “COWS FOR CAMBODIA” — A HUMBLING AND INSPIRING ADVENTURE

Late last term, Mr Reed and Mr Fleming had the unique opportunity to travel to Cambodia as guests of Andrew “Cosi” Costello through his agricultural charity, Cows for Cambodia. Many families will recognise Cosi from Channel 7’s South Aussie with Cosi, but fewer may know that this programme is home to one of Asia’s most impactful agriculture-focused charity projects.

What is Cows for Cambodia?

As described by the organisation, “Cows for Cambodia is essentially a ‘cow bank’.” Pregnant cows are loaned to rural families, who care for the animals until the calf is born. The family then keeps the calf-effectively doubling their annual farm income-while the original cow returns to the programme to support another household.

This model empowers families to break the poverty cycle through self-sustaining agricultural development rather than short-term aid.

Cambodian cows are typically not used for dairy production; instead, they play vital roles in breeding and farm labour. With the average farm income sitting at around USD \$600 per year, the birth and sale of a single calf can be life-changing for a family.

Immersed in Village Life

During their trip, Mr Reed and Mr Fleming took part in every facet of the project’s work. This included:

- assisting with cattle husbandry: vaccinations, pregnancy testing, and handling
- visiting and supporting village families
- cooking a nutritious meal for 400 local school students
- helping run an English lesson
- building a house for a family in need
- joining the charity’s “rice run,” delivering over 3,000 kg of rice to vulnerable households

Of course, no trip to Siem Reap is complete without witnessing the sunrise at Angkor Wat, exploring the ancient temples of Bayon and Ta Prohm, and experiencing the incredible hospitality of the Cambodian people.

A Remarkable Agricultural Hub

The charity’s farm itself is a model of ingenuity and productivity. Alongside cattle, it features:

- pigs, goats, and sheep
- aquaculture systems
- well-managed grazing paddocks and fodder conservation
- extensive covered yards, raceways, and a crush
- School facilities with a focus on Agriculture

A surprise highlight was the farm’s rapidly growing family of curious meerkats, who were very happy to welcome visitors. Much of what occurs on the farm aligns strongly with the agricultural aims and curriculum of Urrbrae, making the visit highly relevant from an educational perspective.

Looking Ahead: A Potential Opportunity for Urrbrae Students

The purpose of the visit was to evaluate whether Urrbrae students might be able to participate in a similar experience in 2026. While nothing is confirmed yet, early discussions have been very positive, and the possibilities are exciting.

A Journey That Left a Mark

Both staff members described the trip as rewarding, humbling, invigorating, and undeniably fun. They returned with a deep appreciation for the resilience of Cambodian farming families and the incredible work being done through Cows for Cambodia.

More updates will be shared as planning for 2026 continues.

Ian Reed (International Jet Setter) & Vince Flemming (Assistant Principal - Agriculture)



Ankor Era Bridge - 900 years old - still operational



Volunteer house build



Negotiating for pig feed at a local fodder shop



Mr. Reed makes friends



Three very happy recipients of cows



Water buffalo are also part of the "cow bank"



Classroom in the Agriculture School at the C4C farm



Breeder water buffalo



A rare photo of Mr. Fleming working hard



The "floating" village



The house our tour group build for an impoverished family



One of the mine detecting "Hero Rats"



A frog farm



Rice straw delivery



Cows for Cambodia School



Rice run donation

Peace Pole

To coincide with Remembrance Day, a special ceremony was held for our new 'Pole Pole'. On November the 11th, staff and student leaders were joined by guests from the Unley Rotary Club to unveil the Peace Pole, which will stand as a permanent memorial, promoting peace, remembrance and reconciliation.

Peace Poles are marked with the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in at least four languages, standing in silent vigil for peace and acting as a reminder for all to think and act in the spirit of peace. Five languages were chosen for our school, which represent just a few of our many cultures – English, Kurna, German, Japanese and Chinese Mandarin. In addition, the message is also expressed on the pole in Auslan and Braille.

To connect our Peace Pole with reconciliation, the surrounding flower bed consists of native plants. The theme will be further strengthened by the continued development of the adjacent garden area and the decoration of the path's railings. The funds to purchase the plants, paint and landscaping features have also been kindly donated by the Unley Rotary.

Joining Unley Rotary President, Rhonda Hoare, and Youth Committee Chair, Marie Rothe, in speaking at the event, were a number of our student leaders and those who speak (or sign) a second language. The outstanding performance of all the students was noted by our guests, who were highly impressed. Special thanks and commendation to Pip Hamlyn, Patrick Ayles, Alexia Miller, Jayevyon Benbolt-Parker, Andrew Bardsley, Kalle Murray, Sherman Yau and Mia Brown.

Additional special thanks John Kikkert, from Unley Rotary, for his work in supporting the school in this initiative, and to Tim Evans and Con Manglaras, for installing the pole and the various landscaping work that has occurred so far.

The Peace Pole program was started in Japan by the visionary Masahisa Goi. He was deeply distressed by the destruction of the Second World War and the catastrophic devastation caused by the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The first Peace Pole was placed in Ishikawa in Japan. Now, more than 300,000 Peace Poles stand in approximately 200 countries around the globe, symbolising the common wish for a world at peace.

To mark the Centenary of the Rotary in South Australia, Rotary have set a goal to spread the message of peace through the installation of Peace Poles at schools and organisations throughout the State. Ours is the 166th in South Australia, and there are now more Peace Poles in South Australia than any other Australian state.

Will Worthington



Year 8 English Mrs Wilson's class

On Wednesday 19th November Mrs Wilson's year 8 English class walked to Mitcham Primary School to share their fractured fairy tales with an excited authentic audience of year 2 students. Our students worked hard on their texts and the engagement displayed by the year 2 students showed evidence of their appreciation. Students received feedback in the form of letters from the primary students. It was a really positive experience for everyone involved.

Sally Wilson



The visit to the Mitcham Primary School in week 6 was fun and testing at the same time. We read our fractured fairy tales to a year 2 class. We had been working on them for the whole term and now was our chance to show them off. Some of the little kids loved them, some laughed at us (much to our partner's amusement) and some were harsh critics but either way it was a fun way to share and test our work.

Written by Pip Hamlyn, year 8 student

UAHS Pastoral Care Workers

Hi there! We are your friendly Pastoral Care Workers - Emma and David - and together we support the Student Wellbeing team at Urrbrae. Students can find us in 'B' block or contact us via Daymap if they have any issues, concerns or simply need a chat. We are also available to support parents navigate the ups and downs of raising teenagers. Both Emma and David are qualified Counsellors and aim to help students feel safe and engaged in the school community. Sometimes a simple conversation with an empathetic ear can make all the difference to your success at Urrbrae.

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Urrbrae Sports Review 2025

It has been a huge and action-packed year for Urrbrae sport, with students proudly representing the school across weekly competitions and major carnivals. From the netball courts and football fields to the cross-country trails and mountain bike tracks, our athletes have shown outstanding commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Whether competing for premierships or simply giving their best effort, every student has contributed to an incredible year of sport.

Weekly sport ran consistently throughout the year. Massive thank you to our teachers who gave up their time to coach, we can't run without your support. With 10 weekly sport teams competing over 2025, Urrbrae finished the year with 3 premierships, and 3 runners-up. Amazing efforts from all involved!

Season 3 continued Urrbrae's run of success, with the Year 7/8 Boys Basketball team, coached by Mr Johnston, dominating their season finishing as undefeated premiers, congratulations! The Year 7/8 Girls Volleyball team, led by Mr Muggleton, have also been in fantastic form, making it to the grand final but unfortunately falling short.

Urrbrae's carnival and championship calendar gave students many opportunities to shine. Across the year we attended 20 carnivals with 55 teams and wrapped up the year winning an impressive 8 carnivals and placing 2nd at an additional 5 carnivals. not including individual events!

Congratulations to our individual sport superstars who attended national and international events this year.

- Cacey Brink – Diving; 1st 15-year springboard and 2nd 15/16 platform and synchro at the Diving Championships in May.
- Archie Schmit – Motorcross; selected as a rider in the Redbull MotoGP Rookies.
- Monika Seibert – Road cycling; 2nd U15 Junior Women's Road National Championships.
- Kaleb Tuxford – Lacrosse; 1 of 5 from SA selected for the U16 Australian Lacrosse Team, the team won the 2025 Asia Pacific Championship.



Cacey Brink



Archie Schmit



Kaleb Tuxford



Monique Seibert



The carnival year concluded with the 7-9 girls 9-a-side football team having a successful year attending a second carnival in term 3 and winning their second carnival for the year. The Year 9/10 5-a-Side Soccer Carnival saw one of Urrbrae's teams finish a brilliant second overall, while the Year 7/8 Volleyball Carnival featured five Urrbrae teams enjoying a day of friendly competition and fun.

Term 4 kicked off with the much-loved Beach Volleyball Carnival, where six Urrbrae teams from Years 9-12 hit the sand for an action-packed day in the sun, with 3 teams finishing third and one finishing a close second. The Ultimate Frisbee Carnival followed, bringing plenty of laughter, teamwork, and a few battles with the wind. At the 7/8 Mixed Netball Carnival, four Urrbrae teams competed across divisions, with one team finishing third in a strong field of 12 teams. The 7/8 5-a-side soccer saw 2 Urrbrae teams competing with one team finishing in 2nd place. The Year 7-9 3x3 basketball carnival had 5 Urrbrae teams attend, with 2 winning their division and a third team coming in 2nd. The final carnival of the year was the Year 7/8 beach volleyball carnival, students had fun in the sun with 3 teams competing on the day.

A major addition to this year's calendar was the inaugural Yarpurla Cup, organised and led by the School Captains. The event brought together teams from Mitcham Girls High School, Unley High School, Blackwood High School, and Urrbrae Agricultural High School for a day of friendly interschool competition hosted at Unley High School. Urrbrae's Girls 9-a-Side Football Team and Mixed Netball Team both went undefeated, taking the win in their sports and helping our school finish second overall out of the four schools. Special mention to Levi Llewellyn and Hunter Fergusson who won the best player in their respective sports on the day. Congratulations to Mitcham Girls High School for claiming the overall trophy in 2025 – we are already looking forward to next year!

Kacie Brereton
Sports Coordinator

World Beach Volleyball Championship

On Monday 17/11 a group of students and staff went to see the World Beach Volleyball Championship that are being held at Memorial Drive Tennis Centre in Adelaide. The students have all represented Urrbrae in Volleyball this year and came away with a new level on excitement they apply in their games. They listened to past Olympians talk about their journey, tested their skills and fitness with SASI, watched matches with players from all over the world and got signatures and photos after the matches. A group even got to sit court side to see the action up close.

Neil Muggleton
HPE Coordinator



A number of students have distinguished themselves in the Humanities and Social Sciences this year, engaging in activities beyond the classroom. We would like to acknowledge their success.

Australian Geography Competition

Congratulations to Pip Hamlyn who achieved a High Distinction in the Australian Geography Competition, 2025! This outstanding result places Pip among the top Year 8 geography students in the country, demonstrating an excellent level of knowledge, application and reasoning skills. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and look forward to seeing Pip continue to excel in his studies.

Muriel Matters Award

These Awards profile and recognise the work and life of Muriel Matters (1877 to 1969), a South-Australian born suffragist, educator and social reformer who made a difference in the early 20th century through her work and activism to further the rights and freedoms of women, promote universal access to education and have careers open to talent.

In recognition of the change role Muriel played in societies around the world, the Muriel Matters Awards aim to identify and recognise young people exhibiting self-initiative in promoting democratic discussion and activity in the community.

Congratulations are extended to Year 10 student, Evie Paltridge, for her involvement in a local environmental project aimed at building understorey around remnant grey box trees. This initiative required community consultation, navigating council approval processes, preparing a grant application for funding, as well as organising fundraising activities. Throughout the project, Evie built connections within her local community, seeking advice from experienced community members to guide each stage of the work. She continues to be involved in the ongoing management of the site.

Evie will receive a Muriel Matters Award medallion and a copy of Collette Snowden's monograph, 'Muriel Matters - That Daring Australian Girl'.

National History Challenge

Congratulations to Year 7 student, Emma Richards, who was awarded Young Historian Gold in the National History Challenge for 2025.

The National History Challenge is an exciting contest that encourages students to use research and inquiry-based learning to discover more about the past. Students can investigate their community, explore their own and their family's past and consider ideas throughout history. The competition encourages the use of primary and secondary sources and offers a variety of presentation styles.

Each year, the Challenge is organised around a theme, with Conflict and Resolution chosen for 2025. We are thrilled to share that Emma was selected as a Year 7 state finalist for her outstanding interactive entry on Australia and World War II. On 18 November, Emma attended an award ceremony hosted by the History Teachers' Association of SA at Scotch College, where she was honoured at the level of Young Historian Gold. She received a certificate, medallion, and cash prize - a fantastic achievement!

The HASS team looks forward to seeing more students rise to the Challenge next year.

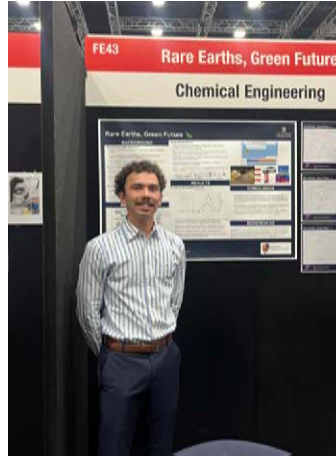
Kellie Woolford
HASS Coordinator



Ingenuity

The Year 11 Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics students recently visited the Adelaide Convention Centre to view the showcase of final Honours projects of Adelaide University Engineering and STEM students. Our students explored the diverse and exciting career opportunities available across science, engineering and technology offerings. There were over 250 student projects and provided students with the opportunity to engage with university students, share in their experiences, and learn more about studying architecture, engineering, science, technology, computer, and mathematical sciences at the University of Adelaide. The racing car was particularly popular, and it was wonderful to meet up with Willem Van de Velde and Balin Hampton, two past scholars, who are now ready to begin their graduate jobs in Engineering.

Helen Douvartzidis
Mathematics Coordinator



PUZZLE TIME

OK adults, this is the last puzzle for the year. Students submitted the only correct answers for the puzzle in the last newsletter so we need a big effort from you.

This is a number puzzle similar to Sudoku. Fill in the 5 x 5 grid with the numbers from 1 to 5 once per row and column, while following the greater than/less than symbols shown. There is only one valid solution that can be reached through logic and clear thinking alone.

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Please message me through Daymap when you have worked it out.

Helen Douvartzidis
Mathematics Coordinator

Senior School Art Exhibition

On Wednesday, 29 October, the Senior School Art students held their annual art exhibition, opened by Urrbrae's Principal Todd George. The artworks were displayed in the administration corridor, showcasing the Year 12 students' final works for the year alongside a selection of practical pieces from Year 11.

For the Year 12 students, this exhibition marked the culmination of their art studies at school and the completion of their final practical assessment pieces. Their artworks reflected a wide range of themes, media, and personal ideas, demonstrating the development of their skills and creative thinking over the year.

The exhibition featured a diverse range of high-quality artworks that highlighted the creativity and talent of both year levels.

Congratulations to all students involved on a successful exhibition.

Belinda Sulkowski
Arts Coordinator



Year 10 Visual Art Students Create Metal Sculptures with Artist Anna Small

Year 10 Visual Art students from Ms Sulkowski and Ms Venning's classes have recently completed a sculptural project in collaboration with South Australian artist Anna Small.

Anna Small is a well-known Adelaide-based artist who works primarily in metal sculpture and design. She is one half of the creative duo A Small Art Factory, producing intricate metal works inspired by nature, storytelling, and pattern. Her pieces are exhibited widely across South Australia, and she has contributed to numerous public art projects, festivals, and community workshops around Australia. Anna is also known for her collaborative approach, often working with young artists to develop their skills and confidence in contemporary sculpture.

Throughout the project, Anna guided students through her drawing and design processes, helping them transform their initial sketches into sculptural artworks.

Once their drawings were finalised, each design was cut into metal. Students then worked alongside Anna to bend, shape, and sculpt their pieces, learning a range of metalworking and rusting techniques along the way. This hands-on experience allowed students to gain valuable insight into professional artmaking processes while developing new practical skills.

The finished metal sculptures will soon be installed around the school grounds, so be sure to keep an eye out for these creative additions to our campus.

*Belinda Sulkowski
Arts Coordinator*



Year 12 Art student Imogen Wright has completed a new mural in the C Block courtyard, adding a thoughtful visual element to this shared space. Building on her ongoing exploration of still life imagery in her practical work, Imogen designed and painted the mural as an extension of the themes she has been developing this year.

This mural is Imogen's first public artwork and a welcomed addition to our school community. Students and staff enjoyed watching the artwork come together, and it now adds a bright and eye-catching feature to the courtyard.

Well done, Imogen, and thank you for contributing your creativity to the school.



SATISFAC Art Competition Winner

This term, Year 10 Visual Art student Charlotte O'Brien was announced as one of the three winners of SATAC's 2025 inaugural Art Competition, Journeys, Paths & Place.

Her artwork, A Portrait of 1000 Colours, was selected by the judging panel and will be displayed in the SATAC office for the next 12 months. As part of the prize, Charlotte will also receive a \$300 e-gift card.

Congratulations to Charlotte on this wonderful achievement. Well done!

*Belinda Sulkowski
Arts Coordinator*



Year 9 Design -Egg Label Design

Our Year 9 Design students have been busy hatching creative design ideas this term as they worked on developing new label designs for the Urrbrae Estate egg cartons.

Through this real-world design task, students explored a range of illustration approaches. Some chose to work by hand while others experimented with desktop publishing programs to bring their concepts to life. The results were thoughtful and creative, showcasing a wide variety of styles and design solutions.

We look forward to seeing some fresh new labels on our egg cartons in the near future. Keep an eye open for them at the School Canteen and the Urrbrae Barn Markets.

Suzanne Grist and Lexi Bignell



A Day on the Green

On Wednesday, November 19, our school community gathered on the library lawns for A Day on the Green, a celebration of student music at Urrbrae. The event featured performers from Years 7 to 10, showcasing a mix of bands, soloists, and small ensembles drawn from both classroom music programs and a range of extracurricular groups.

Throughout the evening, the audience was treated to a variety of styles and sounds, from rock bands and vocalists to solo pianists and instrumentalists. For several students, this was their first experience performing to a live audience, and they rose to the occasion. Their friends and family cheered them on, creating a warm, supportive atmosphere that reflected the sense of community within our school.

A Day on the Green highlighted not only the talent of our young musicians but also the dedication they have shown throughout the year in rehearsals and lessons.

Congratulations to all the performers and thank you to the staff and student helpers who made the event possible. We look forward to seeing these musicians continue to grow and shine in future performances.

Scott Gunn
Music Teacher



Wetland Working Bee Workshop 21st November

After school last Friday 22 students met at the wetlands to take part in a working bee to clean out the boat shed and to do some bush maintenance – including stick and dead wood removal as well as weed removal.

Jeremy Gramp from Greener Adelaide (formerly NRM) gave an interesting talk about the importance of butterflies to the environment and how to establish butterfly gardens. It was great to see the student's enthusiasm and interest. We plan to implement these ideas next year at school by adopting a patch and planting a butterfly attracting garden.



Cool Burning

The year 10 Ag Conservation Land Management class (run by John Marriott) have been doing some cool burning in the past few weeks. This involves burning only the dead grasses and leaf litter – so it is a 'cool burn' in that you can walk on it as opposed to a hot burn that you can't go near. This is following traditional Indigenous practices with the purpose of burning weed seeds to reduce the weed population as well as providing the correct environment for native grasses to regenerate more successfully. Native plants have evolved such that fire is an important part of their growth patterns. Students are involved in carefully spreading the small flames along the ground to be burnt while also removing excess fuel load (sticks and branches) as well as raking leaf litter or any flames away from the base of trees and bushes to ensure they are not burnt. They then also monitor the spread, putting out flames with hoses and buckets of water to ensure the fire is contained and controlled.



Replanting Native Seeds

In subsequent lessons and for Wetland club the Urrbrae students collect native seeds from around the wetlands, spread it with sand and soil to spread on the burnt sites. The sites will be monitored to see what works best for successful regeneration and germination of various native shrubs and grasses.



Southern Bell Frog (*Ranoidea raniformis*) Project

As part of the Environmental club, Wetland Club and year 10 CLM class the Urrbrae Wetland is hosting a breeding program for the Endangered Southern Bell Frog. This frog usually found in Southern Australia has been in decline due to the chytrid fungus. It is an important biological indicator of healthy wetland ecosystems. We have a special tank set up where we hope to breed the frog so that they can eventually be released into the wild.



Fish Release

On Thursday 21st of November, Southern Purple Spotted Gudgeons, a critically endangered species of fish that Urrbrae students help breed as part of their environmental and conservation work, were released into our wetlands. Last year fish were released into the Torrens, and populations are now thriving in revegetated areas. This was the first time in 100 years that these fish were back in the river after many years of poor conditions due to runoff and pollution, habitat degradation and invasive species. We hope to establish breeding populations in our wetlands too, with further revegetation work and re-rocking to occur next year by students. Releasing fish into our wetlands has been very exciting for all involved with saving this species. Most fish released were from our ponds and tanks, and from Holy Family Catholic School, who are also involved in the project. A huge thank you to all the students involved in plant propagation and fish breeding for the survival of these important species.



Youth Environment Council 2025

This year 5 Urrbrae students were selected to be on The Youth Environment Council (YEC). This Government initiative gives South Australian students in Years 7 to 11, with a passion for a sustainable future, opportunities to take action for the environment, share their views and actions with governments and develop their leadership skills.

Congratulations to the following students and their teacher mentors for their involvement:

- Audrey Sampson - Ann Louise Breeding
- Evie Paltridge - John Marriott
- Lilli Sampson - Benjamin Hornsey
- Luke Brumby - Flynn Hawes
- Samuel Ratcliff - Vanessa Greenslade

Lilli and Samuel (pictured) did a great job at sharing their projects and the progress they made this year at the YEC final presentation on Thursday 6th November at the Botanic Gardens.



Young people getting up close to nature

The 2025 Schools' Environmental Education Day was an outstanding success, with students from Scotch College, Mercedes College, Urrbrae Agricultural High School, Highgate School and St Joseph's School taking part in eleven workshops within the Kaurna Shelter Tree site at the entrance to Brownhill Creek Recreation Park.

The workshops covered Place & Culture, Bandicoot Conservation, Butterflies & Terrestrial Critters, Water Bugs, Birds, Plants, Photo Points, Frogs, Creek Water & Yabbies, Biological Drawings and Healthy Soil. Students from these five local schools have had a longstanding and meaningful connection to this site, participating in the Kaurna Shelter Tree Project, which has improved the growing conditions of the 450-year-old 'Willawilla Karra Kuu', restored native biodiversity & habitat & strengthened community connections.

A big thank you to Brownhill Creek Association's Education & Revegetation Committee for organising the event, especially Professor Wayne Meyer and Vanessa Greenslade, and to all the workshop facilitators, teachers, UAHS student helpers and parents for their hard work on the day. Thanks also for the support given by National Parks & Wildlife Service SA Rangers, Green Adelaide Education Officers Jeremy Gramp and Steve Walker, Catherine Hutchesson MP (State Member for Waite) and Louise Miller-Frost MP (Federal Member for Boothby).






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THANK YOU

We appreciate all the support from our community in donating their uniforms.

We welcome donations, but please ensure items are:
Clean, in good condition, with no fading, stains, or holes.



All profits will go towards supporting
Barn Market initiatives, helping to strengthen
and grow our community efforts.



Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 27th January | Year 7 & 12 only |
| Wednesday 28th January | All other year levels return |
| Wednesday 4th - 6th February | Year 7 Camp |
| Saturday 7th February | Barn Market 9:00am-12:00pm |
| Friday 13th February | Schools Photos Years 7-11 |
| Monday 23rd February | School Photos Year 12 & Catch up |
| Tuesday 3rd March | Casual Day |
| Thursday 5th March | Sports Day |
| Friday 6th March | Pupil Free Day |
| Saturday 7th March | Barn Market 9:00am-12:00pm |
| Monday 9th March | Public Holiday |
| Friday 3rd April | Good Friday |
| Monday 6th April | Easter Monday |
| Friday 10th April | Last Day of Term 1 |



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