

Dear Students and Families of Class 2A,

Hello! My name is Rebecca (Bec) Crawford, and I am so excited to be joining the amazing Upwey South Learning Community in 2024.

Today, you would have received a letter from the school stating that I will be the classroom teacher of Class 2A for 2024. I am writing this letter to introduce myself officially, and to begin the process of building important relationships between myself, the students, and the families in our class.

Meeting a new teacher and moving up into a new year level can make us feel excited, but also a little bit nervous. To assist you in becoming more comfortable about this change, I would like to tell you about myself.

I live in Belgrave South with my husband Ben, my 14 year old daughter Olivia, and my 8 year old daughter Charlotte. We have a dog called Indie who is very big, but very friendly. Both of my daughters are involved in dancing and swimming locally. As a family we love to go camping in our van, bike riding, and watching movies together.

2024 will be my 20th year as a primary school teacher. This time has gone by so quickly because I love working with children, and schools are such busy and exciting places. Currently I teach Year One at a school in the southeast of Melbourne. I have been teaching there for 14 years.

Over the years, I have taught in a range of year levels, from Year One to Year Six. I have been a curriculum leader, and a team leader. I have had experience working with students from diverse backgrounds, who have a wide range of academic, social, and emotional needs.

I believe strongly that positive relationships are the foundation for success in the school environment. My motto is 'Laughing Children Learn' and I strive to create a fun and engaging classroom culture where everyone belongs.

Some of you may recognise my face, as I have been visiting the school throughout this term. I look forward to meeting you all on the 5^{th} and 12^{th} of December. I will be at the school all day on these dates, and welcome family members to have a chat after school.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all soon,

Bec Crawford