



**UPWEY SOUTH**  
Primary School

Dear Students and Families of Class FC,

Hi, my name is Amy Ryde. I am so excited to be joining the amazing Upwey South Learning Community, and have enjoyed meeting all the Foundation families and students at our transition days. I look forward to meeting the rest of the Upwey South families in 2024.

Today you would have received a letter from the school stating that I will be the classroom teacher of Class FC for 2024. I am writing this letter because I recognise that the transition to primary school is an exciting and nervous time for students and parents. Therefore, let me tell you a little bit about myself.

I have recently graduated with a Master of Teaching (Primary) and have a Bachelor Degree in Business (Management). Throughout 2023, I have been working full-time at Hampton Park Primary School in Foundation to Grade 6 with the portfolio of implementing a high-ability math tutoring program. The wider school community may recognise my name/face, as I previously coordinated the OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) program at Upwey South Primary School in 2017 & 2018.

Before my mature-aged transition to teaching, I was fortunate enough to spend three seasons working overseas at an American summer camp, where I lived and worked in remote Maine. I spent my days teaching a swimming program to campers aged 8-16 years and the evenings making 's'mores' by the campfire. I also have a professional background in Disability Support, where I have worked closely with children aged 5-18 years, their families and support networks, including speech and occupational therapists to support their goals. Inclusive education and teaching are something I am very passionate about, and I look forward to continuing this passion at Upwey South. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy travelling, camping, music, and a good brunch with friends.

I have always loved the community spirit and values of Upwey South Primary School, and I look forward to being able to provide our students with the nurturing and rewarding experiences I received many years ago when undertaking professional placements at our school.

For any parents/carers who have visited the school, or will be visiting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, I thank you for welcoming me to the school. I look forward to getting to know you all.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, I'm always up for a chat.

Kind regards,

**Miss Amy Ryde**