

Dear Students and Families of Class 2B,

Hi! My name is Rebecca Hobson, and I am looking forward to being a part of the wonderful Upwey South Learning Community in 2025.

Today, you would have received correspondence from the school stating that I will be the classroom teacher of Class 2B for 2025. I am writing to introduce myself and to begin the process of developing strong, supportive relationships with both students and their families.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a bit about myself in the hope that it can help students feel more at ease knowing more about their teacher for next year.

I live in Belgrave with my husband Jeremy, my 18-year-old son Ollie, and my 14-year-old daughter Catherine. We have two dogs called Esme and Ivy. They are boston terriers and have loads of personality and love people. I think that our dogs think they are humans! I also have chooks, and I am a beekeeper. We love to do a lot of camping as a family in our camper, and were lucky enough to recently take a trip up to Darwin and to see the amazing Uluru.

I recently completed a Master of Teaching (Primary). I also have a Bachelor of Applied Science (Disability Studies). Whilst completing my Masters I worked at Mountain Gate Primary School in Education Support. Before changing careers to become a Primary School teacher I worked with an organisation that provided support for people who are blind or have low vision as a Coordinator of Volunteers.

I look forward to building strong, positive relationships with all of the students in my class and getting to know all of them and their families. I understand that change can bring lots of concerns and questions, and maybe even some excitement. It is so normal to feel all of this. Wellbeing and belonging are priorities in my classroom. We are going to have lots of fun (and learn of course!) next year in Grade Two!

Please note I will be popping into the school on the morning of Friday 6th December to say hello to the students during the school day. For any parents/carers who may have the opportunity to visit the school on **Tuesday 10th December**, or **Tuesday 17th December**, I will be at Upwey South Primary School all day on these dates. I will be available to say hello both before and after school.

I can't wait to meet you all soon!

Kind regards,

Rebecca Hobson