



Photo Catch Up Day: Thursday 23 February

Student Free Day: Friday 10 March

Jazz Workshop Weekend: Saturday 25 February - Sunday 26 February

Curriculum Day: Student Free
Friday 10 February

School Council AGM: Wednesday 15 March

Athletics Carnival: Tuesday 14 March

Year 7 'Try an Instrument' Evening: Wednesday 15 February

Swimming Carnival: Friday 24 February

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mentoring Program

The Year 10 to Year 7 Mentoring Program was launched today. This is a fantastic initiative which links in well with the Year 7 Orientation Program supporting our Year 7 students' engagement with our school and their learning.

Each Year 7 student will have a Year 10 mentor to support them throughout the year. There will be some formal meeting as well as informal catch ups.

The Year 10 students are really excited at the opportunity that is being offered for them to lead and support; and as of today it was evident to see that some positive bonds were already being formed between our Year 10 and Year 7 Students.

I do want to acknowledge the work of our Student Agency and Growth Leader, Nadia Devlin, our Student Support Worker, Lyn Davis and of course our Junior Sub-school Coordination Team under the leadership of Melissa Hughes and our Senior Sub-school Coordination Team, under the leadership of Amanda Saliba.

A more detailed report will be presented by the Junior/Senior Sub-Schools in next week's edition of this newsletter.

School for Student Leadership

Six of our Year 9 students, AJ Moon (Andrew House); Jake Wilson (Andrew House); Raph Hendry (Stewart House); Isla Marshall (Andrew House); Ella Andrew (Everard House); Thesan Houwen (Stewart House) were off in the first week of this term to the Gnurad-Gundidj, School for Student Leadership, Glenormiston South.

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Our students with peers from Tyrrell College

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 15

- School Photos
- Year 7 Wellbeing Day
- Year 7 'Try an Instrument' Evening

Thursday 16

- Year 11 & 12 - Cricket, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball and Table Tennis
- Year 7 Wellbeing Day

Friday 17

- Year 7 Wellbeing Day
- Year 9 Rec Lawn Bowls

Monday 20

- Year 11 Legal Studies Seminar - 'A Focus on Task Words'
- Chamber Strings & String Orchestra Camp

Monday 20 - Wednesday 22

- Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Camp - Wilsons Prom

Tuesday 21

- Year 7 Cricket

Thursday 23

- School Photos Catch Up

Friday 24

- EHS Swimming Carnival at Aquarena, Doncaster

Saturday 25 - Sunday 26

- Jazz Workshop Weekend

Monday 27 February - Wednesday 8 March

- Year 8 Urban Surf

Tuesday 28

- Year 7 Meet the Year 7 Team and Headspace Presentation

MARCH

Wednesday 01 - Thursday 02

- Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Camp - Warburton

Thursday 02

- Year 11 Literature Seminar - Hermina Burns Poet

Thursday 09

- Working Bee Committee Meeting

Sunday 19

- Working Bee

I contacted them in the first week and one of our students sent me a communication about how they are travelling. I share it here with you all.

From A.J. Moon:

"Good evening, Mr Sicari,

It's been ten whole days now, so I thought I'd write to you to give you a bit of an update on how we're going.

The way that the SSL has already helped me grow and evolve is indescribable. I learn new things every day that I just wouldn't have even thought about if I was back home. I've connected with a whole range of new people, and it's been so interesting getting to know them all (Especially my roomie!) because we all come from such diverse backgrounds. It's crazy that we followed different paths that lead us to the same place.

The activities and classes have taught us all so much, this past ten days have been giving us a taste of what's to come and preparing us for the adventures that are planned for our near future. It's very exciting, everybody here gets up full of anticipation of what the day ahead may hold.

I hope all is well back home, we'll all keep you updated on how we're going, especially once we start work on our CLP.

Thank You, AJ Moon"

Mobile Phone Policy

Whilst the expectations around mobile phones in our school was made clear to all students during the first day assemblies, there is a small group of students who are choosing to disregard what is expected of them. There is a no tolerance rule around this issue unless a student has a formal exemption from the school which is only provided under extreme, often health related circumstances.

I ask all parents/carers for your support with this by reminding your child(ren) that the Mobile Phone Policy requires students to switch off their phone from the sound of the first warning bell for the day and store their phones away securely until they leave the school at the end of the day. Students are not to access their phones at any time throughout the day including breaks.

A process for addressing a breach of the policy is in place and all students are well aware of their role in this process. Please remind them of the need to follow through with the instructions given to them by any teacher and that disregarding a teacher's instruction will inevitably lead to further consequences.

Parents/carers must not expect to communicate with their children during the day via their mobile phone. Should there be the need to get in touch with your child during the day for an emergency, please contact the general office otherwise please confine any communication for the times when student can access their phones.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

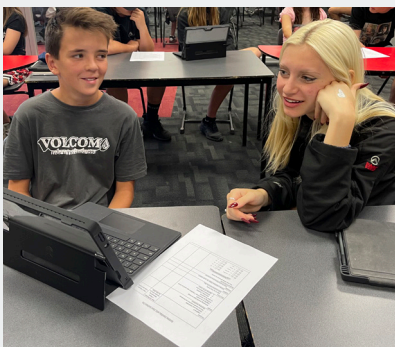
School Council Elections

I draw your attention to the information in last week's edition of the Community Newsletter, which outlined the School Council Elections for 2023. Parents/guardians can contribute to the school and their children's education in a range of ways. A place on the Eltham High School Council, the governing body of the School and its community, is one way in which you can be a part of this agenda. I encourage you to give this opportunity due consideration.

Reminders

I remind parents of the use of the Compass Parent Portal. If you are a new parent and do not have your username and password, please contact the relevant sub-school office through the General Office on 9430 5111. The Compass Parent Portal gives parents up to date information about your children's timetable, learning tasks, class work, attendance, reports, upcoming events etc. as well as allow you to approve your children's attendance on excursions and make payments online plus a host of other things including access to your children's teachers via e-mail (a list of Sub-School Coordinators and Teacher codes is included with this newsletter). If you have accessed the Compass Parent Portal before but have forgotten your password, please contact the relevant sub-school office through the number indicated above.

Our Year 7 and 10 Mentors



The bell times for 2023 are as follows:

- 08:50 Warning Bell
- 09:00 Period 1 start
- 10:10 Period 1 end
- 10:15 Period 2 start
- 11:25 Period 2 end
- 11:50 Warning bell
- 11:55 Period 3 start
- 13:05 Period 3 end
- 13:50 Warning bell
- 13:55 Period 4 start
- 15:05 Period 4 end

Students have already been informed through the assembly program of the expectations around prompt arrival and what they need to do if they are late in the morning or to class during the day. For the information of parents, students will not be allowed in class late without a late pass, which, they are required to collect from the Compass Kiosk in the General Office. This will allow ease with the collection of data and will also allow us to communicate with home when a pattern of concern becomes evident.

I ask parents to ensure that students arrive to school on time and get to each class on time. A brief discussion at home around this expectation would be very supportive of the school.

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VINCENT SICARI, Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Visitors to School

Eltham High School strives to create an open and inclusive school community and encourages parents and carers to be actively involved in their child's development and education. We aim to provide a safe and secure learning and teaching environment for students and staff by establishing processes to monitor and manage visitors to the school. Our policy outlines requirements for visitors to the school, such as visiting during the school's hours of instruction, sign-in procedures and requirements for Working with Children Check cards.

We further encourage all visitors to familiarise themselves with our school's Statement of Values, Child Safe Policy, Statement of Commitment to Child Safety, and Child Safe Code of Conduct.

Visitors to the School

<http://www.elthamhs.vic.edu.au/documents/Information%20and%20Help/Policies/Policy%20-%20Visitors%20to%20the%20School.pdf>

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LUCY BLACKBURNE, Assistant Principal (Acting)

SENIOR SCHOOL

2023 Senior School Update

Senior School will now operate by having Year Level Coordinators who will follow their group as they progress through the Senior School in 2024 and 2025. We have used the House system to divide the students between Coordinators and will now refer to Students in either Form Group R (Rutter), E (Everard), A (Andrew) and S (Stewart).

**PARENT
INFORMATION**

2023

Term Dates

Term 1:

Starts 30 January (Year 7, 11 & 12)
31 January (whole school)

Finishes Thursday 06 April

Term 2:

Starts 24 April

Finishes 23 June

Term 3:

Starts 10 July

Finishes 15 September

Term 4:

Starts 2 October

Finishes 20 December
(Dependant on Year level)

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WORKING BEE DATES

2023

Working Bees

Sunday 19 March

Sunday 7 May

Sunday 4 June

Sunday 27 August

Sunday 15 October

We are always seeking new members
for our Grounds Committee.

If you would like to get involved
please contact Anna Panas via email:
pan@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

The Level Coordinators for 2023 are:

Matthew Hapsberg (HAZ) - 10R + 10S

Olivia Monro (MOX) - 10A

Alice McKinnon (MNN) - 10E

Michael McDonald (MMC) - 11A + 11S

Danielle Cotter (COT) - 11R + 11E

Chris Serong (SEN) - 12A + 12R

Michael Doherty (DOH) - 12E + 12S

Meet the Coordinators – Video Message from the Senior School Team

Next week, a 'Meet the Coordinators' video will be shared with all Senior school families via compass. The video will provide important information on how we will be working with your student this year and how you can support this work at home.

Special Examination Arrangements: VCE External Assessments

Dear Year 12 and Year 11 Enhancement Students,

Special Examination Arrangements may be approved for students with disabilities, illnesses or other circumstances that affect their ability to access a VCE external assessment. Special Examination Arrangements applications are made to the VCAA by your Senior School Coordinator and must be endorsed by the principal.

Students are eligible for Special Examination Arrangements if it can be demonstrated (professional evidence required) that their capacity to access a VCE external assessment is impaired due to one or more of the following:

- o Mental health conditions
- o Health impairment or physical disability
- o Specific learning disorders
- o Language disorder
- o Motor coordination disorders
- o Deaf and hard of hearing
- o Vision impairment

If you think that your student may be eligible to apply or if you had approved provisions last year that you would like to re-apply for please contact the relevant Coordinator. Applications are due Monday 20 March.

For more information please visit <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/special-provision/Pages/SpecialExaminationArrangements.aspx>

Term 1 – Key Dates

VCAA Special Exam Arrangements applications due

Thursday 6 April

End of Term 1

Thursday 6 April - 2:30pm

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AMANDA SALIBA, Senior School Team Leader

MUSIC

Year 7 Instrumental Music Evening - Wednesday 15 February 2023

The Eltham High School's Instrumental Music Program provides expert instruction in a wide variety of instruments, as well as outstanding opportunities for skill development in an extensive ensemble program. The Instrumental Program caters for all woodwind, brass, percussion and string instruments.

The Year 7 Instrumental Music Evening will take place on Wednesday, 15 February 2023. The evening will start at 7:00pm in the Nallejjeering Performance Centre at Eltham High School.

We will start with a performance from our Symphonic Band and Chamber Strings, followed by a hands-on opportunity for students to try the instruments they are interested in. Our Instrumental Music Staff will assist, observe and assess students during this session. Our staff will ensure that all instruments are cleaned and sanitized for each trial.

An outline of the Music Program will be presented, including information on purchasing instruments, fees and lesson structure. Staff will also be available to answer any questions you might have about your child's involvement in our Instrumental Music Program.

If your child is interested in joining our Music Program please attend the night. If your child did not sit the Timbre Test last week that does not matter; if you are interested please come along.

If you have any questions about the Instrumental Music process, please contact the Music Office on 9430 5127 or via email at nio@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

2013 Music Rehearsal Schedule

Monday	String Orchestra	7:30 - 8:40am arrive by 7:15am	306
	Stage Band	3:30-5:30pm	306
	Training Band	3:30-4:45pm	101 & 111
Tuesday	Training Strings	7:30-8:40am (arrive by 7:15am)	101
	Chamber Strings	3:30-5:30pm	700s
	Concert Band	3:30-5:30pm	306
Wednesday	Symphonic Band	3:30-5:30pm	306
Thursday	Big Band	Lunchtime	306
	Jazz Band	3:30-5:30pm	700s
	Wind Ensemble	3:30-4:45pm	306
Friday	Choir	Lunchtime	111
	Symphonic Band	3:30-4:45pm	306

Friends of Music: Annual General Meeting

The Friends of Music Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 27 February, 7.00pm-8.00pm, in the school staff room. New members are most welcome.

Friends of Music is a group of parents with children in the instrumental and choral programs at Eltham High School. FOM assists with organisation of music related events, coordinating volunteers for stage management, ticketing, ushers and other activities. Concert tickets and raffles, and other events organised by FOM through the year are used to fund the purchase of instruments, music, equipment, and guest artists.

The Friends of Music committee meets on Monday nights, at the school or via Zoom, about once a month through the year. We organise two mid-year concerts in May, two Celebration concerts in September and a Waratah flower fundraiser in October. We also plan to organise a social activity or two during the year.

If you have any questions about the Friends of Music please contact Jane Nicholson at the Music Office on 9430 5127 or by email at nio@elthamhs.vic.edu.au or contact the Committee directly at FriendsOfMusic@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Jo Aitken, President

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RICK KEENAN, Director of Music

STUDENT AGENCY AND GROWTH

School Council – Student Representative

We are looking for a Year 10 student to join School Council as a Student Representative.

Student Representatives on School Council have the unique and exciting opportunity to have a say in the future direction of the school, and offer a unique student insight into decision-making processes. It's an excellent opportunity for students to build skills in leadership and communication as well.

You can find out more about the role of the School Council Student Representative in the factsheet on Compass. Alternatively, speak to Mrs Devlin or our current Student Representatives, Tom Westerman and Ava Grzechnik.

Any Year 10 students interested in this position should email Mrs Devlin (DEV) by Friday, February 17.

NADIA DEVLIN, Student Agency and Growth Leader

CANTEEN

With the start of the new year Canteen has reviewed its operating cost and has made the difficult decision to raise the price on some of its menu items. This price increase will be affecting items which were not subjected to a price increase last year, and would bring into line a 10% increase across the whole Canteen Menu to meet rising cost of production and supplies.

Please be advised that the following items will carry a price increase from Monday 21 February due to increase production and suppliers' cost.

Banana Bread	\$2.80
Sweet Muffins	\$3.50
Doughnuts	\$3.80
Coffee Scroll	\$3.80
Sweet Slice	\$3.80
Smartie Cookies	\$3.80
Egg & Lettuce Sandwiches	\$6.00
Tandoori Chicken Wrap	\$7.00
Falafel Wrap	\$7.00
BLT (Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato)	\$7.00
HLT (Haloumi, Lettuce & Tomato)	\$7.00
Pasta Bake	\$7.00
Garlic Bread (available term 3 & 4)	\$2.00
Just Juice Box 200ml	\$2.50
Mentos	\$2.50

Canteen will be introducing two new products to its' range from this week:

Plant Based Chili Chicken Wrap (Vegan)	\$6.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich (Toasty Available as a Lunch order) Gluten Free bread available	\$4.50

Canteen would like to remind students that the best way to ensure that you get what you like at lunch is to place a lunch order either before school or at recess. Canteen is open every day at 8:30am for recess or lunch order.

CAROLINA CONSTABLE, Canteen Manager

SWIM SQUAD

The Eltham High School Swim Squad runs on Thursday mornings from 7.00 am to 8.00am before school at the Eltham Leisure Centre. It's a great way to keep fit, have fun, learn some new skills and make great friends. It also prepares students for the upcoming Swimming Carnival. Students from all year levels and ability levels are invited to sign up for 2023 and become a Swim Squad member.

Each week we work on developing confidence, fitness and stroke with the emphasis on having fun and becoming part of a positive team of students who support each other both in the pool and around the school environment.

After squad, students meet back in the Staffroom at School to share hot chocolate and a chat before classes commence for the day. The Squad is instructed by our accomplished Coach, Neroli Nixon, who has taken the squad now for over 20 years!

The cost is \$380 for the year or \$190 per Semester (payable to the School Cashier in the General Office) which covers lane hire and coaching. Eltham Leisure Centre Members get free entry into the pool, others will need to pay \$3.60 to enter. New Squad Members are most welcome! Please meet on the pool deck at the Eltham Leisure Centre by 7.00am each Thursday. Swim Squad will commence on Thursday 9 February 2023.

What to bring: Bathers, Towel, Goggles, Clothes for school, Food for breakfast.

The EHS Swim Squad is a self-funded, 'user pays' activity and payment is required to become a member. Fees cover both the cost of coaching and pool fees, as well as hot chocolate each week and the annual end of year breakfast held after the Lap-a-Thon fundraising event in term 4 (an event we run to raise money and awareness for a charity the group decides upon each year). For further information contact Phil Boyd at bod@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

PHIL BOYD, Swim Squad Coordinator

AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA PROGRAM

The Eltham High School Drama Program will again run two ensembles in 2023:

Junior Drama Ensemble (years 7-8)

Wednesday afternoons from 3.20pm - 5:00pm: commencing on Wednesday 15 February.

Senior Drama Ensemble (Years 9-12)

Thursday afternoons from 3:20pm - 5:00pm: commencing on Thursday 16 February.

A two week free trial applies.

RYAN PATTERSON, Drama Program Coordinatorr



Junior Drama

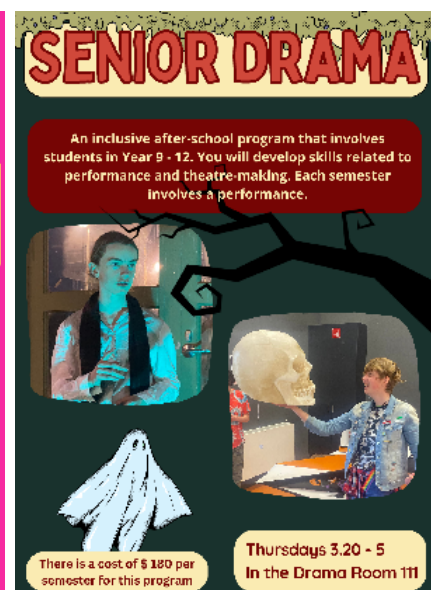
An inclusive after-school program that involves students in Year 7 & 8. You will develop your dramatic potential through games, devising and interpreting play scripts. Each semester includes a presentation.

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There is a cost of \$180 per semester for this program

play

Wednesdays 3.20 - 5
In the Drama Room 111



SENIOR DRAMA

An inclusive after-school program that involves students in Year 9 - 12. You will develop skills related to performance and theatre-making. Each semester involves a performance.

There is a cost of \$180 per semester for this program

Thursdays 3.20 - 5
In the Drama Room 111

WORKING BEE

2023 Working Bees

The Working Bee dates for 2023 have now been set, with the first being 19 March. The Committee meets on the Thursday 10 days prior to the working bee to plan activities, and as always we would welcome new members. We are kicking off the new year with the preparation of a whole of school strategy for garden bed rejuvenation and planting, so that for each working bee there will be clear link to activities and the grounds strategy.

Grounds Committee Meetings and Working Bee Dates for 2023:

Committee Meeting Date	Working Bee Date
Thursday 9 March	Sunday 19 March
Wednesday 26 April* (27 April - Information night)	Sunday 7 May
Thursday 25 May	Sunday 4 June
Thursday 17 August	Sunday 27 August
Thursday 14 September	Sunday 15 October
Thursday 23 November (RESERVE DATE)	Sunday 3 December (RESERVE DATE)

If you would like to get involved by joining the Grounds Committee or attending the upcoming working bee can you please complete the Google form by accessing the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/1dnjyrcaF5>

or contact Anna Panas via email pan@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

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ANNA PANAS, On behalf of the EHS Grounds Committee

STUDENT SERVICES

Building Connections

At Eltham High, we place an importance on the need for students to feel a sense of connectedness to our school community. As our new school year is underway, we also care about supporting students to connect to our wider Eltham community. This is because connections matter. When a young person has strong links to their community, it can create happiness, emotional stability, support and a sense of purpose. Being connected to others is important for our wellbeing.

In order to support this wellbeing initiative, Nillumbik Youth will be attending our school on 15 February during lunch for some fun activities and giveaways!

They'll also speaking about programs and events for young people including:

- Paid opportunities for musicians, photographers, artists and other creatives
- Employment support and coffee making courses
- Rainbow social group
- Volunteer opportunities in leadership, music and event management
- Help with getting your licence

Second Hand Text Books

We have had a number of families donate their student's textbooks for our 2023 students who may need them. The text books are located in Student Services and we have plenty to distribute!

Please feel free to come and check if any could be of use to your young people this year.

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MADELINE KAMAMIS, Student Services Leader

LIBRARY

Welcome back to returning families and a special warm welcome to the new families whose children are commencing at Eltham High School. The EHS Library supports and reinforces the educational goals of the school and students. We are open for students between the hours of 8.15am and 3.45pm every day. The Library Team assists students in the location of resources that are appropriate for the needs of the individual student. The enjoyment of reading and exposure to different types of literature is encouraged. There is a wide range of reading material available that caters for different interests and reading levels e.g. fiction, nonfiction, quick reads, audio books, graphic novels, etc.

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RHONDA MALONE, Library Coordinator

2023 Clubs & Activities Schedule

A = A week only/B = B Week only

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	All
M	Training Band Recreational Sport Book Club						Stage Band String Orchestra Indonesian HW STEM Club 2K Walking Club Textiles (B) Art Space French Conversations
T	Training Strings Volleyball – Boys Volleyball – Girls Art Club	Recreational Sport Volleyball – Boys	Volleyball – Boys		VCE Art Space	VCE Art Space	Breakfast Club Chamber Strings Concert Band Anthology Dungeons and Dragons Enviro Team ILT (B) Table Tennis Club French Homework
w	Drama	Drama Volleyball – Girls	Recreational Sport Symphonic Band	Volleyball – Girls	Symphonic Band Art Making – VCE Volleyball – Girls	Symphonic Band Art Making – VCE Volleyball – Girls	Breakfast Club Public Speaking (A) Harmony Origami 2K Walking Club Leap Club
T	Wind Ensemble Volleyball Comp.	Wind Ensemble Volleyball – Girls Volleyball Comp. Volleyball – Boys	Wind Ensemble Drama Volleyball – Girls	Recreational Sport Drama	Art Making – VCE Drama Conversations that Matter (A)	Art Making – VCE Drama Conversations that Matter (A)	Breakfast Club EHS Swim Squad Big Band Jazz Band StandOUT Chess Club
F	Volleyball – Girls	Volleyball – Girls	Symphonic Band	Symphonic Band Volleyball – Boys	Recreational Sport Symphonic Band Art Making – VCE Volleyball – Boys	Recreational Sport Symphonic Band Art Making – VCE Volleyball – Boys	Choir 2K Walking Club

	Facilitator	When	Who	Where	What
Anthology	Ray Kumar Julie Wilk	Tuesday lunchtime	Years 7-12	301	Reading, editing and selecting student work to be published in the annual anthology.
Art Space	Lisa Foote	Monday lunchtime	Years 7 - 12	613	Art Space 7-11 is an informal group that meets once a week to draw, paint and create. Join like minded students to access materials and work on your own projects.
Art Club – Year 7	Lisa Foote	Thursday lunchtime	Year 7	613	Year 7 Art Club is a place for students to connect and be creative. You don't need to be good at Art just enjoy being creative. This club will be run by our Visual Arts Leaders who will offer activities for students to work on.
Art Space - VCE	Lisa Foote	Tuesday lunchtime	Years 11 and 12	613	VCE Art Space provides time for visual art students to work on their folios, access materials and gain support with their work and ideas.
Art Making - VCE	Ute Leiner	Wed-Friday Lunchtime	Years 11 and 12	608	Art-making and reflecting for VCE Art making and Exhibiting Students.
Art Therapy Club	Carly Young	TERM 3 Tuesday lunchtime	Years 7 - 12	Wellbeing Area	An opportunity for students to participate in creative art therapy activities.

	Facilitator	When	Who	Where	What
Book Club	Melissa Hughes	Friday lunchtime	Year 7	134	A space for avid readers and book lovers to come along and talk about...books!
Breakfast Club	Lyn Davis	8:10 – 8:45am Tues - Thurs	Years 7 - 12	413	Free breakfast available to students during this time.
Chess Club	Ross McKinnon & Henry Mckay (Year 11)	Thursday lunchtime	Years 7 – 9	916	Chess enthusiasts, come along and play. There will also be an opportunity to participate in interschool competitions.
Choir	Lynlee Williams Scarlett Gill (Year 12), Nina Boesenberg (Year 11), Ava Andrews (Year 11), Joshua Wike-Gysen (Year 11), Christiaan Brown-Nafatali (Year 11), Jessica Nichols (Year 10), Naomi Dique (Year 9), Isla Marshall (Year 9)	Friday Lunchtime	Years 7 -12	904	Choir is run by our Choir Director, Lynlee Williams. The Choir rehearse once a week during lunchtime on Fridays. Our Choir is very active and participate in a number of Eisteddfods, concerts and workshops throughout the year. There is a small annual levy charged. All students welcome!
Conversations that Matter	Rashad Seedeem	Thursday lunchtime (A)	VCE students	405	Political discussion group that looks to critically analyse issues and consider possible solutions on a local, national and global level.
Drama Ensemble - Junior	Tim Monigatti	Wednesday after school	Years 7 & 8	111	In Junior Drama, students have the opportunity to develop and refine their performance skills through a range of improvisations games, theatre sports and play making techniques. Students who join will also be able to participate in the school productions.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES AT ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL

	Facilitator	When	Who	Where	What
Drama Ensemble - Senior	Ryan Patterson	Thursday after school	Years 9 - 12	111	In Senior Drama, students have the opportunity to develop and refine their performance skills through a range of improvisations games, theatre sports and play making techniques. Students who join will also be able to participate in the school productions.
Dungeons and Dragons	Michael McDonald Maddi Baillie	Tuesday lunchtime	Years 7 -12	704	Role playing in the famous, immersive Dungeons and Dragons game – beginners welcome.
EHS Swim Squad	Phil Boyd	Thursday 7 – 8am	Years 7 -12	Eltham Leisure Centre	In Swim Squad, students receive expert coaching in technique whilst at the same time having fun and building their fitness.
Enviro Team	Lauren McNally	Tuesday lunchtime	Years 7 -12	140	Join the Enviro Club and help us to make real and lasting changes that have a positive environmental impact in and around our school. Projects include the development and maintenance of a kitchen garden, working bees and recycling programs.

	Facilitator	When	Who	Where	What
French Conversations	Catherine Considine	Monday lunchtime	Years 7 - 12	612	French students of all year levels are invited to attend weekly French conversation club. This club is designed to provide keen Francophones with an inclusive, supported space in which to practise their French oral skills. Discussion topics will be tailored to suit attendees' interests and linguistic needs. The club will be run by senior French students and will have the support of a French teacher.
French Homework Club	Catherine Considine	Tuesday lunch time	Years 7 - 12	612	French students of all year levels are provided with a lunch time session where they will be supported with their homework/ongoing study. The aim of this club is the ensure that students stay up to date with and in control of their learning.
Harmony Team	Olivia Monro	Wednesday lunchtime	Years 7 -12	321	Harmony Team aims to promote diversity and inclusion within the school and broader community by raising awareness for social and ethical issues.
Indonesian HW Club	Matthew Atherton & Tika Sartika	Monday Lunchtime	Years 7 - 12	610	Indonesian students of all year levels are provided with a once weekly lunch time session where they will be supported with their homework/ongoing study. The aim of this club is the ensure that students stay up to date with and in control of their learning. Students will also be provided with additional practice for the annual VILTA speaking competition during homework club time.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES AT ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL

	Facilitator	When	Who	Where	What
Lego Club	Kayla Bertoncini	Wednesday lunchtime	Years 7 – 12	700	A space for students to come along and explore with lego.
Mountain Bike Club	To be confirmed.				
Music – Stage Band	Rick Keenan	Monday 3:30 – 5:30 pm	Years 7 -12	306	Weekly rehearsal time for students involved with Stage Band.
Music – Chamber Strings	Rick Keenan	Tuesday 3:30 – 5:00 pm	Years 7 -12	700	Weekly rehearsal time for students involved with Chamber Strings.
Music – Training Band	Rick Keenan	Monday 3:30 – 4:45 pm	Year 7	111	Weekly rehearsal time for students involved with Training Band.
Music – Training Strings	Rick Keenan	Tuesday 7:30 – 8:45 am	Year 7	306	Weekly rehearsal time for students involved with Training Strings.
Music – Concert Band	Rick Keenan	Tuesday 3:30 – 5:30 pm	Years 7 -12	306	Weekly rehearsal time for students involved with Concert Band.
Music – Wind Ensemble	Rick Keenan	Thursday 3:30 – 4:45 pm	Years 7 – 9	306	Weekly rehearsal time for students involved with Wind Ensemble.
Music – Big Band	Rick Keenan	Thursday Lunchtime	Years 7 - 12	306	Weekly rehearsal time for students involved with Big Band.

	Facilitator	When	Who	Where	What
Music – Symphonic Band	Rick Keenan	Wednesday 3:30 – 5:30 pm Friday 3:30 – 4:45 pm	Years 9 - 12	306	Weekly rehearsal times for students involved with Symphonic Band.
Music – Jazz Band	Rick Keenan	Thursday 3:30 – 5:30 pm	Years 7 - 12	306	Weekly rehearsal time for students involved with Jazz Band.
Music – String Orchestra	Rick Keenan	Monday 7:30 – 8:45 am	Years 7 – 12	306	Weekly rehearsal time for students involved with String Orchestra.
Public Speaking/ Voice of Youth	Peter Torey	Wednesday Week A Lunchtime	Years 7 - 12	916	Rostrum Voice of Youth is a national speaking competition which provides an excellent opportunity for secondary school students to gain experience and confidence in expressing their views and communicating a message. Training and practice will be held at lunchtimes.
Origami Club	Melissa Hughes	Wednesday lunchtime	Years 7 – 12	134	Come along to explore and create all things origami.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES AT ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL

	Facilitator	When	Who	Where	What
Recreational Sport – Year 7	PE Staff	Monday lunchtime	Year 7	Gym	This is an allocated time for students in Year 7 to use the gymnasium during lunch.
Recreational Sport – Year 8	PE Staff	Tuesday lunchtime	Year 8	Gym	This is an allocated time for students in Year 8 to use the gymnasium during lunch.
Recreational Sport – Year 9	PE Staff	Wednesday lunchtime	Year 9	Gym	This is an allocated time for students in Year 9 to use the gymnasium during lunch.
Recreational Sport – Year 10	PE Staff	Thursday lunchtime	Year 10	Gym	This is an allocated time for students in Year 10 to use the gymnasium during lunch.
Recreational Sport – Year VCE	PE Staff	Friday lunchtime	Years 11/12	Gym	This is an allocated time for students in VCE to use the gymnasium during lunch.
StandOUT	Matthew Hapsberg Maddi Baillie	Thursday Lunchtime	Years 7 – 12	420	A student-led group aiming to provide a safe and welcoming environment for LGBTQIA+ people and their allies. We are a group of students who are committed to celebrating LGBTQIA+ identities, promoting issues, and providing education relating to LGBTQIA+ community.

	Facilitator	When	Who	Where	What
Smart not Scattered	Melissa Hughes	Term 2	Year 7	TBC	This group is focused on goal setting and on learning new strategies to manage time and organisation. It's a great chance to meet new people and to get some help getting on top.
STEM Club	Kathryn Boysen	Monday lunchtime	Years 7 - 12	802	Different activities and challenges for those interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
Table Tennis Club	Will Stubbings	Tuesday Lunchtime	Years 7-12	200's Indoor table tennis courts	The table tennis club is an opportunity for students to sharpen their table tennis skills on the indoor courts. Come along to meet new people and enjoy some friendly competition. Students from any year level are welcome to join, but there are limited courts available.
Teaching and Learning Team	Kirsty Leahy	Tuesday lunchtime (B)	Years 7 - 12	156	This team is a student-led team that promotes and acts on student voice and implements projects to improve student learning experiences at school.
Textiles Club	Emma Shelton	Monday (B)	Years 7 - 12	615	Students are welcome to create anything using fabrics and textiles. Working collaboratively or individually.

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Volleyball Training	Facilitator	When	Who	Where	What
Year 7 Boys & Girls Competition	Anthony Young	Thursday 3:15 – 4:20 pm	Year 7	Stadium	All year 7 students welcome.
Years 10-12 Girls	Anthony Young	Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 am	Years 10 - 12	Stadium	Training for students involved in this volleyball squad.
Years 8 & 9 Boys	Anthony Young	Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30 am	Years 8 – 9	Stadium	Training for students involved in this volleyball squad.
Years 10 - 12 Boys	Anthony Young	Friday 7:00 – 8:30 am	Years 10 -12	Stadium	Training for students involved in this volleyball squad.
Years 8 & 9 Girls	Anthony Young	Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 am	Years 10 -12	Stadium	Training for students involved in this volleyball squad.
Year 7 Girls	Anthony Young	Monday Lunchtime	Year 9	Stadium	Training for students involved in this volleyball squad.
Year 7 Boys	Anthony Young	Tuesday Lunchtime	Year 7	Stadium	Training for students involved in this volleyball squad.
Year 8 Girls	Anthony Young	Wednesday Lunchtime	Year 8	Stadium	Training for students involved in this volleyball squad.
Year 8 Boys	Anthony Young	Thursday Lunchtime	Year 7	Stadium	Training for students involved in this volleyball squad.
Year 7 or 8 Girls	Anthony Young	Friday Lunchtime	Year7 - 8	Stadium	Training for students involved in this volleyball squad.

	Facilitator	When	Who	Where	What
2K Walking Club	Lyn Davies Anna Jenkins Carly Young	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Lunchtime (Terms 1 and 2)	Years 7-12	Meet @ student services	Take a stroll offsite during lunchtime!

ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



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Photo Catch Up Day: Thursday 23 February

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An inclusive after-school program that involves students in Year 7 & 8. You will develop your dramatic potential through games, devising and interpreting play scripts.

Each semester includes a presentation.



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In the Drama Room 111

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There is a cost of \$ 180 per semester for this program

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ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL

School Council Elections:

I take this opportunity to provide you with information about School Councils. School Council elections are imminent. It is important that you all consider the possibility of nominating for a position on council.

Each year a number of positions become vacant and I urge you to consider this opportunity. The following information may help you clarify some of the main roles of School Council and the responsibilities of School Councillors. More detailed information is available from the school on request.

What Is A School Council and What Does it Do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides to its students.

Who Is On The School Council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected parent category. More than one third of the elected members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training employees can now be parent members at their child's school.
- A mandated elected Department of Education and Training employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- A mandated elected student category. A Student member category on school council was mandated for Victorian government schools with a year 7 cohort and above. Each school council increased by two positions to allow for two Student members to be elected to council.
- An optional community member category. Its members are co-opted by the decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department of Education and Training employees are not eligible to be community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Normally half the members retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why Is Parent Membership So Important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How Can You Become Involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which will be held in late February. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

- Standing for election as a member of the Eltham High School Council.
- Encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I Need Special Experience To Be On A School Council?

No. What you need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What Do You Need To Do To Stand For Election?

A notice of the election and a call for nominations accompanies this document.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate in the parent category (use Form 4). Alternatively, you may self-nominate (use Form 3). Once the nomination form is complete, return it to the school within the time stated on the notice of election. (Form 3 and Form 4 are available from the School Website or directly from the General Office).

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember The Following:

- Consider standing for election to the Eltham High School Council this year.
- Be sure to vote in the election if it goes to ballot.
- Contact the Principal for further information.

School Council Election Timeline – 2023

Wednesday	08 February 2023	Call for nominations
Wednesday	15 February 2023	Nominations Close, 4:00 pm
Thursday	16 February 2023	Display list of candidates and nominators
Tuesday	21 February 2023	Distribute Ballot Papers
Monday	28 February 2023	Close Ballot, 4:00 pm
Monday	28 February 2023	Count votes and declare the poll
Wednesday	15 March 2023	First Meeting of New School Council

School Council Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the School Council will take place on 15 March 2023 at 7:00 pm in Rooms 140/142 (enter via the Withers Way entrance). This will be followed by the first meeting of the new School Council starting at 8:00 pm.

All members of the School community are invited to attend the AGM and will be most welcome.

RSVP: To the Executive Assistant (Mrs Kate Scalzo)

Telephone: 9430 5111

e-mail: sca@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Vincent Sicari

Principal



Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on:

15 / 02 / 2023.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on:

28 / 02 / 2023.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025	3
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025	2
Student member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025	1 (The election of the Student Representative will be managed by the Student Agency and Growth Leader - Nadia Devlin)

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Vincent Sicari
Principal

Form 4: nomination form for parent member category

I wish to nominate (name below)
for an elected position as a parent member on the school council.

Candidate's details

Name

Residential Address

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

Nominators details

I am the parent/guardian of (name below)
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

Statement	Yes (Mark with an x)	No (Mark with an x)
The person I have nominated is:		
an employee of the Department of Education and Training.		
an employee of the school council.		
is engaged in work at and for the school.		

Name of nominator

Signature of nominator

Date:	
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Candidate to complete

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that:

- I am not and have not been insolvent under administration within the last three years
- I am of sound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria, be, an indictable offence
- I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Form 3: self-nomination form for parent member category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the school council.

Name:

Residential Address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

Statement	Yes (Mark with an X)	No (Mark with an X)
I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training		
I am an employee of the school council		
I am engaged in work at and for the school.		

I am prepared to serve as a parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that:

- I am not and have not been insolvent under administration within the last three years
- I am of sound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

Signature of Candidate

Date:	
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- "This program was complete and helpful"
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- "Overall our house is calmer and there are less explosive emotions"
- "My teen and I are talking more and arguing less!"
- "I feel happier as a parent"

Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop *emotional intelligence*. Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- are more resilient - this means change and stress are easier to deal with
- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success - Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

** To be eligible to participate in this program, you must reside in Banyule, Hillumbik, Darebin, Yarra or Whittlesea.

Where: Online via video call (Zoom)

When: Tuesdays 11am – 1pm, from 21st February – 28th March (6 consecutive Tuesdays)

Contact: Candice (0417 047 426) or Chantelle (0498 313 569) from Family Services

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