

EHS Highlights 2022

Pursuit of Excellence

Class of 2021

Congratulations to all the Class of 2021 for their outstanding results and on their success on gaining entry into their chosen pathways especially after a couple of very challenging years. In particular, we congratulate our School Dux, Aidan Davies (Class of 2021, Andrew House). Aidan achieved an ATAR Rank of 99.45 and will be studying Computer Science (Professional) at Swinburne University of Technology.

Our students have been offered tertiary pathways in a vast range of fields primarily across a number of universities as well as a small number of TAFE providers. We wish all the students the very best in 2022 and beyond.

VCE Season of Excellence

Emily Broeren (Class of 2021, Everard House) was selected to exhibit her Art folio in Top Arts in 2022. Further to this announcement, Emily was also invited to present at the Kickstart program 2022. This is an annual event organised by the NGV and AEV where top performing students present their folios and top tips to Art and Studio Arts students and teachers.



Year 8 Tennis

On Monday May 2nd, five of our Year 8 students participated in the Northern Metropolitan Secondary Tennis Year 8 Boys/Mixed Region Finals at the Boroondara Tennis Centre.

Well done to our students: James Bee (Year 8, Stewart House), Henry Shield (Year 8, Rutter House), Oliver Westerman (Year 8, Rutter House), Kale Bollenhagen (Year 8, Rutter House) and Rhaine Howse (Year 8, Everard House) who played a high level of tennis throughout the day.

Our team played against three other schools in our Round Robin pool: Sacred Heart College Kyneton, Aitken College and University High School. Our team was competitive, with great rallies across all matches, however the opposition was stronger on the day.

Our students had a great day of tennis, enjoying every moment in ideal weather conditions.

Here is what our team had to say about their experience:

“It was a nice day for tennis and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Although the competition was tough we still had fun. We thank the other schools for the friendly competition and the great day of tennis”.

Well done to our team.

Senior Boy's Tennis Round Robin

On Thursday 17 February, 2022, Eltham fielded a team of 6 enthusiastic Tennis players in the local inter-school round robin.

The 6 players trained every day for a week and their tennis skills improved tremendously. After a short selection trial, the order/seedings and the players were:

Anthony Pinder (Year 11, Everard House)

Jordan Doumtsias (Year 11, Everard House)

Charlie Gruneklee (Year 11, Andrew House)

Liam Smith (Year 11, Rutter House)

Andy Pham (Year 11, Everard House)

Kaleb Camilleri (Year 11, Andrew House)

Singles, reverse singles as well as doubles matches saw us lose first place to Viewbank College. We won 2 matches out of 12. Viewbank had a top 10 State ranked player, who was supportive of our players but far too strong. It was a friendly day of matches.

Well done to all the players and congratulations on their achievement.



2022 EHS House Swimming Carnival

The whole school headed to Aquarena, Doncaster on Thursday 24th February for the 2022 House Swimming Carnival. It was great to see all students embrace the carnival atmosphere with plenty of examples of fancy dress by our Year 12s. We had Avengers, the Kardashians, Men in Black and some skeletons to name a few. The waterslides were in constant use all day and the House Leaders were inundated by students eager to join in the fantastically organised novelty events.

In the pool, the swimming was hotly contested. We saw multiple heats of many races, particularly those involving our new Year 7s. Students who won their events have been invited to represent Eltham High School at the upcoming Nillumbik/Banyule District Swimming Sports.

At the end of the day, after over 70 races, Andrew House ended on top taking out this year's Swimming Sports. Final House points were as follows:

- 1st place: Andrew 542
- 2nd place: Stewart 452
- 3rd place: Everard 448
- 4th place: Rutter 291

Also a big congratulations to the following age champions:

13 Male – Samuel Hartley (EVERARD) **13 Female** – Olivia De Jonge (ANDREW)

14 Male – Archie Bonga (ANDREW) **14 Female** – Rosemary Griffiths (EVERARD)

15 Male – Matthew Brophy (STEWART) **15 Female** – Ebony Bire (STEWART)

16 Male – Conor Hayes (EVERARD) **16 Female** – Maisie Walsh (ANDREW)

17 Male – Jacob De Jonge (EVERARD) **17 Female** – Esther Macisaac (STEWART)

18-20 Male – Patrick Killen (ANDREW)

18-20 Female – Isobel Rowley (ANDREW)

A big thankyou to all the competitors, staff and parents/spectators who contributed to the success of our Carnival.



Junior School - Swimming Carnival Reflection

In Week 4 of Term 1 we were excited to be taking the Year 7 students to their first Swimming Carnival. Whether they were competing in events, having a go on the water-slide or cheering their teams on, we encouraged them to dress in their house colours to make the most of this fun day.

For those in Everard, they wore their best yellow, those in Stewart, their best blue, Andrew came in green and Rutter in red.

There was a fancy dress competition on the day so creativity was key. There was also novelty events running on the day for those who aren't swimmers but who wanted to win some house points for their team.



Nillumbik and Banyule District Swimming

The Eltham High School Division Swim Team made their way back to Aquarena on Friday 4 March to compete against the seven other schools in the Nillumbik and Banyule districts.

Our team consisted of 29 swimmers who competed in 48 individual races and 12 relays throughout the day producing some amazing results. Not only were we very competitive in the pool but the support and encouragement showed for each other was something to be proud of.

The top 2 swimmers from each race qualified to go through to the next round.



Northern Metro Region Swimming Finals

On Wednesday 23 March, 20 of our Eltham High School students made their way to WaterMarc to compete at the Northern Metro Region Swimming Finals. We competed in 20 individual finals and 6 relays finishing 6th overall. It was great to see so many amazing individual performances with Conor Hayes finishing with 5 golds, 2 silvers and 1 bronze, Sam Hartley (Year 7, Everard House) finishing with 1 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze and Mitchell Bohan (Year 9, Everard House) finishing with 1 gold and 1 silver. These three athletes have secured their place in the SSV State Finals on May 5 at MSAC.

We also had our 17 Boys 4 x 50m relay team - Conor Hayes Year 10 (Everard House), Jacob De Jonge (Year 11, Andrew House), Jacob Geange-Phipps (Year 11, Rutter House) & Beau Duder (Year 11, Rutter House) make it through to the State Final.

The results of our swimmers are in the tables to the right.

School Athletics Carnival

The School Athletics Carnival that took place on Tuesday 29 March at the Hagenauer Reserve - Box Hill Athletics Track was a great success.

A great deal of planning and organisation went into the day from co-ordinating 17 buses, to planning all of the events right through to all the activities that took place on the day, creating an event that was full of energy and fun.

The events went well and student performance in both field and track event allowed some exceptional students to highlight both their skill and talent.

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the events. We also congratulate all the students who attended and supported their House to achieve the results that it achieved and for also taking part in the fun events for the day.

The fancy dress competition was well represented particularly by the Year 12 students. Some staff were also encouraged to participate.

Somehow, I was cajoled into taking part in the tug of war; not cajoled really, rather assertively encouraged. It has been so long that I forgot that the losing team actually lets go of the rope and so my team and I ended up on the ground on top of each other.

We got up, as if nothing happened and appeared proud of our win, knowing full well that the reality was we were the team who landed flat on our butts on the ground. A big congratulations to the girls for giving us a run for our money and for remaining upright.

Again, a fun day. I did forget to mention (not to make too much of my costume), I was 'Vector' the aspiring supervillain from *Despicable Me*, surrounded by Minions.

I take this opportunity to commend the work of Bree Pascoe who has worked so hard to organise the Athletics Carnival this year and who was able to engage the support of other staff and students in the process. It was a great experience for all.

Vincent Sicari, Principal



Athletics Carnival – Student Reflection

On Tuesday 29 March, we had our annual Athletics Carnival. With a new venue in Box Hill the success of the day depended on the participation of our peers. As House Leaders we were responsible for the running and planning of the novelty events and we saw it a perfect opportunity to introduce 'Tug of War'. We got off to a great start with plenty of the younger students eager to face off against their mates in a friendly battle. As the day went on a small crowd had formed and the excitement could be felt by those who passed by, which even warranted an appearance from Mr Sicari who came out victorious. However, he seemed to forget that without letting go of the rope he would find himself toppling over his fellow teammates. Regardless of the outcome, competitors where met with friendly laughs and banter which rendered the day a success. A big thank you and well done to our Years 8 and 9 students who participated the most in the novelty event! The House Leaders also led the 'Best Dressed' competition which saw the *Peaky Blinders* take out the title, even over the *Despicable Me* crew which featured many staff members as well as students.

Toby Templeton, House Leader (Year 11, Rutter House)



School Sports Victoria - Term 4

The Year 7 and 8s completed their School Sports Victoria journeys during Term 4. The Year 7s completed the first round of competition all the way back in Term 1. Needless to say, there has been a lot of improvement since then.

For the Northern Metro Region round, both Year 8 boys and girls won their division. For the Year 7s, the girls won their division, with the boys finishing runners up. This meant that three out of a possible four teams qualified for the State Finals.

The Year 8 boys played strongly throughout the pool stage of the competition. They met a familiar rival in Rowville for the semi-finals. The semi-final was the match of the day with an extremely high level of play. Unfortunately, the boys were narrowly defeated by their opponent.

The Year 8 girls had a tough division with a variety of strategies being employed by different opponents. They won through their division with a combination of determination and skill. In the semi-final they were pushed all the way by a determined opponent. However strong teamwork and consistent skills won it for the team. In the final the girls were once again pushed all the way by a skillful Grange Secondary College. In the deciding set Eltham defended well and started to lay down a barrage of spikes that overwhelmed their opponent. They ran out convincing winners in the deciding set.

The year seven girls that represented Eltham in 2022 at the NMR and State rounds have been dubbed "Eltham's Super Team". Throughout 2022 the Year Seven Red and Navy teams have won Gold and Silver at all indoor school-based events. In fact, their only losses have come from beating each other. This team is a combination of both the Red and Navy teams. During the round robin stage, the girls comfortably accounted for all their opponents. In the semi-final, the team was struck with a bout of nerves and lost the first set. They recovered and



played some excellent volleyball to win the next two sets. With nerves overcome, the Year 7 girls flexed their muscles in the final. They played aggressive, dynamic volleyball that overwhelmed Mooroolbark Secondary College. The team comfortably took out the championship in straight sets. This means that Eltham's Year 7 girls have won every school based indoor event in Victoria, 2022. An amazing achievement.

Year 7 Girls SSV State Champions

Gabrielle Broadbent (Andrew House)
Olivia De Jonge (Andrew House)
Isla Poliness (Everard House)

Michaela Ellis (Stewart House)
Mayra Pacioni (Andrew House)
Megumi Jacka (Everard House)
Sarah Cassidy (Stewart House)
Madeleine Goldsworthy (Everard House)

Year 8 Girls SSV State Champions

Shayla Strickland (Rutter House)
Danika Inglis (Stewart House)
Maddi Hoyle (Everard House)
Kate Mcrae (Rutter House)
Charlie Bubb (Stewart House)
Kennedy Cesari-Ford (Everard House)
Xanthe Watson-Jones (Rutter House)
Zoe Moon (Everard House)
Dom Scaffidi (Andrew House)

Senior Student Leaders Induction Morning

In Term 1, the Senior Leaders met for a leadership team induction. The scene was set with Mr. Sicari's explanation of the two pillars of leadership that are the basis of what we are leading at Eltham High School; formal positions and 'leadership without the badge'. The former is self-explanatory, but the latter is what sets us apart at Eltham High School as these are the 'Deeds that Count'. The Leadership Team commenced with a character strengths survey to help us become aware of how we can best assign roles in future projects and work together as a team, embracing our different strengths.

To ensure 2022 was successful, we first needed to define what success means to our team.

To start us off, Jules and Fieke shared their overarching goals as school leaders: to provide a platform for students to act on

issues they are passionate about, explore new and existing interests, and learn from each other to build leadership capacity. From this (quite wordy) goal stemmed the whole-team goals of creating a culture around leadership without the badge, improving on the social and learning climate, and, improving connections within the school and community. We discussed actions we could take such as enhancing the house points system, encouraging activism within the school and in the community, and running workshops where we share views on issues and interpersonal skills and encourage group discussions. Thus, it left us all passionate changemakers. Or at least halfway through a first step – and ready to continue, having been nourished by pin-wheels (thanks Carolina and Kate) and qukes.

*Fieke Van Der Kamp (Year 12,
Stewart House)*



Our Super Talented Baseball Players

After winning the Australian Senior League Championships in May in Geelong, Charlie Chislett (Year 10, Rutter House) was off to America later to compete in the Baseball Senior League World Series. What an amazing opportunity for Charlie.

Emily Brennan (Year 10, Rutter House) returned from Adelaide after being invited to train with the Australian Youth Women's Baseball training program. No doubt that Emily will soon be representing Australia in upcoming international events. Will Gaskett (Year 9, Rutter House) also competed in the Australian Senior League Championships for the Twins charter, performing exceptionally well, and finishing up 6th overall.

Lachlan Brennan (Year 8, Rutter House) represented the Twins charter in Mildura last week for the Australian Intermediate League Championships and came away with the bronze medal. Congratulations Lachlan.

Nikau Galligan (Year 7, Rutter House) and Oliver Von Tunk (Year 7, Stewart House) also competed for the Twins charter in the Australian Little League Championships in Sydney this year.

What amazing talent, and except for Oliver, who belongs to Stewart House, it seems that Rutter House has the monopoly on these up-and-coming champions.





Integrity

Leadership Without a Badge

We congratulate all the student helpers who volunteered their time to support our Year 7s on their first day at high school in 2022. These students were remarkable in both their attitude and actions on the day.

To begin with, they contacted the Junior Sub-school Team Leader and asked if they needed help with the Year 7s. These same students also volunteered their time during the Year 7 Orientation Day in early December 2021.

This is what we pride ourselves

on, developing students who rise to the occasion, who take on responsibility to support the school and their peers and who demonstrate consistently that you don't need a badge which says you are a leader to be a leader.

At Eltham High School we accept that formal leadership structures have a place in society as well as in our school and the appointments to formal leadership roles are also highlighted in this edition of the newsletter. However, the informal 'leadership without the badge' is

just as valued within the Eltham High School environment.

We congratulate and thank the following students:

Annabel Page (Year 11, Rutter House), Lily (H) Harrison (Year 11, Andrew House), Erin Liss (Year 11, Everard House), Nina Seidel (Year 11, Stewart House); Poppy Herring (Year 8, Andrew House), Marlie Chamberlain (Year 8, Rutter House), Greta Peters (Year 8, Rutter House), Finn Conley (Year 8, Rutter House).

2022 Community Kick-Off

The 2022 Community Kick-Off was held at Franco & Co by our local representative of Parliament, Vicki Ward, MP. The purpose of this event was to connect with people in our community, and to gain an insight into others' views on how the community is managed and its connections overall. We went along with our Student Growth and Agency Leader, Nadia Devlin, and our two school captains, Jules Broeren (Year 12, Everard House) and Fieke Van Der Kamp (Year 12, Stewart House). We were able to speak to a range of different people, including the president of the Eltham Lions Club, one of the school captains from Eltham College, as well as a lot of other people from the community helping to build further on its already firm structure. The president of the Eltham Lions, Peter Talbot, gave us an insight into what the club does and what they're planning on doing to help the community and its members. When we spoke to Emily, one of the school captains from Eltham College, we really enjoyed finding out how our two schools are so much alike, but so different, and how we could help improve each other's schools and community together.

We really enjoyed this experience and expanding our understanding of the tightly weaved, small but mighty locality around us. It has provided us with some great insight as we begin to prepare for our Community Project for the School for Student Leadership. Thank you, Mrs Devlin, for allowing us this opportunity to grow our knowledge and connections with the Eltham and surrounding neighbourhoods.

Charlie Clarke (Year 9, Andrew House) and Mac McLennan (Year 9, Andrew House)

School for Student Leadership

In 2022, we were excited to continue our partnership with the School for Student Leadership. The nine-week program ran at the Gnurad-Gundidj campus in the Western District was aimed at providing opportunities for personal, community and leadership development for students in Year 9. The application process begun for our current Year 9 students in 2021, and we were excited to announce the following students have been successful in receiving a position in the program for Term 2:

Charlie Clarke (Year 9, Andrew House)

Luka Koops (Year 9, Stewart House)

Torry Shi (Year 9, Everard House)

Mac McLennan (Year 9, Andrew House)

Kris Van Der Kamp (Year 9, Stewart House)

Scarlett Harrison (Year 9, Everard House)

Congratulations to these students on their position, we were excited to see the great work you did while away at the School for Student Leadership. We'd also like to thank and commend all students who applied.



Hopkins Falls

After a few hiccups, our students at the School for Student Leadership had a great start. They spent the first few days getting to know their new community of peers from Bellarine Secondary College as the team visited Hopkins Falls and completed a bridge-building activity.

The students were hard at work planning their Community Learning Project as well. They reached out to some community members, including Local Member for Parliament, Vicki Ward MP. The team then returned and shared their experiences with their peers back at Eltham High School.



School Captains
Jules Broeren
Fieke Van Der Kamp



House Leaders

Stewart

Yota Nakamura
Marcus Porret
Alanah Sutton

Andrew

Alyssa Baker
Misty-Lee Stark

Everard

Georgia Smith
Sarah Walkley

Rutter

Toby Templeton
Toah Marsh

Environmental Team Leaders

Patrick Kennedy
Hamish McColl

Ahren Nolan

Harmony Team Leaders

Maedy Ennis
Teyanah Brown

Mary Schofield
Shahla Paynter

Peer Team Leaders

Ruby Todd
James Dunn
Sharna Devlin

Baylie Lynch
Keely Gaunt

Communications Team Leader

Jason Burpee

The Arts - Music Leaders

Zack Lambie

The Arts - Visual Arts Leaders

Ethan Lonsdale
Eden Lawrence-Bunnell

Isobel Rowley
Milo Wade

STEAM Team Leaders

Jude Revill
Yota Nakamura

Teaching and Learning Team Leaders

Alanah Sutton
Ava Grzechnik

Cecilia Heath

Congratulations to all who were appointed to positions for 2022! The Student Leaders presented across all the Start of Year assemblies, speaking to the students about the School Values and what it means to embody and live by them.

ANZAC Day Community Services

On Monday April 25, our Senior Student Leaders joined with our community to commemorate ANZAC Day at the Eltham Dawn Service and Montmorency Service. During the dawn service, School Leaders Fieke Van Der Kamp (Year 12, Stewart House) and Jules Broeren (Year 12, Everard House) laid a wreath on behalf of the Eltham High School community and listened to the experience of a currently serving member of the infantry who had been involved in the evacuation of Afghanistan.

Later in the morning, Ruby Todd (Year 12, Everard House), Alanah Sutton (Year 12, Stewart House) and Jules Broeren represented the school at the Montmorency/Eltham RSL Service. Ruby Todd spoke about what ANZAC Day means to her, reflecting on the gratitude she has for the freedom and safety given to her by those who serve to defend Australia. Ruby was commended by a veteran for the way in which her speech captured the importance of ANZAC Day for young people. You can read Ruby's speech below. Alanah and Ruby then laid a wreath on behalf of the school community, and Jules played the Reveille.

Thank you to the Eltham Rotary Club and Eltham/Montmorency RSL for inviting our students to participate, and No 1. Blooms for the beautiful wreaths our students were able to present.

Please take a moment to read Ruby's reflection on the meaning of ANZAC Day below.

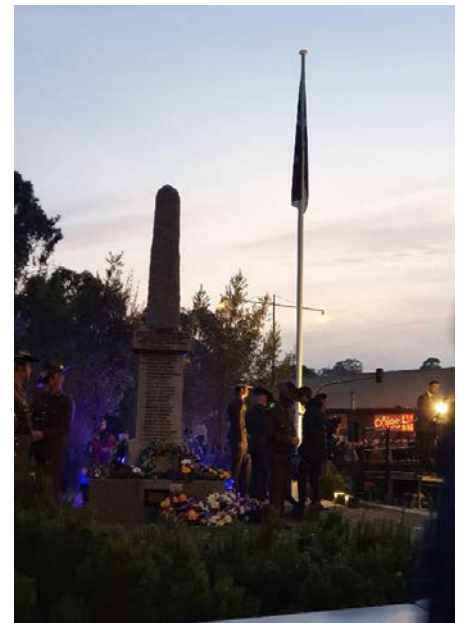
'We stand here this morning on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge them as the traditional land owners and recognise their continuing connection to the land, waters and culture. We pay respect to the Elders, past, present and emerging. Today, along with Australians everywhere, we gather to remember those who have served to defend Australia. We do this because it is the anniversary of the day when Australian and

New Zealand soldiers landed on the beach at Gallipoli in Turkey on 25 April 1915.

I've been thinking about this speech for the last month. I was asked to write about what ANZAC Day means to me. I rewrote this speech on paper twice, but over 10 different times in my head, just trying to get it right. ANZAC Day is about more than gratitude for the men and women who sacrificed their lives and it's about more than the sacrifices made by the loved ones who were left behind. For me, today is about choice. It's about what I choose to do with the freedom that I have been given by those before me. It's about how I choose to conduct myself knowing that the ANZACs fought so that every generation after them won't have to know the grief and loss

and suffering they did.

Today is also about reflection and appreciation for the peace we live amongst. It is in marking days like today that help me sympathise with those who are not as fortunate as myself, who don't get to live in a country without conflict, like those in Ukraine. Through understanding and reflecting on the multitudes of lives that are destroyed through war, I hope to use the freedom, privilege and opportunities I have been given to minimise the suffering of others. And indeed, today is about remembrance. About remembering those who we lost and those who we lost parts of. We thank you and we mourn you. Forever, you will be remembered.'



'Emotions' - Year 9 Exhibition

Congratulations to Henry Tagg (Year 9, Andrew House), Lydia Green (Year 9, Everard House), Coco Bergmann (Year 9, Stewart House), Lachlan Muller (Year 9, Stewart House), Sunday Olsen-Wilken (Year 9, Rutter House), Emily Dickson (Year 9, Andrew House), Miya Cassidy (Year 9, Stewart House), Mia Gainsmith (Year 9, Stewart House) and Alinka Dharmaraj (Year 9, Andrew House) whose works hung in an exhibition at Streamline Publishing Gallery.

The exhibition features the work of this small group of Year 9 students who have responded to the theme 'Emotions'. Collectively the students share a love of art and many met regularly during their lunchtimes to create and further their passions.

While the works were connected by the theme of 'Emotions' they are diverse in medium, subject matter and approach. Each student provided their personal interpretation and a unique perspective to this broad theme.

Students learnt a lot about the process of exhibiting in a group show including identifying and responding to a theme, preparing their works for hanging, preparing a catalogue and artist statements and actually hanging the show.

The exhibition ran from May 1 to May 29 at Streamline Publishing Gallery.

Banyule/Nillumbik Learning Network AGM

On Wednesday 25 June Mitch Drysdale (Year 10) and Shelby Cartledge (Year 12) participated in a Youth Forum as part of the local network AGM. Mitch was recounting his participation in the RIJI (Real Industry Job Interview) program at Year 9 which focused on preparing students for employment.

Shelby completed work placement in Business Administration with the BNLLN as part of her Senior VCAL studies. Mitch and Shelby provided a very good overview of their experiences and are to be commended on their participation.



Community Learning Project

On Friday, June 17, it was my great privilege to visit our Year 9 students at Gnurad-Gundidj, the School for Student Leadership. It was a fantastic opportunity to reflect with our young people on their growth and learning so far and speak with them about their project, as well as see the strong connections they have made with so many from all over Victoria.

After sharing a meal, I was able to listen to the presentations of not just our Eltham students, but all students participating in the program this term. It was great to see all the varied and thoughtful projects the different school groups had identified as being pertinent to their community. The enthusiasm the students presented with spoke volumes for their passion and keenness to come back into their communities and make a difference next term. While I don't want to share too much about the Community Learning Project our young people have begun working on, I will say I am excited to see CUP RESCUE come to fruition in our community later this year.

Vincent Sicari, Principal



Past Student Achievement

On Monday 20 June, The Eltham Prostate Cancer Information and Support Group held a meeting to let the community know it was back meeting in person and ready to support the 4,000 men and their families in the North-eastern suburbs of Melbourne living with a Prostate Cancer diagnosis.

As part of his Year 12 studies in Applied Computing: Software Development, Adam Moar (Class of 2021, Rutter House) worked with the group convenor, even during lockdowns, to develop a new website for them, which was featured in the group's relaunch event at the Eltham CFA Hub.

The relaunch event saw Adam receive a plaque in recognition of his outstanding contribution, which was presented to him by Peter Gebert in front of guest speakers Vick Ward MP, Nillumbik Councillor Geoff Paine, past MP Steve Herbert and CFA Captain Steve Riley.

Congratulations to Adam and congratulations to The Eltham Prostate Cancer Information and Support Group for its wonderful work in our community.

Vietnam War Memorial Service

On Saturday 13 August, we attended the Greensborough Vietnam War Memorial Service and laid a wreath on behalf of the school. From a speech, to music performed by young people in our community, it was great to see how young people could be involved in acknowledging the Vietnam War. It was invaluable to hear and learn from local veterans and their experiences in times of tribulation. We have so much to learn from each other to create a brighter future for all, and we hope that these events which bring together people of all ages continue to occur especially as we move into an increasingly uncertain future.

Fieke Van Der Kamp (Year 12, Stewart House) and Teyanah Brown (Year 12, Rutter House)

Year 12 Outdoor Education - Wilson's Prom



Throughout 2022, the Outdoor Education team and students ventured into a range of different settings to build their understanding, knowledge and skills in the outdoors.

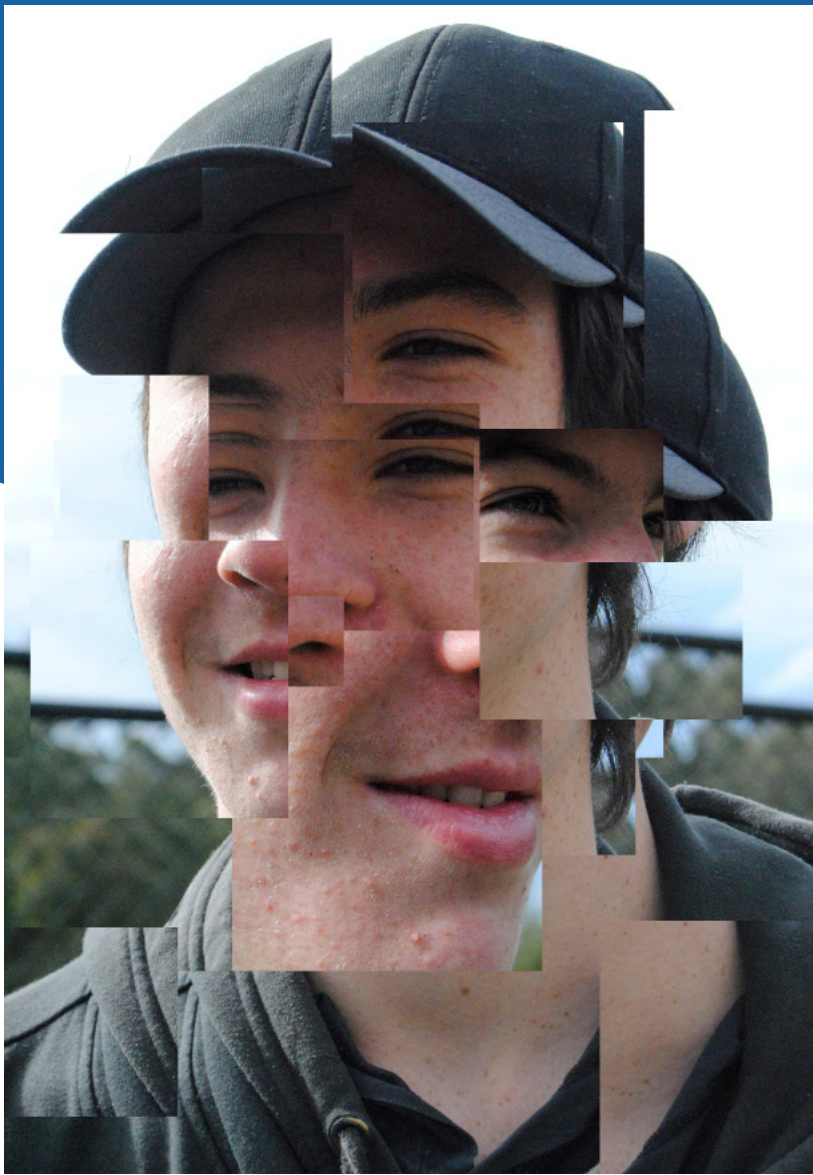
Thanks to hard work and collaboration between staff and students, many trips were taken and great experiences were had.

The Year 11 classes were able to venture to the Grampians and Warburton as seen on the previous page where they engaged with team building activities that challenged their physical and mental strength.

The Year 12 class were able to venture to Wilson's Promontory as seen on this page where they engaged in activities and learning experiences that built their knowledge and skills in preparation for SACs and their end of year examination.

These opportunities were not taken for granted as students participated with great enthusiasm to match the energy of their dedicated teachers.

The Outdoor Education team are looking forward to more outdoor exploring to come in 2023!



Individuality

Nillumbik Shire – Young Women of the Year 2022

At the Nillumbik Shire’s International Women’s Day event on Wednesday 9 March, Fieke van Der Kamp (Year 12, Stewart House) was one of the young women recognised in the Young Women of the Year Awards.

Fieke has been a passionate member of the inaugural Nillumbik Shire Youth Council and was elected as the first Youth Council Mayor in 2021. She has dedicated her time to empowering and inspiring other young people in the community.

Fieke was selected to attend a meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health, where she provided feedback on mental health challenges faced by young people and workshopped solutions and programs to improve the mental health and wellbeing of young Australians.

We congratulate Fieke on this wonderful achievement.

Similarly, we congratulate past student Abigail Wilson (Class of 2018, Stewart House), who was presented with the

Creative Leader Award. Abigail Wilson has made an incredible impact in the creative arts space, using her skills as a film maker to shine a spotlight on community groups in Nillumbik. Abigail’s award-winning short films demonstrate her commitment to storytelling, showcasing lesser-known tales of Nillumbik’s people and community.

Selecting video subjects that are often overlooked, Abigail

demonstrates advocacy for community groups and organisations, highlighting her value of community spirit, identity and teamwork.

All of these values align with our Eltham High School values, which Abigail and Fieke clearly demonstrate are what they live by everyday.

Compliments of the Shire of Nillumbik Website



AFL Draftee - Josh Weddle

Congratulations to past student Josh Weddle (2017 – 2021) who was selected at pick 18 by the Hawthorn Football Club in the AFL National Draft. Josh was a significant contributor to the Eltham High sports program in his time at the school, representing EHS in multiple sports at the District, Regional and State levels.

Josh's pursuit of excellence lead him to have a standout season with the Oakley Charges in the NAB League (an under-19 Australian Rules Football representative competition) and was rewarded with selection in the 2022 NAB League Team of the Year.

Josh also represented Vic Metro in the 2022 NAB AFL National Championships where his team took out the title.

We wish Josh all the best in his AFL career at the Hawks and look forward to seeing him run out for his first game.



Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Award recipient

Congratulations to Alanah Sutton, who began her Bronze Award in Year 9. Alanah persisted and has now completed her award.

Alanah said: "For my Duke of Ed Award I completed the required hours in voluntary service where I made reusable face masks for the local community during covid. I also achieved my skills requirement where I participated in an Eltham High School band and worked on my ability to play with others. Additionally, I completed the required hours for physical recreation in my cheerleading team."

Alanah completed the requirements for her Adventurous Journey component through the hikes in the Duke of Edinburgh's elective class in year 9. Alanah hopes to use her leadership skills gained through the Duke of Ed Award in her forensic science study and ultimately in gaining a place in the police force. Well done Alanah.

Peter Torey, Duke of Ed Teacher



Athletics State Championships

Congratulations to Ally Brooks, (Year 9, Everard House) who has enjoyed a very successful 2022 Victorian Track & Field Championship, winning two gold medals and a bronze medal from the three events she entered. The Championships, conducted by Athletics Victoria, were held over the last two weekends of February at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park. Ally, 14, lowered her time for the 1500m by 4 seconds when she stormed home to snare third place in the final of the Women Under 16 race. Ally finished in the time of 4:42.36.

In the Women Under 16, 2000m Steeplechase, Ally had a clear hold on second place for most of the race and with another sprint finish from the last water jump she was able to turn silver into gold. Ally won the race in 7:16.13. In her favourite event, the 800m, Ally qualified for the final by crossing in second place in Round 1 with a run of 2:18.57. In the final of the 800m Ally's talent in track racing was evident as she covered all the moves and swept to the line a clear winner. Ally finished the final in a new personal best time of 2:16.97.

These are all outstanding achievements.

Ally journeyed Sydney to compete in the 2022 Australian Track and Field Championships in late March 2022.



2022 Australian Olympic Change-Maker Award

Congratulations to our nominee for the 2022 Olympic Change-Maker Award. Fieke Van der Kamp (Year 12, Stewart House) was a recipient of this award for 2022.

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) selected Fieke for this award in recognition of her demonstration of the Olympic Spirit through leadership and driving positive change in our community to build a better world through sport. In 2022, a number of students will receive the Award from schools across Australia.

The nominations have overwhelmingly highlighted how students have used sport to create change in some of the most creative and unexpected ways proving that the power of sport is truly limitless.

Olympians Taliqua Clancy, Cedric Dubler, Valentino Guseli and Gronya Somerville, at the National Forum held on Friday 9 September, shared their Olympic journey with the students whilst celebrating the values of excellence, friendship, and respect.

These are values that are closely aligned with our school values and those which Fieke lives each day.

Fieke submitted a video as part of her nomination, as did a number of other students across the country. The initiatives and creativity demonstrated through these uncertain times is testament to the resilience and positive force for change playing out across the country. A panel of Olympians are currently reviewing video submissions.

In late October, successful applicants and their schools were contacted and invited to attend the National Summit from 7-9 December 2022. Their names will be posted on the AOCM webpage.

This is great recognition for Fieke who is passionate for her sport and has been constant in her approach and effort to making this world a better place. We are very proud of her and wish her all the very best for the future.

Mark Crosbee (Year 12, Rutter House) is also a recipient for this award for 2022.

The Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) selected Mark for this award in recognition of his commitment to the sport of Canoe Slalom and as the current Junior World Champion.

Through his achievements, Mark's demonstration of the Olympic Spirit through leadership and driving positive change in our community to build a better world through sport is clear.

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Sydney Symphony Orchestra

Congratulations to Jes Broeren (Class of 2017, Everard House) who was awarded a Fellowship with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. This is quite literally 1 of 2 Australian opportunities (Melbourne Symphony Orchestra being the other) that every aspiring classical musician hope for.

The Sydney Symphony Orchestra Fellows have the opportunity to be inspired by musical greats – while on the path to becoming leading musicians themselves.

For over 20 years, the program has seen Fellows go on to enjoy

highly successful careers in Australia and abroad. Over 85% of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra Fellowship alumni are professional musicians.

The Fellowship Program lays the groundwork through intense preparation and training including masterclasses with globally renowned artists, mentorship from the Sydney Symphony's musicians, and the opportunity to play in chamber and orchestral performances, including mainstage and regional programs.

Fellows are supported with further development of technical skills, insights into career management and preparation for auditions – helping to develop sustainable and rewarding careers.

It is great to see one of our own be recognised with such a prestigious award. I know that Jes has achieved this through hard work and persistence, and we are all very proud of him.

Jes first picked up a clarinet at the Year 7 "Try an Instrument Night" at school. Eltham High School continued to nurture Jes' interest and passion for music for the remainder of the six years that he was here, then moving to the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music at the University of Melbourne for his tertiary studies. We wish Jes every success as he moves into this amazing opportunity and the next stage of his career development.



Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

The University of Melbourne received over 1300 applications for this program from across the state. The selection panel was extremely impressed by the academic performance and community involvement demonstrated by students.

Successful applicants of the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program will become part of a supportive university community and peer network through a tailored program of events and activities over the next two years. Successful Class of 2024 Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholar:

Emily Matthews (Year 10 Everard House).

Congratulations to Emily on being accepted into the program. Emily now joins an extensive list of Eltham High School Alumni who have benefitted from this program. Despite the exceptionally high quality of applicants, limited places meant that the University was unable to offer places to the following students:

Dylan Mackay (Year 10, Stewart House)

Joshua Wike-Gysen (Year 10, Andrew House)

Tahli Danelutti (Year 10, Everard House)

Thomas Smith (Year 10, Everard House)

We congratulate these four students on their application and for putting in the effort. We are sure that other opportunities will come their way.

ICC T20 World Cup Finals Performance

Janaki Easwar's performance at the ICC T20 World Cup finals.

The event was an enormous success with more 80,000 people from various parts of the world coming together to celebrate the game of Cricket.

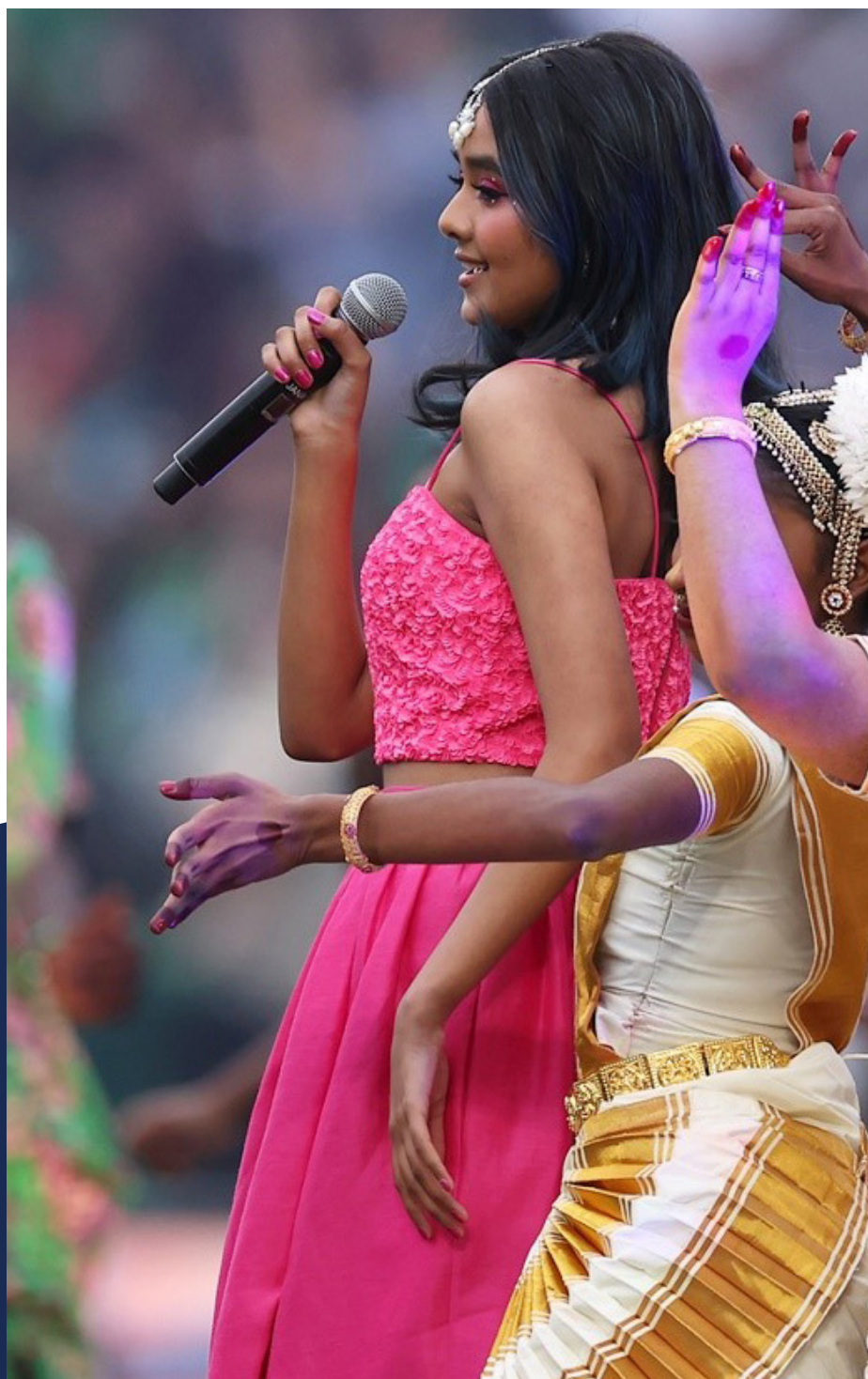
The nine-minute-long opening ceremony was a great representation of modern, multicultural Australia to a global audience bringing generations and cultures together.

ICEHOUSE's "Great Southern Land" echoed around the

Melbourne Cricket Ground like you have never heard before, with electrifying First Nations musician Mitch Tambo and leading Didgeridoo player, William Barton performing with a group of artists from all over the world.

Janaki got to perform "We Can Get Together" with Zimbabwean-born, Thndo Sikwila and her group of dancers for a celebration of dance and music that ended with fireworks that lit up the Melbourne sky.

Congratulations Janaki! We look forward to hearing about your future successes.



Gold Duke of Edinburg Award

Congratulations to Ellie Weale (Class of 2020, Everard House) who on Monday 21 November received the Gold – Duke of Edinburgh Award. Ellie has been working towards this for some time and being recognised in this way has provided a keen sense of achievement.

The Award is about an individual challenge, variety of activity, duration, support, teamwork, and recognition. As every individual is different, so too are the challenges that young people undertake to achieve their award. With guidance from their Award Leader, activity assessor or other award volunteers, each young person is encouraged to look at themselves, their interests, abilities, and ambitions, then set themselves challenges in the four different Sections of the Award (Voluntary Service, Skill, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey).

Ellie has met all the requirements of the award which she began as a student at Eltham High School with the support of her teacher, Peter Torey.

Furthermore, in her achievement, Ellie has proven that the school motto 'Deeds Count' is relevant in an ongoing way in all aspects of our lives.

We wish Ellie all the very best with her future.

Australian Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships

Congratulations to Maya Bennette (Year 9, Stewart House) who travelled to New South Wales on 23-29 March to compete in the Australian Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships. Maya is passionate about her sport, and represented her state admirably.

We congratulate Maya on competing in this event and wish her luck for all future competitions she takes part in throughout 2022.

Spike Reach Contest

Congratulations to the Eltham students who won the Spike Reach Contest for their year levels. Prize packs were awarded from Australian Volleyball Warehouse.

Audrey Colbert (Year 7, Stewart House) - 54cm

Kyra Meijer (Year 11, Andrew House) - 64cm

Henry Gaundar (Year 12, Stewart House) - 94cm

Toby Azeez

Congratulations to Tobi Azeez (Class of 2017, Everard House) on his graduation from Mount Olive University in North Carolina in the Bachelor of Science Biology, Summa Cum Laude, the top in the class.

Toby joined the USA University after graduating from Eltham High School in 2017. Toby was offered a Sport Scholarship (Volleyball) by the University.

Tobi has had various degrees of success as a sportsman and now outstanding academic success. We wish Tobi all the very best for all the opportunities that life has to offer him.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Cassandra Helmut (Year 12, Stewart House) for securing a second season as the lead role in the ABC tween series *The Prime Minister's Daughter*. Season 1 can be accessed on ABC iView.

Cassie also completed her VCE throughout this team, creating notable artworks for her year 12 Art folio.



Don't let the smiles fool you. In *The PM's Daughter* the kids are more than alright, they're politically engaged and a little bit frightening.

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Cassandra Helmut as Cat in *The PM's Daughter*. | HULLY

Wheelchair AFL Championship

Congratulations to Scott Van Gemert (Class 2014, Rutter House) who played in the 2022 Toyota Wheelchair AFL National Championship held at the Diamond Valley Sport and Fitness Centre.

Wheelchair AFL is an exciting adaptation of AFL and Scott and his teammates were part of the Victorian team to win the Division 1 title on Friday. This is a great achievement.

Scott's pursuit of excellence has taken many pathways, the one most known to us is as a consummate musician and exceptional Trombone player. We wish Scott well in all he does.



Social and Environmental Responsibility

Nillumbik Youth Summit

On Wednesday 25 May, students from across the Nillumbik Shire attended the yearly Youth Summit, 12 of which were from Eltham High School. The summit consisted of groups of students discussing many important areas for growth in the Nillumbik shire as well as talks delivered by a panel of local guest speakers (Nevo, author of *Pronoun Lowdown*, Jared, Paralympian medallist and Hayden,

founder of Hayden's Helping Hands). Eltham High School students contributed heavily on the subjects of LGTBTQIA+ inclusion, social connection and climate strategy/environment. The other topics presented were physical health and wellbeing, mental health and gender equity. The students also had a chance to connect with services from around Nillumbik, including Head Space,

Banyule Youth Services, Health Ability, Yarra Plenty Library and more.

The summit was a fantastic opportunity to increase their awareness of issues facing the youth of Nillumbik and have their say in possible solutions to those issues, as well as communicate with like-minded leaders.

Tom Westerman (Year 10, Rutter House)

VicRoads Road Smart

During Term 3 Year 10 Tutorial seminars, we were put in the driver's seat and were taken through a crash course on smart driving habits and staying safe on the roads. The presentation, run by VicRoads, was aimed at helping us prepare to hit the road with our L's and be 'Road Smart'. At the start of the program, we were reminded of the significance of full concentration while driving, and how accidents on our roads can be disastrous. Distractions that could impact our ability to drive were identified, including mobile phones and loud passengers or music. In addition to this, the presentation also introduced us to 'The Safe System', which highlighted the ways drivers are kept safe on the roads. We were taught to drive at safe speeds, and practice smart driving habits, as well as how our cars and roads are designed to keep us safe. Lastly, our instructor gave us some wheely good tips on how to take a multi-staged approach to our driving practice; making sure our first driving experience is not a trip down the M1 in peak-hour. Overall, the program was both informative and interesting leaving us Year 10s fuelled with excitement and ready to start our driving journey!

Thomas Smith (Year 10, Everard House)

Edendale Farm

On Tuesday May 24, five of our Senior Student Leaders, Fieke Van Der Kamp (Year 12, Stewart House), Mary Schofield (Year 12, Rutter House), Maedy Ennis (Year 12, Andrew House), Patrick Kennedy (Year 12, Stewart House) and Hamish McColl (Year 12, Stewart House), visited Edendale Farm to attend an information session hosted by Local Member Vicki Ward MP and Major Road Projects Victoria. When Vicki visited the school with Ros Spence MP in Term 1 our students expressed concern for the disruption to the natural environment that occurred as a result of the Fitzsimmons Lane Upgrade. In response to these concerns, Vicki invited our students to Edendale Farm where project managers from Major Road Projects Victoria spoke to the students about the planting that will shortly occur at the

intersection. The students were able to learn about the different trees and shrubs being planted, as well as inspect the gums that will be planted along the median strip later this month. Cr Natalie Duffy and Mayor Cr. Frances Eyre also spoke about the positive way in which this project, particularly the replanting, had impacted the community and allowed an opportunity for voice. Our students were each gifted with 5 plants for the school, like those that will be planted along the Fitzsimmons Lane Intersection throughout the year. Our Enviro Team then lead the conversation about where these plants are placed throughout the school. It was an informative morning that allowed our students a genuine opportunity to engage with community partners to learn more about what is being done to address the concerns of our young people.



Nillumbik Clean Living Expo

The Nillumbik Clean Living Expo was a great opportunity for a few of our Year 12 VET students to work with an Induction cooktop for the first time.

Students performed cooking demonstrations at Edendale farm using a portable induction cooktop making delicious pancakes for the community. Students featured "Apted's apples" from local growers in Arthurs Creek by preparing a cream puree, baked apples and pickled apples that were served on top of the pancakes.

Our students represented Eltham High School very well and the feedback from community was fantastic.

Congratulations to: Samuel Cowell (Year 11, Everard House), Ivy Page (Year 11, Andrew House), Anju Mannix (Year 12, Rutter House) and Charlie Walls (Year 12, Andrew House).



State Treasurer's Visit

On Monday 23 May, we hosted a visit from the State Treasurer, the Hon. Tim Pallas MP. Tim is also the Minister for Economic Development and Minister for Industrial Relations. Tim was accompanied by the local member for Eltham, Vicki Ward.

We were hosts to a student Q&A session with Tim, involving not just our students but also students from neighbouring Secondary Schools including Montmorency Secondary College, Diamond Valley College, Catholic Ladies College and Eltham College.

The students were all amazing. They address questions to Tim around climate change, electric car tax, education for young people around sexual assault and violence, the State budget, entrepreneurial opportunities for young people, the relationship between the current State Labor Government and the incoming Federal Labor Government and the list goes on.

Tim took his time to respond to each student's question in a thoughtful and informative way. He was impressed with the level and depth of the questions that the students were addressing to him.

Of course, our students represented us admirably. Tim was highly impressed at the fact

that one of our student had read the State Budget papers and was asking some very probing questions.

Overall, the Q&A was a success and it did provide our young people with the opportunity to quiz the State Treasurer, and vice versa it provided Tim with the opportunity to see the depth of interest that young people have for the political arena and their desire not to be left behind and ignored.

We thank Vicki Ward for organising this opportunity and all her staff for bringing this to fruition. We also want to make a special mention of Nadia Devlin, our Student Agency and Growth Leader who coordinated the event from the school end. Nadia joined Eltham High School this year

Remembrance Day

As occurs every year, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of November all students and staff stop what they are doing to remember the past and all those who have lost their lives for their country due to war.

Darren Squires (Assistant Principal) conducted this year's presentation, over the PA system with outstanding support from Liam Muir (Year 11, Everard House) who played the "Last Post" and "Reveille" on his trumpet.

Everyone observed a minute silence as a time to reflect and remember.

The poppy flower is used for remembrance, as it was among the first plants to appear in Spring in northern France and Belgium on the battlefields.

On Anzac Day, the poppy is worn, and it is often placed next to the names, or on the war graves of servicemen and women, as a sign of remembrance. The poppy also reappears on Remembrance Day as again a symbol of remembrance. It was great to see poppies growing amongst the rosemary (also used for remembrance) in the Lone Pine Tree memorial at the front of the school in time for Remembrance Day.





Year 7 Wellbeing Day

Friday 18th February was a fantastic day at the Eltham Leisure Centre. Students engaged in a range of activities from Zumba to Boot Camp. They were provided 10 free passes to the Leisure Centre that many utilised and enjoyed. This was a great way to introduce the Year 7s to the programs that are on offer for teenagers. There were some tired but happy students at the end of the day.



Year 7 City Camp

On Thursday 25 August, during their dinner break, I visited the last group of Year 7 students who were on camp.

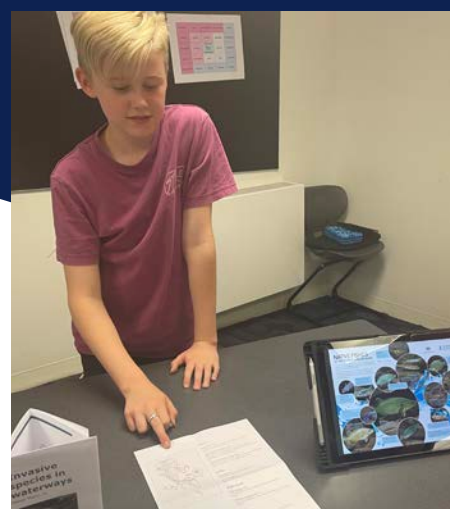
It was a special evening as the group had planned a birthday celebration for their most illustrious leader, Melissa Hughes. Whilst it may have been more preferable for Melissa to be spending her birthday dinner at home with her family, the students and staff made sure that was celebrated regardless of being away from her family.

The students expressed having had an amazing day and the teachers commented on how well the students engaged with the experience and how well behaved they had been.

A big thank you to the Junior School Team under the leadership of Melissa Hughes for the organisation and running of the camp and a big thank you to all the staff who took part both teaching and Education Support staff.

Vincent Sicari, Principal





Edendale Farm Visit

On the first week of Term 3, all of our Year 7s went on an excursion to Edendale Farm to learn about sustainability and what we can do to live more sustainable lives. Form groups K, L and M went on Friday July 15, and did three rotations of activities. The first rotation was run by Polly, and we learnt about different types of waste we have in our households like general, recycling, soft plastics, green waste, composting, e-waste, and the safe disposal of batteries. Then, we sorted through everything that was in the general red bin, into all the other categories of bins. By the end of the activity, the red bin was nearly empty, and we had all learnt how to safely dispose of rubbish sustainably to avoid landfill.

For the second activity, which was run by Brian, we learnt about our food footprint and how far our food had travelled to get to us. We split into four groups and each group was given a tub of various food products and the task to order them from least distance travelled

to get to our supermarket shelves, to furthest distance to get to us. We also learnt about the sneaky marketing strategies to make us think that our food is coming from locally sourced produce, when actually they are being imported from all parts of the world creating unnecessary, carbon-polluting food kilometres.

For the last and final activity, Katrina gave us an interactive tour of Edendale Farm. We got to feed the sheep, alpacas, chickens, and goats. We learnt about how they rotate animals around to different paddocks to make sure that the soil get to replenish itself and is healthy to produce fresh green grass. At the end of the day, we thanked all the educators at Edendale and the teachers that organised and safely walked us there and back.

We're looking forward to putting some of these strategies in place in our own homes.

Meg Jacka (Year 7, Everard House) and Oskar Mann (Year 7, Stewart House)

Sustainability Expo

The Year 7 Expo on Tuesday October 4th after school was a fantastic way to launch Term 4 for our Year 7s. The event was the culmination of all the work of Term 3 and of the Year 7 Experience. We were delighted to welcome so many families to the event and thank you all for your participation and support. The students loved having the opportunity to speak with interested adults about the sustainable solution that they developed to a local or global issue that they had identified. The skills of critical and creative thinking were on display throughout the expo and many commented on the standard of the presentations from our movers and changemakers of the future. The coordination of this event was managed by Emma Shelton, the Critical Inquiry Co-ordinator - the Junior School would like to thank her for all her work and communications to ensure that this was such a smooth and successful opportunity for all involved.

Creativity



Nillumbik 'Creative Minds' Exhibition 2022

Creative Minds is an annual exhibition that celebrates the outstanding work produced by Year 12 Art and Studio Arts students from schools across the Nillumbik Shire.

This year's exhibition was officially opened Friday 5th August by Nillumbik Mayor Frances Eyre at the Eltham Library Community Gallery. It was nice to see so many students, families and members of the community in attendance.

As usual Eltham High School was well represented at this exhibition which also includes the work of students from Catholic Ladies College, Eltham College and Plenty Valley Christian College.

Congratulations to the following 2021 Art and Studio Arts students from Eltham High School who had their work selected for this exhibition:

Morgan Baddeley (Year 12, Everard House), Evelyn Robinson-Fletcher (Year 12, Stewart House), Emily Broeren (Class of 2021, Everard House), Clementine Coates (Class of 2021, Rutter House), Ella Cole-Sinclair (Class of 2021, Rutter House), Matias Gruenberg (Class of 2021, Stewart House), Charlie Levan (Class of 2021, Stewart House), Luka Mackew (Class of 2021, Andrew House), Stella Pullen (Class of 2021, Andrew House), Reuben Van Der Linde (Class of 2021, Rutter House) and Latesha Vivado (Class of 2021, Rutter House).

A big thank you and congratulations to Ute Leiner for her huge effort in coordinating our students' participation in this event.

Ari Wegner Nominations

We congratulate past student Ari Wegner on her nomination for best cinematography at this year's Oscar Awards.

Ari was an exceptional student during her time at Eltham High School Class of 2001 and during her time she was encouraged to pursue her passion when studying Media under the guidance of our exceptional teacher Kathy Hughes. In a recent interview for the Saturday paper, Ari made the following comment:

“Cinema wasn't part of our vocabulary until high school. I had a wonderful media teacher – Ms Hughes at Eltham High School – and one of the first things I remember watching was Jane Campion's short films like *Passionless Moments* and *Peel*. I had the revelation that cinema is an art form, that it is malleable and able to express as personal a language as you can have in a painting or a drawing. What you're sculpting is an experience for the viewer...”

On graduating from our school, Ari continued her studies and passion at the Victorian College of the Arts- The University of Melbourne graduating in 2004 with a Bachelor of Film and TV.

We are obviously very proud of Ari's achievements and wish her all the very best at the 94th Academy Awards ceremony will air on television in Australia on Monday 28 March 2022.

Ari has also made history being only the second woman to ever be nominated for Best Cinematography in the film, *The Power of the Dog*.

In addition to her history making Oscar nomination, Ari has also become the first woman to receive a BAFTA nod for cinematography and is the second woman to earn a feature film category nomination from the American Society of Cinematographers.

Battle of the Bands

Congratulations to Scarlett Gill (Year 11, Everard House) and Owen Gill (Year 9, Everard House) on their amazing performance at the Battle of the Bands - Warrandyte Festival.

Scarlet and Owen represented Eltham High School admirably through their first public performance of their Band and were awarded third place in the competition.

A great achievement and we are sure that they will move on to bigger and greater things as they continue to build their confidence in public performance. Well done!

2023 Season of Excellence

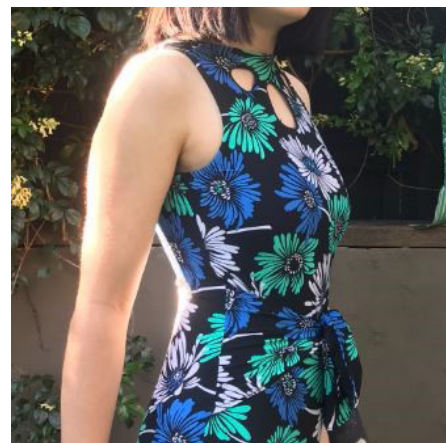
Each year students from government, regional and private schools across Victoria who have completed Year 12 studies in an Arts or Technology subject are invited to submit their folios and final artworks for consideration for the VCE Season of Excellence.

The VCE Season of Excellence is an annual event showcasing outstanding examples of VCE works across the visual and performing arts and technology. The works are presented in Melbourne's major cultural venues including the NGV, ACMI and the Melbourne Museum. Each year Eltham High School has been well represented in the VCE Season of Excellence.

Many hundreds of students apply for their work to be considered. From this large pool, students are selected for shortlisting and consideration as finalists in the Season of Excellence.

We are delighted to announce that: Elliot Bryant (Studio Arts- Photography (Andrew House)), Evelyn Robinson-Fletcher (Art (Stewart House)), Matilda Eames (Product Design Fibre (Everard House)) and Shahla Paynter (Product Design Fibre (Rutter House)) were shortlisted for the 2023 Season of Excellence.

Their creativity is clearly evident in their work and their folios are exceptionally well executed and with the level of detail that has attracted the judges' interest.



Life Drawing at Nyora Studio Gallery

Life drawing was available to students from Years 9 to Year 12, at Nyora Studio Gallery throughout this year.

Under the guidance of our art teachers and studio director Emmy Mavroidis, the students were taken through a number of techniques, which allowed them to develop the skills to capture the human form on paper under a range of lighting.

This was a great opportunity for students who wished to supplement their folios as well as for those for whom art has become part of who they are and provides an uplifting experience that nurtures their souls.

A big thank you to Lisa Foote (Art Coordinator) for negotiating this opportunity for our students with Nyora Studio Gallery and a big thank you to Emmy Mavroidis for once again accepting our students in her creative space.

We look forward to seeing the amazing work that our students will create in the future.



Rescuing Rainbow

An opportunity to save a special piano from heading to landfill came our way and we seized it.

As you can see from the photos included - this is no ordinary piano and we were so excited to find a home for it here with us.

On its first morning - the cover came off and one by one, pianists small and tall came up to play. We were amazed at the talent in our student body and with each musician, the audience grew.

The sounds of the piano being played in the yard brought many over to investigate and appreciate the talents of others. Some came with tape measures to begin thinking about how it might be restored.



Soon after, the meeting of the Rescue Rainbow Committee was held. This group was made up of writers, composers, musicians, technicians and enthusiasts. The Committee will plan for how the piano can be incorporated into the life of our school and how it can be nurtured and protected.

Our Year 10 Public Art class were working on this under the leadership of Ute Leiner - we have great plans for this new addition and look forward to updating you as we progress on the journey.

We are serious about supporting the wellbeing of our students, and "Rainbow" in the short time that it has been here, has made a major contribution.

Patrick Killen (Year 11, Andrew House) and Wes Henderson (Year 7, Rutter House)

Eltham Music

Congratulations to everyone that participated in the first Mid-Year Music Concert. Even though some students and staff were held back from participating for reasons beyond their control, the concert ran very smoothly.

We wish to thank everyone that contributed to an amazing program. The Training Band and Training Strings were terrific in their performances even though the number of rehearsals that they have had since picking up their instruments can be counted on the fingers of one hand. The Strings Orchestra clearly demonstrated just how far it has come in skill development and performance of the repertoire. It was amazing. The Chamber Strings' perfect performance of some challenging pieces left the audience wanting more. The Stage Band's performance, which highlighted the talent of a number of band members through their solos, demonstrated just how hard work, commitment and



passion can lead to excellence. The Symphonic Band was beautifully conducted by Brent Mills. Its performance was extraordinary and immensely entertaining. The Guest Performers, 'Jarabi', brought a different tune to the evening highlighted by the sounds of some amazing African musical instruments alongside

the saxophone, guitar, base guitar and drum kit. Thank you Jarabi, for the experience you provided us with on the night, it was truly amazing.

We congratulate and thank Brent Mills, Dan Gordon and Danny Davis for stepping up and supporting the evening to be such a success.

We would also like to thank two members of the Friends of Music who are retiring from the group, Catriona McKinnon and Duncan Butler. Both have been associated with the Instrumental Music Program for many years whilst their children were in the school. They have contributed in many ways to the work of the Friends of Music and between 2019-2021 inclusive Catriona was the President and Duncan was the Secretary. Their contribution cannot be underestimated, and we want to express our appreciation for their work over the many years and wish them both well in the future.



Victorian Schools Music Festival

Congratulations to all the students in Chamber Strings and String Orchestra who attended and competed in the Victorian Schools Music Festival in Term 3. The students were well prepared and excited to be part of this opportunity, and their hard work paid off.

Our String Orchestra was awarded Gold and our Chamber Strings

was awarded Silver. These are outstanding results, and the level of competition, as always, was high.

Our students should be proud of their effort, we are certainly proud of them. We want to congratulate and thank their teachers for their continued commitment to the program and for their continued support of the students in their care. Their dedication is unwavering.

International Song Writing Competition

We once again congratulate Janaki Easwar (Year 8, Andrew House) whose debut single 'Clown', which Janaki wrote and composed during lockdown not only made it to the International Song Writing Competition, but was also selected as a finalist in the Teen category of the competition.

This is an extraordinary achievement for one so young, but not extraordinary for someone with her amazing talent and ability.

Previous Australian winners include notables such as Guy Sebastian, Kate Miller-Heidke, The Presets, Gotye, Kimbra, Missy Higgins, Matt Corby, David Le'aupepe, Kasey Chambers, Sarah Blasko, Troy Cassar-Daley, and many more.

The panel of judges includes Coldplay and Linkin Park.

We wish Janaki every success and we are very proud of her achievements.

Woodworking Competition

The Eltham and District Woodworkers Club had another successful exhibition this year on the weekend of November 12 and 13.

The exhibition is run in the Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham, Victoria as a part of the Rotary Eltham Festival.

The Club is a not for profit group which promotes skills in many woodwork disciplines. The club has 125 members with an age range from early 20s to 90s.

This year 5 of our Year 12 student's woodwork were selected to be included in the exhibition. Adam Craft (Year 12, Everard House), Elias Burrell (Year 12, Everard House), Sarah Walkley (Year 12, Rutter House), Cassie Helmut (Year 12, Stewart House) and Couper Medley (Year 12, Everard House). It was a great honour to be involved in this event with so many talented woodworkers.

Science Week 2022

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the various activities during Science Week (15—19 August). Everyone had lots of fun across both the in class and lunchtime activities. The STEAM Club was in full form organising and running activities. The week culminated in a wonderful STEAM Activity involving the collaboration of both AWS (Amazon Web Services) and CBUS (Construction and Building Unions Superannuation (Australia)).

The activity incorporated a robotics incursion focusing on artificial intelligence specifically aimed at Machine Learning.

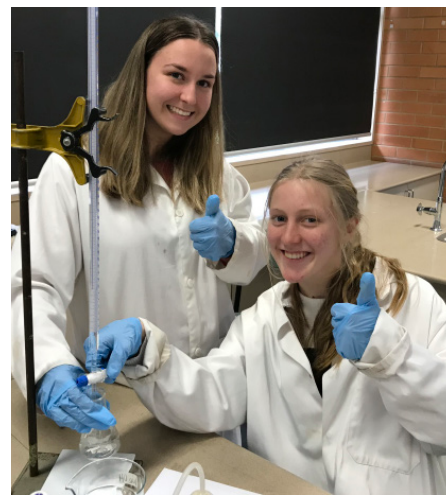
Students trained a model car to be able to run a defined course unaided.

The activity ticked off on every area of the STEAM agenda: mathematics, science, technology, critical and creative thinking, problem solving/engineering as well as providing a challenge, developing persistence, resilience, determination and an understanding that failure is a good thing in learning and moving forward. Everything resonated with our school's Growth Mindset philosophy.

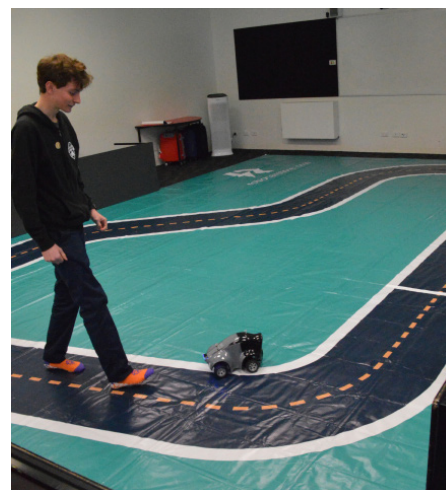
On behalf of all the students I would like to express our gratitude to Julian Azzopardi (current parent) for facilitating such an amazing experience and for being able to bring together such amazing partners in order for our students' experience to be both exhilarating and authentic.

A big thank you to all the presenters from both AWS and CBUS who gave up their time to making our Science Week so special.

Furthermore we wish to commend the work of our Science Team under the leadership of Katie Reed, for organising not only this activity but all of the activities that ran throughout the week.



Year 12 Chemistry Experiment - Analysis of Aspirin



STEAM Challenges 2022

Throughout 2022, our STEAM team met at lunchtimes to complete a series of many different challenges. These provided opportunities to develop skills in Science and Engineering but also team work and co-operation. The challenges completed were:

Creating a solar oven (using cardboard, foil and paint to create an oven which can make s'mores)

Creating a solar system display with information cards

Creating a functional bionic hand from cardboard and string

Mentos and coke experiments

Preparation for science week activities including posters, challenges and promotion

Determining the most aerodynamic paper plane design

Why does a tic tac bounce bigger on the second bounce?

Creating lever systems and Rube Goldberg machines

Engineering challenges (construction e.g. create a device from three sheets of A4 paper which can support the teacher, create the tallest freestanding tower with the materials provided)



Banyule Youthfest 2022

Vending Machine Repairmen (VMR) consisting of three of our Year 9 students, Oliver Plunkett-Zbaracki (Everard House), Toby Freeman (Stewart House), Thomas Lingard (Stewart House) and one student from Ivanhoe Grammar, performed to a very appreciative audience at the Banyule Youthfest 2022 last weekend.

The Band performed 7 original songs and were well received by the crowd. The three boys from Eltham High started jamming

together at school and now attend Jets studios weekly where they met and were joined by their fourth member.

We congratulate all four boys for their amazing commitment to their music and wish them well as they continue to navigate the many more opportunities that will come their way in the world of music. We are certainly very proud of them.



EHS Choir 2022

South Street Competitions

On Wednesday 17 August, the 50 members of our Eltham High School Choir participated in the prestigious "South Street" competitions at Ballarat. We sang three songs from the repertoire of Music Theatre, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island (unaccompanied) and the Eurovision Song Contest. Even though we did not get a place, the choir sang with a high level of accuracy, beauty and passion. One of our favourite parts of

these events is the multiple opportunities we have (throughout the 3-hour process) to chat with students and conductors from the other participating choirs who regularly express their genuine appreciation for the diversity and charisma that we bring to the competition. As usual, the Choir was magnificently conducted by their Choir Captains, Fieke Van der Kamp (Year 12, Stewart House) and Scarlett Gill (Year 11, Everard House).

Boroondara Eisteddfod

On the evening of Thursday 4 August, our school choir performed

at the Boroondara Eisteddfod (Hawthorn Town Hall) and gained 3rd place in their section. They were brilliantly conducted by their Choir Captains, Fieke Van der Kamp (Year 12, Stewart House) and Scarlett Gill (Year 11, Everard House) with the two songs "Why We Build the Wall" (music theatre) and "Under Pressure" (pop/rock). We are very proud of the way that our choir members sing so beautifully and work so well together. There is a wonderful team spirit amongst this delightful group of Eltham High School students.



EHS and EPS Choirs

On Thurs. morning 12th May this year at 8.00am, Fieke van de Kamp (Year 12 EHS Choir Captain) and Lynlee Williams (EHS Choir Director) conducted their first rehearsal with the newly-formed Eltham Primary School Choir. This venture began as a conversation between the Principals of both schools and, as a result, is now a lovely group of 30-40 students from most year levels who have a lot of fun singing together. After fifteen Thurs. morning rehearsals, the Choir performed for the very first time on Weds. afternoon 7th Sept. at an EPS Ensemble Concert in front of friends and family of the Eltham Primary School community. Everyone involved was delighted with their singing and the Choir students were very proud of their own performance. We are all looking forward to many more EPS Choir performances.



Annual CAVE Fundraiser

Three of our Eltham High School Choir-Captains, Fieke van der Kamp (Year 12, Stewart House) and Joshua Wike-Gysen (Year 10, Andrew House) and Jessica Nicholls (Year 9, Everard House), performed five songs for the annual CAVE fundraising Luncheon at St. Margaret's Anglican church

in Eltham, accompanied on the piano by Choir Director, Lynlee Williams.

The audience were absolutely delighted with the student's choice of songs and their beautiful singing. CAVE is a wonderful local organisation that raises money to support primary and secondary students in Eltham.

Eltham Drama

I was very fortunate to be in the audience to witness the exceptional talent and creativity of our Drama students. Both performances “Through their Eyes” and “Headlines”, were written, directed, and performed by the students.

Each performance was well executed, and one even included me in the script - as is customary. The performances were entertaining, portraying both the highs and lows of emotions as well as the impact of these emotions on the building of relationships, whether these were within the context of visiting different times through time travel or understanding the true meaning of friendship no matter what. Great performances by a group of amazing young people. Congratulations.

Vincent Sicari, Principal



Junior Drama



The Arts and Technology Exhibition

Alongside an online exhibition, Arts & Technology teachers worked tirelessly to put on a physical exhibition of student works from Years 10, 11 and 12 in time for Headstart and the Valedictory.

This exhibition was showcased in the 100's building during Term 4 and has enabled, for the first time in recent years for an audience, albeit it limited, to view student works firsthand.

The standard of student work continues to impress both

technically and conceptually. The themes students have chosen to explore are diverse and reflect the impact of Covid, mental health, identity, social constructs and culture.

The success of the show has been apparent, not just through the positive feedback received, but through witnessing the many students seen engaging with the exhibition on a daily basis and involved in discussions with their peers around respective artworks.

Congratulations to our talented

senior school students and the dedicated Arts and Technology teachers who have supported their creative endeavours.

A big thank you to our sponsors; Andrew and Trish Edgoose; Robert Brock; Vicki Ward; The family of the late Wes Muir and Ferngully Lodge (who sponsor our Music Program). The support of our sponsors cannot be underestimated, and it is very much appreciated by us all in particular the students who benefit from the awards that our sponsors provide.

Lisa Foote, Arts Leader

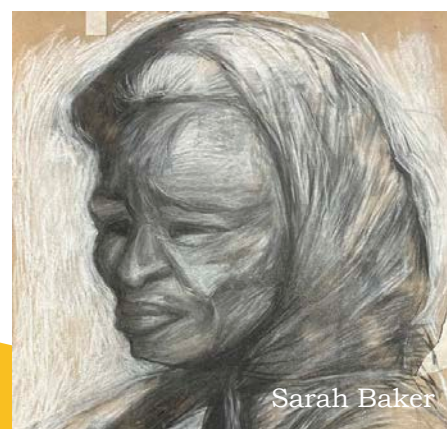
Nyora Studio Gallery Exhibition Prize



Tristan Peacock



Madison Tindal



Sarah Baker



Stephanie Smith



Maddie Azzopardi



Inaugural Passion for Creativity Award - Mia Griggs



Peter Brock Bursary Award - Sophia Howse



The Clair Edgoose Award for Excellence - Junior School - Kai Barker

Creativity Week and Showcase

We congratulate all of our students for their engagement with the School's Creativity Week and Showcase at the end of Term 3.

A range of activities were planned and ran during the week based on our School Value of creativity.

The Planning Team led by Chizuko Inoue-Andersson embraced a number of students from various year levels with varied interests, which as a sideline reflected our school values of Individuality and Respect for Diversity, was able to expand on the meaning of creativity well beyond the usual thinking and normal parameters of the visual and creative arts, to engineering, problem solving, critical and creative thinking, reflecting thinking 'outside of the box' so to speak.

The Showcase, held during the last period of the last day of term, showcased the various talents of our students including the amazing presence and skill of our two MCs, Ruby Todd (Year 12, Everard House) and A.J. Moon (Year 8, Andrew House).

Overall, it was a great initiative and one that engaged students from across all levels of the school. A great effort! Well done everyone! For those of us who are Star Trek aficionados, I want to thank one of our Year 7 students, Alex Reddrop (Year 7, Andrew House) who during Creativity Week reignited the appreciation of the series and films for a number of us.

Personally, the first series released in the mid 1960s accompanied me through my teenage years. I remember rushing home after school so as not to miss the next episode before settling into getting my homework done.

The series and films that followed and the cult following of Mr Spock continued to capture the interest of the following generations, Alex being a testament to this and the two of us an example of intergenerational connection through common interest.

Vincent Sicari, Principal



VATE Writing Competition

Congratulations to Mietta Palmer (Year 7, Rutter house) who was awarded second prize in the VATE – A Story in Miniature writing competition. This wonderful piece of writing is visible on the VATE website.

We strongly recommend that you read Mietta's piece as it will give you a clear indication of both Mietta's creativity and talent.

Mietta is representative of many students in our school who have the skills, ability, and creative prowess to express themselves so beautifully in writing.

In congratulating Mietta, we hope that this will also serve as encouragement for other students to not only express their creativity but also to put themselves out there within the public domain to make a difference and to be recognised.

Mietta's achievement was recognised at a Year 7 gathering during Term 3.

Refreshing Business Experiment

The Year 9 Business Management students put theory into practice on Tuesday 22 March when they conducted market research in small focus groups. The 'blind tastings' of different cola-flavoured drinks was a chance to 'think like a customer' and compare market-leaders with budget-friendly options. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Coca-Cola was the preferred drink. We practiced the skills of hypothesis-testing, data analysis and developed questions for further investigation. Students then had the challenge of designing their own cola-flavoured concept with a unique point of difference.



Anthology Writing Competition

In Term 3, the Anthology Team ran our very first Anthology Writing Competition. We decided to do this because although the Anthology is great as a resource to use for upcoming CATS we all agreed that the most enjoyable pieces to read were the creative ones. The competition was about finding some excellent creative student writing and to also raise the profile of the Anthology amongst students and staff.

We decided against a 'theme' for this year's story as we were worried that students may be discouraged from entering if they didn't like the theme. We used some of the Anthology budget to buy two fantastic prizes: books to the value of fifty dollars plus a fifty dollar gift voucher, both from the Eltham Bookstore. Both Junior and Senior winners received both prizes!

We had a lot of interest in the competition, with many entries, particularly from juniors. The team enjoyed reading all entries and discussing their merits. We had a hard time selecting which ones were best! Eventually, we were able to decide on two winners and two runner ups.

Junior Winner: Mietta Palmer (Year 7, Rutter House) - 'A season of misty mornings'

Junior runner-up: Brooke Colbert (Year 9, Stewart House) - 'Her'

Senior Winner: Molly Pilson (Year 11, Everard House) - 'Tender'

Senior runner-up: Mina Hopleythompson (Year 10, Rutter House) - 'In the Cold'

Thank you to everyone who entered and we would love you to do so again next year!

Mel Gaylard, Anthology Leader



Public Art - A Cover for Our Rainbow Piano

Mia Griggs (Year 10, Stewart House) presented her newly painted piano cover for the Rainbow Piano. The Rainbow Piano Project, launched by Melissa Hughes at the start of 2022, is Eltham High School's iteration of 'Play Me, I'm Yours', an artwork and Public Art initiative by British artist Luke Jerram.

Reaching millions of people worldwide, 1000s of street pianos have been installed in cities across the globe, from Tokyo to New York and now at Eltham High School, to bring the community together.

As a 'Public Art' student, Mia responded to the brief, to create a cover that protects the piano and reflects the power of music and/or the potential of connectivity the community piano can inspire.

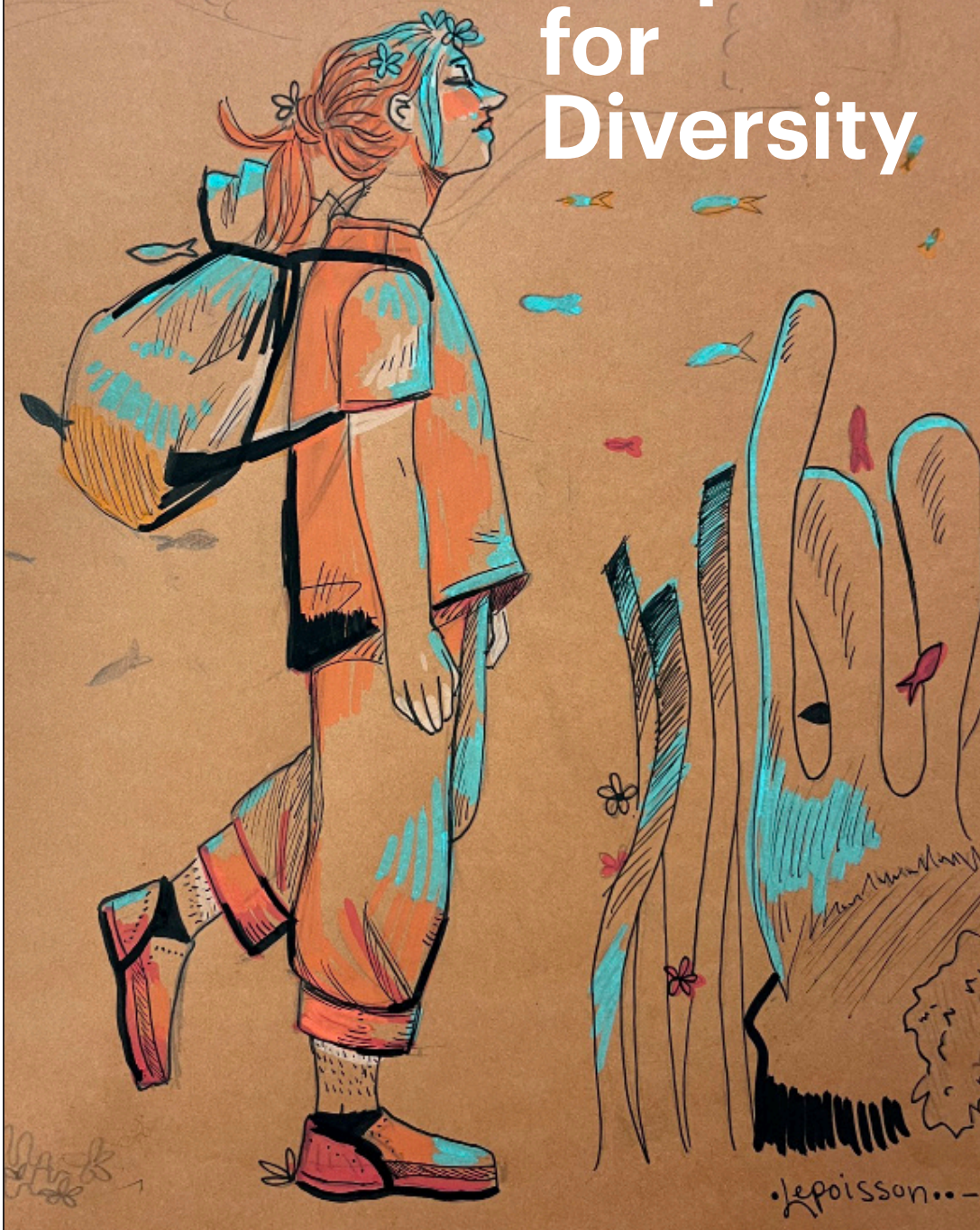
Mia created a beautiful, highly original, and aesthetically enchanting artistic impression of her proposed cover design in a Public Art assignment at the



beginning of the semester. Her design was chosen to be realised and Mia, in collaboration with her mother Jo Griggs, painted the cover according to her design. Mia's aim was to express happiness, and she

has already succeeded in putting many smiles on faces. Mia was awarded the inaugural 'Passion for Art' award for her generous gift to the Eltham High School community. Congratulations, Mia!

Respect for Diversity



Uncle Charles

Year 12 students had the privilege of attending a seminar run by Uncle Charles, on the progression of First Nations rights in Australia. Students engaged in critical thinking to examine what they have been taught about Australia's history and First Peoples.

Uncle Charles discussed current issues in depth with students such as the upcoming referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament as well as imploring students to step up and take action to support First Nations people.

Uncle Charles connected with students deeply through sharing his and his own family's struggles to identify as Aboriginal for fears they would be persecuted and treated as second-class citizens due to how deeply ingrained racism has been and continues to be in Australia's society and institutions. Uncle Charles also encouraged students to question what the education system has left out about Australia's dark past and encouraged students to not only seek out truthful education on the genocide of First Nations people in this country, but to also to advocate for it to be taught in schools at all levels. The invaluable insight that Uncle Charles provided held the Year 12 cohort's attention in a way that is quite rare among high schoolers.

Morgan Baddeley (Year 12, Everard House)



IDAHOBIT Day

Tuesday 17 May was International Day Against LGBTQIA+ Discrimination. The day brings awareness to the importance of taking a stand against homophobia, biphobia, interphobia and transphobia.

The actions and behaviours of all members of the Eltham High School Community are governed by the values of the school, of which one is 'Respect for Diversity'. This is a value that we hold close to heart and express in our work as a learning community to provide a secure and safe place for everyone to feel valued and appreciated for who they are without prejudice or fear.

Our students engaged in the day in a variety of ways including the creation of an engaging display set up in the 100's breakout space. Students and staff wore rainbow ribbons to signify their support as either a member of the LGBTQIA+ community or as an ally.

Congratulations to the Harmony Team for its work in planning for the day.



Congratulations to Milo Wade (Year 12, Andrew House) who presented his mural 'Loitering for Queer Purposes' to a number of guests, including Nillumbik Council Community Arts and Cultural Engagement Officer Sarah Hammond, art students from local schools, alumni, friends, and family, including his grandparents.

Milo discussed the making of the mural he created for the school community. The mural celebrates the diversity and strength of the LGBTQIA+ community and encourages positive change for a fairer more inclusive world.

In his presentation Milo discussed Queer art-history and showed and explained his artistic process and the making of the mural.

Milo invested 49 hours into the making of the mural, working on weekends, early mornings and after school to complete this important artwork.

We thank Milo for his generous gift to Eltham High School and look forward to hearing what he does next. We also thank the Nillumbik Shire for supporting this project through a Nillumbik Community Fund Grant.

This is an amazing achievement and links to our school values of Creativity, Individuality, Respect for Diversity, the Pursuit of Excellence, Social Responsibility, and Integrity.

Well done, Milo!

Melbourne Pride 2022



Eltham High School was once again represented at the Melbourne Pride March on Sunday 6 February.

Students, staff and parents were in attendance and we were well received by the organisers and the public alike. It was great to see past students who were marching under the banner of other organisations such as the Scouts and under University logos.

Here is a picture of the Eltham High group after the march. A big thank you to all who attended and to Matthew Hapsberg for his support of the group of students who organised it.

International Women's Day – Pauline Toner Prize

The Pauline Toner Prize was created by Local MP Vicki Ward in 2015 to recognise the achievements of local young women active in areas of social justice, the environment and/or gender equality.

The following is an editorial by Year 12 student Mary Schofield (Rutter House):

“On the 7th of March local MP Vicki Ward hosted the annual International Women's Day Celebration that hosts the Pauline Toner Prize.

I attended along with our School Leaders Jules Broeren (Year 12, Everard House) and Fieke Van Der Kamp (Year 12, Stewart House) our nominees Cassie Tibbits (Year 9, Rutter House) and Shahla Paynter (Year 12, Rutter House), Mr Sicari and Mrs Devlin.

A number of speeches were delivered by Vicki Ward, Federal Member for Jagajaga Kate Thwaites, and guest speaker Melanie Kwee who has been “breaking the bias” in the construction industry, and currently holds a directorial role at Major Road Projects Victoria.

The Pauline Toner Prize was named after Pauline due to her inspiring time in politics. She was not only the first woman to be elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly in our area but also the first Victorian female Minister.

Our two student nominees for the Pauline Toner Prize joined seven other young women from surrounding high schools.

Cassie Tibbits was nominated due to her commitment to our school value of ‘Social and Environmental Responsibility’, which she showed through her work in the Do It In A Dress Campaign and volunteer work at Scouts Victoria.

Shahla Paynter was the other nominee from our school, and winner of the prize, as a result of her hard work in including more women in jazz (including starting the female jazz ensemble). She has been a part of Harmony Team for several years, supporting people in the LGBTQIA+ community, and running the Do It In A Dress Campaign.

Shahla's amazing work throughout the years won her this Prize, and all of us here at school could not be prouder of the astonishing work our students do. Great job Cassie and Shahla.”

We congratulate all nominees from the various schools for the amazing work they are all doing within their school and amongst our community. we encourage them all to forge on with this work as we are certain that it will make a difference.



Trans Awareness Week

November 13 to November 19 was Trans Awareness week. The StandOUT group ran around the school putting posters up of trans people from all walks of life to raise awareness about the diversity in the trans community. In the upper 100's we had a display of the trans flag and around it information about pronouns and the difference between gender and sex so that people could browse it and become informed.

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We want people to know that you can be trans and not look how you might expect a trans person might look. You can't make assumptions about people's gender identity. We should be respectful and inclusive of trans identities at all times, not just when we think trans people are in the room. We want Eltham High School to be a safe and inclusive place for everyone.

Abi Johnson (Year 8, Rutter House) (she/they) on behalf of the StandOUT group



NBL Players Top Design

Bonnie Hampson (Class of 2021, Stewart House) was approached by the Eltham Wildcats to design their new NBL player's uniform for the 2022 season. They were looking to create a player's uniform that represented the club but also acknowledged and paid respect to the first nation's peoples.

As an indigenous student completing Art and Studio Art as part her Year 12 VCE, Bonnie was the perfect person for this project. The new design by Bonnie was launched as Eltham Wildcats NBL players' uniform at its First Nations Round.

It is inspiring to see Bonnie's design taking to the courts.

Below are some details about Bonnie and her design:

Bonnie Hampson is an 18 year old, Indigenous Australian from Ourimbah on the central coast of New South Wales where her mob Darkinjung is located. After growing up in Ourimbah Bonnie moved to Eltham in 2020. Despite being awarded a scholarship to study in South Australia, Bonnie chose to attend Eltham

High School because of its Arts program.

"I always found myself making art from a very young age, it is a constant form of expression for me. I like capturing emotions and moments in time through my art as well as encapsulating and exploring myself."

Bonnie says the thing she likes most about the uniform is "the continuity of the design as I feel like it's an enclosed loop encapsulating the constant message of team and togetherness."

"The uniforms are important as I feel it's crucial to recognise the First Peoples' land on which you play as well as providing a sense of pride."

Bonnie Hampson is a proud Indigenous woman and would like people to know that: "The indigenous community is very beautiful when you look past the stereotypes that white Australia has labelled. You have to be open and unbiased when learning and respecting the people, customs, art, and language because when you let go of the ideas that you've made, and society has made, it is truly life changing."



Wear It Purple Day

Wear it Purple Day was on Friday 26 August, and as a community we both celebrated and supported our LGBTQIA+ young people.

Students and staff came to school wearing purple and together we acknowledged the importance of the school values of Respect for Diversity, Individuality and Integrity.

Wear it Purple is a student-run, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting young people who identify as sexually and/or gender diverse (i.e. rainbow). They work hard to raise awareness of issues affecting the LGBTQIA+ community by working with organisations, schools and workplaces and provide safe supportive spaces for rainbow young people both online and in person.

We are very proud of all of our young people and value the richness that diversity brings to our learning community.





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