



Tuesday 24 February

Eltham High School Swimming Carnival at Aquarena, Doncaster

Tuesday 29 March

Eltham High School Athletics Carnival at Box Hill Athletics Track

Welcome back to all students

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back

It has been a calm and steady start to the 2022 School Year. Welcoming our students back to their school and in particular our new Year 7 students has been exciting. The students were enthusiastic about being back and engaged well with each other and their teachers.

We are all looking forward to less interrupted year to our previous two and we began our work together in support of learning and wellbeing.

We were very fortunate to have the weather on our side on the first two days of school and this allowed us to make use of the new amphitheatre adjacent to the front oval to run our year level assemblies. I congratulate the students on the way that they engaged with and participated in these assemblies. As is customary at our school, throughout these level assemblies, the student leaders talked to the students and staff about the School Values and what they mean to them and to us as a learning organisation. The School Values sticker below, will help you to continue the conversation at home with your children. Now is the time to revisit these or to develop a shared understanding with your children of their meaning and how these lead to the expectations that we have of the Eltham High School student, staff member and parent/carer.

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In my presentation at each assembly, I spoke about the environment in which we currently live and the importance of open communication between home and school for us to support a safe environment at school during this further COVID-19 outbreak.

I spoke about the privacy around vaccinations and that we all must accept each other's decisions irrespective of whether we agree with them or not.

I reminded the students that at Eltham High School, the default position is a growth mindset and how this allows all of us to take risks, make mistakes and embrace the learning that comes alongside this.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2022

FEBRUARY

Friday 11

- Year 9 Recreational Activities - Lawn Bowls

Monday 14

- Year 11 Literature Screening 'Uncle Vayna'

Thursday 17

- Senior Round Robin - Boys' Basketball
- Senior Round Robin - Girls' Basketball
- Senior Round Robin - Volleyball
- Senior Round Robin - Boys' Table Tennis
- Senior Round Robin - Boys' Tennis
- Senior Round Robin - Girls' Tennis

Friday 18

- Year 7 Transition Wellbeing Day

Tuesday 22

- Year 7 Round Robin Cricket

Thursday 24

- Eltham High School Swimming Carnival at Aquarena, Doncaster

MARCH

Thursday 10

- Year 12 English Language Seminar - Analysing Texts - Cohesion & Coherence

Friday 11

- Year 12 Literature Seminar - Structuring Your Essay
- Year 9 Recreational Activities - Fencing

Tuesday 29

- Eltham High School Athletics Carnival at Box Hill Athletics Track

Leadership Without The Badge

I congratulate all the student helpers who volunteered their time to support our Year 7s on their first day at high school. The following 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 her if she needed help with the Year 7s. This was music to her ears and of course she accepted their offer willingly. 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.

I 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).

Welcome to the staff joining us for the first time:

- Nadia Portella – English and Student Agency & Growth Leader
- Oliva Monro – English
- Julie Wilk – English
- Raynold Kumar – English
- Matthew Atherton – Indonesian
- Mikayla Burley – Psychology/Humanities
- Peter Evangelakos – Science
- Iona Okey – Science
- Prea Maghami – Science
- Tristyn Holland – Mathematics
- Michael McDonald – Mathematics
- Isaac Mercado – Media
- Emma Shelton – Arts/ Humanities
- Susan Key – Laboratory Technician
- Ben Walsh – Integration aide
- Joel Malbon – Integration Aide
- Janni Cox – Integration Aide
- George Farras – Integration Aide

Welcome back to the following staff:

- Katie Reed – STEAM Leader/ Science Coordinator
- Amanda Saliba - Humanities
- Jess Yancos – Psychology/ Humanities
- Hannah Allen - Health/P.E.
- Laura Geary – English

A new group of Tutors will also join our school from 7 February. I will introduce them to you in the next edition of this Newsletter.

I wish all the new and returning staff the very best as they engage with the school in their crucial role in facilitating and supporting the learning of our young people.

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

Teacher Email Codes: Place the 3 letter teacher code at the start of @elthamhs.vic.edu.au

ABRAHAMS, Gavin	ABR
AGAR, Christopher	AGA
ALLEN, Hannah	ALN

ALLENDER, David	ALL
ALLINSON, Nicholas	ALI
ATHERTON, Matthew	ATH

AYRES Donna	AYR
BALDWIN, Melissa	BAW
BERTONCINI, Kayla	BET
BLACKBURNE, Lucy	BLA
BOYSEN, Kathryn	BOE
BOYD, Philip	BOD
BURLEY, Mikayla	BUR
BREAR, Amelia	BRX
BUSZARD, Otilie	BUZ
CASTLES, Lisa	CST
CLARK, Raymond	CZZ
CLARKE, Loren	CLR
COCCO, Tania	COC
CONSIDINE, Catherine	COI
COTTER, Danielle	COT
COVENTRY, Rob	COV
DAVIS, Lyn (Wednesday)	DAV
DELANEY, Tish	DEL
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EDREES, Naomi	EDR
ELORDIETA, John	ELO
EVANGELAKOS, Peter	EVA
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FORD, Stephen	FOR
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GEARY, Laura	GEA
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LEAHY, Kirsty	LEH
LEINER, Ute	LEN
McKENZIE, Alicia	MEZ
MacKINNON, Alice	MNN
MAGHAMI, Prea	MGH
MALONE, Rhonda	MAL
MATTERS, David	MAT
MAURDEV, Simon	MAU
McDONALD, Julie	MCD
McDONALD, Michael	MMC
McKINNON, Ross	MKI

McNALLY, Lauren	MNA
McQUEEN, Lee	MCQ
McQUEEN, Naomi	MQQ
MEDDINGS, Dylan	MED
MERCADO, Isaac	MER
MIDDLETON, Ilse	MID
MILES, Damien	MIL
MILLS, Brent	MLS
MOLINARI, Dominic	MOL
MONIGATTI, Tim	MOI
MONRO, Olivia	MOX
MUELLER, Jacqueline	MUE
MULLINS, Fran	MUL
NICASSIO, Manuela	NIC
NICASSIO, Michael	NIA
NICHOLSON, Peter	NIH
OATES, Ashlea	OAE
OKEY, Iona	OKE
PANAS, Anna	PAN
PARKER, Tracey	PAK
PASCOE, Bree	PAS
PATTERSON, Ryan	PAT
PETRIDIS, Jim	PET
PICKETT, Sue	PIC
PIRAS, Gabriel	PIR
PORTELLA, Nadia	POE
PRINGLE, Ross	PRI
REED, Katie	REE
SALIBA, Amanda	SAI
SEEDEEN, Rashad	SEE
SERONG, Chris	SEN
SEYMOUR, Peter	SEY
SHELTON, Emma	SHN
SICARI, Vincent	SIC
SMITH, Jennifer	SMZ
SQUIRES, Darren	SQU
STELLAS, Mary	STS
STEVENS, Sarah	STV
SUTTON, Jodie	SUT
TATE, Natalie	TAT
TOREY, Peter	TOR
TURNER, Briony	TUU
TURNER, Kat	TUE
WALSH, Ben	WAH
WANG, Maggie	WNG
WATTS, Roxanne	WAZ
WILK, Julie	WIJ
WILLIAMS, Lynlee	WIA
WOOD, Terri	WOO
YANCOS, Jessica	YAN
YOUNG, Anthony	YOO
YOUNG, Carly (Thursdays)	YOU
YOUNG, Natasha	YOG
ZIADA, Yasemin	ZIA
ZORZAN, Adrianna	ZOR

CANTEEN ROSTER

If you would like to volunteer for our canteen in 2022 please send your email address and availabilities to our Canteen Manager, Carolina Constable at: cob@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Please check the display at the Canteen for the daily specials

EXTRACURRICULAR CLASSES & TUTORIALS

Eltham High School Anthology

When: Friday (Week A)

Location: Room 302

Time: Lunchtime

Mel Gaylard

*Eltham High School Anthology
Coordinator*

Eltham High School STEM Club

When: Thursday (Week B)

Location: Room 802

Time: Lunchtime

Kathryn Boysen

*Eltham High School Science
Coordinator*

Transition/Junior School

Melissa Hughes (Transition/ Jnr Sch Leader)

Lestina Theodosios (Admin Support)

Jim Petridis	7A, 7B, 7L, 7G
Lauren McNally	7H, 7J, 7K, 7M
Dominic Molinari	7C, 7D, 7E, 7F

Middle School

Ross McKinnon (MKI) (Middle School Team Leader)

Rhonda Bonfante (BON) (Admin Support)

Natalie Tate	8A, 9A, 9J
Kathryn Boysen	8D, 8H, 9L
Tracey Parker	8F, 9F, 9M
Luke Herring	8E, 8G, 9D
Simon Maurdev	8J, 8K, 9K
John Elordieta	8B, 9E, 9G
Peter Seymour	8C, 9B, 9C

Senior School

Amanda Sailiba (Senior School Team Leader, Acting)

Susan Inglis (Admin Support)

Terri Wood	VET/VCAL Coordinator
Ross Pringle	Careers Coordinator
David Allender	10A, 11A, 12A
Olivia Monro	10B, 11B, 12B
Michael Doherty	10C, 11C, 12C
Danielle Cotter	10D, 11D, 12D
Ashlea Oates	10E, 11E, 12E
Chris Serong	10F, 11F, 12F
Matthew Hapsberg	10G, 11G, 12G

A reminder that we run a four-period day timetable across a ten-day cycle with each period of instruction being 72 minutes. The bell times are as follows:

08:45	Warning Bell
08:55	Period 1 start
10:07	Period 1 end
10:12	Period 2 start
11:24	Period 2 end
11:49	Warning bell
11:54	Period 3 start
13:06	Period 3 end
13:50	Warning bell
13:58	Period 4 start
15:10	Period 4 end

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

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

A further reminder that we have a new Mobile Phone Policy that requires students to switch off their phone from the sound of the first warning bell for the day and store their phones away securely until they leave the school at the end of the day. Students are not to access

PARENT INFORMATION

2022

Term Dates

Term 1:

Starts 1 February

Finishes 8 April

Term 2:

Starts 26 April

Finishes 24 June

Term 3:

Starts 11 July

Finishes 16 September

Term 4:

Starts 3 October

Finishes 20 December

their phones at any time throughout the day including breaks. A process for addressing a breach of the policy is in place and all students are well aware of their role in this process.

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

Student Achievement

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, I 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. I take this opportunity to wish all the students the very best in 2022 and beyond.

A number of great things have taken place late last year and over the break which deserve a mention.

VCE Season of Excellence

A number of our students were shortlisted for the Victorian Season of Excellence. Congratulations to Emily Broeren (Class of 2021, Everard House) whose artwork will be exhibited in Top Arts later this year.

The Nillumbik Creative Collection

The theme for the Nillumbik Creative Collection 2021 competition was 'Perspectives' - encouraging young people to share what they are passionate about through mediums such as painting, photography, sculpture, literature, and more.

The competition was open to anyone aged 12-18 who lives, works, studies, volunteers or plays in Nillumbik Shire.

Prizes

First prize - \$300 Visa Gift Card and a 1-on-1 mentor session with an experienced local artist.

Category winners Top 3 from each age category - \$100 Visa Gift Card voucher

Emily Broeren (Class of 2021, Everard House) was the overall winner and recipient of this prize.

Latesha Vivado (Class of 2021, Rutter House) was selected for the 17-18 age category

Lochie Muller (Year 9, Stewart House) was selected for the 14-16 age category

These students will have their artwork exhibited at Montsalvat within the Residents Gallery from **March 23 through to the 17 April 2022**.

Premier's Spirit of Democracy

I am pleased to announce that **Tara Mason's (Year 11, Andrew House)** entry into the Premier's Spirit of Democracy (PSoD) competition has been successful. She has won a place on the 2022 PSoD Study Tour in Melbourne and Canberra.

The tour will run across five days from 10-14 April.

Tara will also be provided with resources to support her in her development of her Emerging Leaders Initiative which is an optional component of the program.

I congratulate Tara on this outstanding achievement and wish her all the very best with the tour.

Open Water Championships

On the 20 December **Conor Hayes (Year 10, Everard House)** travelled to NSW Open Water Championships in Penrith, where he was successful in obtaining 2nd in the 7.5km (1hour 34 min) and the day after 3rd in the 5km race (59 min 58 sec).

Furthermore, in January the National Open Water Australian Championships were held in Brighton, South Australia where **Conor** finished 6th in the 7.5km race and backed it up with 10th place in the 5km race the day afterwards, under the guidance of Kelly Stubbins - ex Commonwealth Gold medallist, and Victorian OW Performance coach, which is a fantastic result when you consider that other States were not in lockdown for as long as Victoria.

Conor continues to excel in the sport and his commitment and resilience is evident through the outstanding accolades he is receiving.

I congratulate **Conor** on his achievements and wish him all the very best with what comes his way in 2022.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WORKING BEE DATES

2022

Working Bee Dates

We are always seeking new members for our Grounds Committee.

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

Student Leadership

At the conclusion of the process, the senior school leaders were announced at the first day assemblies. Information on our student leaders is available in the Student Agency and Growth section of this newsletter.

I congratulate all of the students on having been appointed to their positions. I also take this opportunity to thank the Senior School Team and Mr Peter Torey for the work that they did to implement the selection process. I also welcome our new Student Agency and Growth Leader MS Nadia Portella.

I wish all of the 2022 Student Leaders all the very best as they take on the challenges and opportunities that their particular role offers them. We envisage a less disrupted year where initiatives can proceed well. I look forward to their continued support and to working closely with them through this year. I am certain that like their predecessors, they will represent our school in an admirable way.

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 also catch up with some 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.



Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, attached to this Newsletter and available on the school Website www.elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Student Accident Insurance

Parents/guardians are reminded that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Likewise the school does not have a whole-school policy for personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. Parents/guardians may wish to purchase such a policy for individual students.

Student Exchange Organisations Approved by the VRQA and therefore DET:

Whilst it is unlikely that overseas travel will become available in the near future, the following is a 2022 update of the Student Exchange organisations approved by the VRQA to provide student exchange programs in Victoria. The list changes each year so it is important that you check the current list rather than relying on old information.

ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS
WHY NOT GET INVOLVED!

Chess Club

When: Wednesday Lunchtime
 Location: Library
 Gabriel Piras

Drama

When: Wednesday (Junior)
 Thursday (Senior)
 Location: 111 Drama Space
 Time: 3.20pm - 5.00pm

Scrambled Brains

Location: Room 420
 Monday 3:20 - 5:00pm

Scrambled Eggs

Location: 111 Tuesday 3:20 - 5:00pm
 Ryan Patterson, Drama Teacher

StandOUT

When: Wednesday Lunchtime
 Location: Room 420
 Matthew Hapsberg
 StandOUT Leader

Language Conversation Club

When: Tuesday Lunchtime
 Indonesian Club: Room 610
 French Club: Room 612
 Catherine Considine Languages KLA
 Coordinator

Year 7 Club

When: Thursday Lunchtime
 Lisa Foote Year 7 Art Club Coordinator

Name of organisation	Website
AFX Student Exchange Australia Ltd	www.afxstudentexchange.com
Association of German Teachers of Victoria	www.agtv.vic.edu.au
Australian Institute of International Understanding	www.aiiu.com.au
IndoAustay Ltd	www.aiav.org.au
Rotary Youth Exchange Victoria	www.ryea.org.au
Scholarships for Australian German Student Exchange	www.sagse.org.au
Scouts Australia	www.scouts.com.au
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange	www.scce.com.au
Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd	www.studentexchange.org.au
Students of the World Ltd	www.studentsoftheworld.com.au
World Education Program Australia Ltd	www.wep.org.au
Youth For Understanding Ltd	www.yfu.com.au

Each year we are asked about student exchange programs that provide a reciprocal benefit. It is important that if you wish to engage in reciprocal exchange that you utilise the services of one of the organisations on this list. The school will not be able to enrol overseas exchange students coming through organisations not on this list because they would not be approved by the Department of Education and Training. For further information, please contact Kate Scalzo on 94305111 or e-mail sca@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

School Drop Off and Pick Up Times

I remind all parents and guardians and inform new parents and carers to the school that student safety is the primary consideration at all times including both drop off time and pick up times.

Whilst traffic seems to flow smoothly through the circular driveway of the school at the start of the day, there seems to be greater congestion at pick up time in the afternoon.

The circular driveway is to be used purely for drop off and pick up.

There is very little parking available within the school grounds between the following time (8:00-10:00am and 2:00-4:00pm). "No Standing Anytime" signs are located within the school and it is important that parents/guardians adhere to these. Furthermore, double parking is illegal in the street and within the school grounds: it causes further congestion, which in turn impinges on student safety. We will be enforcing the use of the circular driveway purely for drop off and pick up of students.

As you move into the circular driveway, if your child is not at the front of the school you will need to exit the driveway and re-enter. You may need to do this more than once. Alternatively, it is advisable that you organise with your child another location for pick up.

As always, we will continue to expect everyone to abide by road and safety laws and procedures as they move through the driveway. The same applies at the Ely Street end of the school. Where there is space for drop off and pick up. Please do not park in residents' driveways. No parents are to drive into the school driveway or park in it or across it. This is the only avenue that students have to get to and from the school buses and we must be vigilant for their safety.

Subsequently, it is imperative that everyone behaves in a lawful and safe way out in Withers Way, Susan Street, Bell Street and Ely Street. We have informed the traffic division of the Shire of Nillumbik of the school's strategy and it is possible that the Ranger's Office may take action against people who disregard road and safety laws out in the streets. Likewise, the police will patrol the area at these peak times and they will not hesitate to reprimand and fine if necessary. I trust that you will understand the need for this direction and I ask you for your continued support to ensure the safety of our kids.

A further reminder that there have been changes to the parking areas on the north side of Withers Way across the road from the entry into the school. With the completion of the Leisure Centre redevelopment four parking bays have been converted into a bus-parking zone. This is to support the new designated school entry into the Leisure Centre. From 9:00am to 3:00pm, this area is purely a bus-parking zone. Between 8:00am - 9:00am and 3:00pm and 4:00pm this area is a school drop off zone (5-minutes stop). If you do use the drop off and pick up zone on Withers Way can you please direct your children to cross the road at the school crossing both on arrival and on their departure from school. We certainly do not want students crossing the road in front of oncoming cars and placing themselves at risk.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

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VINCENT SICARI, Principal



JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Year 7 students have made a fantastic start to their journey at Eltham High School.

There have been many new experiences and connections made over the past week and it's amazing to see how quickly they are getting their heads around all that high school involves.

We have lots going on with sign up for clubs in full motion - there are 21 clubs for the Year 7s to choose from this year and all will be starting up over the next two weeks. We held a lunchtime sign up session on Friday last week and it was great to see so much interest in these before school/lunchtime and afterschool activities.

It's critical that a keen eye is kept on the Compass dashboard to ensure that no opportunities are missed. In Integrated Studies we will be working on ensuring that all students know how to navigate Compass as part of their transition program.

Next week on Friday 18 February we will be heading over to the Eltham Leisure Centre for our Year 7 Transition Wellbeing Day and we can't wait! Students have been sent a form to nominate their preferences and our BBQ lunch planning for the day is well underway.

All students who have submitted an Expression of Interest for the Music Program will have their Timbre Test when they come back to school - this will support them to identify instruments that they might be suited to.

Ordinarily we would hold the Meet the Teachers evening in the first weeks of the term - given the current COVID context, we have elected not to run this and instead are running our Student Progress Interviews in Week 8 of this term. This will be a great opportunity to meet your young person's teachers after they've had a chance to get to know them. The first of these opportunities will be on the 24 March and more information will be provided closer to the date.

In the interim, please don't hesitate to contact your young person's teachers and coordinators if you have any questions or concerns.

MELISSA HUGHES, Junior School Team Leader

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School News

Welcome to all our Year 8 and 9 students for 2022. It has been great to see so many enthusiastic students catching up with friends and engaging in their new classes. Whilst there are always some nerves and apprehension with a new school year, it is important that we accept that this normal and work on finding strategies to work through these emotions.

Coordinators

The Middle School Coordinators have made contact with all the students they coordinate; this will help to make students comfortable when they need to come into the Middle School Office. There is a list of Coordinators included in this newsletter.

Lockers: All students have been sent information about their locker, and nearly all students have moved their belongings into their locker. It is important that students are in the correct locker, and that they are using a combination lock provided by the school

Student Wellbeing

At a whole school level we have spent a lot of time thinking about how we can support both the learning and the wellbeing of our students. For our Year 8 students we will be running 1-day surf trips to a new wave pool in Tullamarine. This activity, which will take place in March, will help to develop connections between students and between students and teachers, as well as introducing students to surfing in a safe and structured environment. In May Year 9 students will have the opportunity to participate in a 3 day adventure camp near Kyneton. As well as these whole year level activities we will be running a number of 'opt-in' outdoor activities, ranging from 1-day bushwalking and cross-country skiing trips through to multi-day bushwalks. Further information will be provided in subsequent Newsletters.

ROSS MCKINNON, Middle School Team Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL

Welcome Back To Our Year 11 Cohort For 2022!



Welcome Back To Our Year 12 Cohort For 2022!



Senior School would like to welcome back all Senior School students for 2022. We look forward to working with you all to support your academic and personal growth in your final years of schooling!

If you have not submitted your Senior School agreement form, it is overdue. Please complete and submit via the Senior School post box as soon as possible.

Please review the administration dates below to ensure you are aware of upcoming events for your year level and review the list of coordinators.

- 10A, 11A, 12A: David Allender all@elthamhs.vic.edu.au
- 10B, 11B, 12B: Olivia Monro mox@elthamhs.vic.edu.au
- 10C, 11C, 12C: Michael Doherty doh@elthamhs.vic.edu.au
- 10D, 11D, 12D: Danielle Cotter cot@elthamhs.vic.edu.au
- 10E, 11E, 12E: Ashlea Oates oea@elthamhs.vic.edu.au
- 10F, 11F, 12F: Christopher Serong sen@elthamhs.vic.edu.au
- 10G, 11G, 12G: Matthew Hapsberg haz@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Event/Task	2022 Dates
Year 11 Camp	Tuesday 15 - Wednesday 16 March
VCAA Special Exam Arrangements applications due	Friday 8 April
End Term 1	

AMANDA SALIBA, Senior School Team Leader (Acting)

MUSIC

Lessons and Ensembles 2022

Music lessons and rehearsals will commence for 2022 on Monday 7 February 2022 (Year 7 start 4/4/2022).

Please ensure you check Compass for your scheduled lesson and rehearsal times.

Please see a list of the 2022 large ensemble rehearsal times listed below.

String Orchestra	Monday 7:30-8:40am in Room 306 (Students to arrive by 7:15am)
Stage Band	Monday 3:30-5:30pm in Room 306
Training Band	Monday 3:30-4:45pm in Room 111 (commences 04/04/2022)
Training Strings	Tuesday 7:30-8:45am in Room 306 (Students to arrive by 7:15am) (commences 26/04/2022)
Chamber Strings	Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm in 700 Open Space
Concert Band	Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm in Room 306
Big Band	Thursday lunchtime (Start date TBC)
Symphonic Band	Wednesday 3:30-5:30pm & Friday 3:30-4:45pm in Room 306
Wind Ensemble	Thursday 3:30-4:45pm in Room 306
Jazz Band	Thursday 3:30-5:30pm in Room 101
Choir	Friday lunchtime in Room 111

RICK KEENAN, Director of Music

STUDENT AGENCY AND GROWTH

Welcome back to the 2022 school year! My name is Nadia Portella, I'm new to the Eltham High School community this year and taking on the role of Student Growth and Agency Leader. I'm an English and Humanities teacher, and before Eltham, I taught at Hazel Glen College in Doreen, where I was in a student management position. I have a breath of experience teaching across Years 6 – 11 and working with student leadership groups and organisations. I am passionate about student leadership, and finding opportunities to give our young people agency over their educational experiences. For this reason, and many others, I am excited to join the Eltham High School community. I look forward to the opportunity to meet and work with many of you throughout 2022.

The return to school on Tuesday for students saw the presentation and recognition of our 2022 Student Leaders. It is with great excitement I introduce to you our 2022 School Leaders, Jules Broeren and Fieke Van Der Kamp.

Jules and Fieke are joined by the following Senior Student Leaders;

House Leaders			
Stewart	Andrew	Everard	Rutter
Yota Nakamura Marcus Porret Alanah Sutton	Alyssa Baker Misty-Lee Stark	Georgia Smith Sarah Walkley	Toby Templeton Toah Marsh
Enviro Team Leaders		Harmony Team Leaders	
Patrick Kennedy Hamish McColl	Ahren Nolan	Maedy Ennis Teyanah Brown	Mary Schofield Shahla Paynter
Peer Team		Comms Teams	
Ruby Todd James Dunn Sharna Devlin	Baylie Lynch Keely Gaunt	Jason Burpee	
The Arts - Music		The Arts - Visual Arts	
Zack Lambie		Ethan Lonsdale Eden Lawrence-Bunnell	Isobel Rowley Milo Wade
STEAM Team		Teaching and Learning Team	
Jude Reville Yota Nakamura		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. As a new staff member, I was so impressed by how well each student spoke, and the various and relevant ways in which each student spoke about their value. I am excited to work with this group of students and know that along with their peers they will achieve great things in 2022!

We will shortly begin the process of appointing student leaders across Years 8 - 10, I encourage any interested students to check Compass, speak to a student leader or come and see me in Room 164.

NADIA PORTELLA, Student Growth and Leadership

SPORT

House Sport Carnivals

Eltham High School will be holding two House Sport Carnivals during Term 1. The **Swimming Carnival will take place at Aquarena, Doncaster Thursday 24 February** and the **Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday 29 March at the Box Hill Athletics Track**. Both days are considered 'normal' school days and as such it is expected that all students attend. There is a strong history at Eltham High School of students dressing up in House Colours and a 'Best Dressed' competition is held at each event. Participation is not compulsory, and students can enter as many or as few events as they wish. The results are used to select the students who advance to the District Sports.

Interschool Sport

Eltham High participates in the 'School Sport Victoria' sporting program. We enter teams into a 'Round Robin' competition with local schools in the Nillumbik District. Each section of the school can participate in one Round Robin each term. Different sports are offered in each term and successful teams advance to Region Finals.

Sports for Term 1 are as follows

Senior (Year 11 and 12) – Thursday 17 February

Cricket, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball and Table Tennis

Year 7 – Thursday 17 March

Cricket, Baseball, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball

Sports for Term 2 are as follows

Senior (Year 11 and 12) Tuesday 10 May - AFL, Soccer, Netball, Badminton

Intermediate (Year 9 and 10) Wednesday 18 May - AFL, Soccer, Netball, Badminton

Year 8 Wednesday 1 June - AFL, Soccer, Netball, Badminton

Year 7 Wednesday 22 June - AFL, Soccer, Netball, Badminton

Timetabled Sport – Year 7 and 8

Students in Year 7 and 8 participate in a Sport session once per week. Students participate in a range of sports throughout the term. Students are involved in the umpiring and scoring duties each week. We aim to provide students with a small taste of a variety of sports, many of which are offered in the Inter-School Sports Program. Participation is the main goal of these sessions and students are encouraged to experience a range of games. There is an expectation the students change into their PE uniforms for this session – we would greatly appreciate your assistance in ensuring PE uniforms are brought to school for both PE and Sport sessions.

BREE PASCOE, Volleyball Coordinator

WORKING BEE

Working Bee 2022 – Sunday 20 February

The Grounds Committee is inviting members of our school community to join the committee in 2022. If you are interested in joining the grounds committee please come along to our first meeting to be held on **Thursday 10 February, 2022 commencing 7:30pm** in the Administration building. Attendees will be requested to show their vaccination status upon entry.

The first scheduled Working Bee for the year will be held on **Sunday 20 February**.

We will be seeking volunteers to come in and perform a number of key tasks on the day:

- Mowing and brush-cutting - please bring your mower / whipper-snipper and safety gear if you are keen to be involved in this task.
- Pruning - Many plants are currently overgrown. If you have a battery operated pruning saw this will be useful.
- Weeding / General clean-up – Particularly on the east side of the front oval and
- Pressure washing

The Working Bee runs from **9:00am until 12:00pm**. Morning tea will be provided. Attendees will be asked to report to the central courtyard for sign-in and briefing.

If you would like to get involved by joining the grounds committee or attending the working bee can you please contact Anna Panas via email pan@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Thank-you.

ANNA PANAS, Working Bee Committee Leader

CANTEEN

Canteen Staff would like to remind students that the Canteen service area is an indoor space and while masks continue to be a mandatory requirement for indoors areas during Covid Pandemic, students are required to wear a face mask while in the Canteen service area, please sanitise your hands as you come in and cover both your mouth and nose meeting Covid safe guidelines. We thank all students for helping the Canteen staff to limit the spread of the virus in the Canteen Area.

Canteen would like to remind students that the best way to ensure that you get the Lunchtime Specials at lunch is to place a lunch order either before school or at recess. Canteen adjust the quantity of the Lunchtime special according to its lunch order demands therefore the best way to ensure you don't miss out is to put a lunch order.

Please be advised that from Monday 14 February the following Canteen items will incur a price increase due to increase in suppliers cost.

There will also be an increase in our drink prices but we are currently waiting for confirmation of price increase from current suppliers.

Egg Muffin & Relish	\$4.00
Bacon Egg Muffin & Relish	\$4.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.80
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$3.80
Egg & Lettuce Sandwich	\$5.00
Apple Cake	\$4.00
All Smith Potato Chips	\$3.00

CAROLINA CONSTABLE, Canteen Manager

PRIVACY COLLECTION NOTICE

Information For Students, Parents and Carers

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the Schools' Privacy Policy. This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- Educating students
- Supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- Fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- Communicating and engaging with parents
- Student administration
- School management
- Supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide health information about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all parents and carers so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

The Enrolment Form is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- Emergency contacts – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- Student background information – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.
- Immunisation status – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.
- Visa status – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: Enrolment: Student transfers between schools

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a Freedom of Information (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: Schools' Privacy Policy

VINCENT SICARI, Principal

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Autism Friendly Lawn Bowls Event



10am - 12:30pm - 9th February

Come and try Lawn Bowls with ready and willing volunteers!
Learn to bowl and let's have some fun with tuition, bowls
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Diamond Creek
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Reserve Cct 3089

COST

\$10pp
Includes lunch

AGE

12+
U18s must have
a parent/carer

BOOK Message us directly to enquire

CONTACT differentjourneys@gmail.com

This event is proudly supported by Nillumbik Council through the International People with Disability grant



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13 February 2022

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Adult \$25

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- Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Online via Zoom 2022

When: Tuesdays 22/2 - 29/3

Cost: \$220/ \$320 couples

Please enquire if these costs are a barrier to attending

For more information

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