



Eltham High School



Community News

TERM 1 / WEEK 4
Tuesday, 22 February 2022



Thursday 24 February

Eltham High School Swimming Carnival at Aquarena, Doncaster

Tuesday 29 March

Eltham High School Athletics Carnival at Box Hill Athletics Track

Friday 25 March

School Photo Catch Up Day

Thursday 24 February Eltham High School Swimming Carnival at Aquarena, Doncaster

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Achievement

Congratulations to past student **Eleanor Weale (Class of 2020, Everard House)** on having received the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold award. This is the highest award presented to participants of the Program.

To achieve an award, each young person must learn a skill, improve their physical wellbeing, volunteer in their community and experience a team adventure in a new environment.

The Gold award comprises of five sections (one is not more important than another). These include: Voluntary Service; Physical Recreation; Skills; Adventurous Journey; Residential project.

I would say that Eleanor has given it her all to receive this amazing accolade and on behalf of our Eltham High School Community, I applaud her achievement.

Furthermore, I congratulate **Molly Mackie (Year 11, Rutter House)** on having completed her preparation for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award. There are four demanding sections in the Bronze award and Molly has risen to every challenge. Well done!

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 Doumstis (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.

The team is looking forward to now playing in the Northern Zone finals.



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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 22

- Year 7 Round Robin Cricket

Thursday 24

- Eltham High School Swimming Carnival at Aquarena, Doncaster

Friday 25

- School Photo Catch Up Day

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

Thursday 24

- Student Progress Interviews 11:00am - 7:00pm (no scheduled classes)

Friday 25 - Sunday 27

- Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Overnight Camp - Wilsons Prom

Tuesday 29

- Eltham High School Athletics Carnival at Box Hill Athletics Track

Wednesday 30

- Student Progress Interviews 4:00am - 7:00pm (2:30pm School finish)

School Swimming Carnival 2022:

The annual School Swimming Carnival is being held on **Thursday 24 February at Aquarena in Doncaster**.

This is a whole school event and it is an expectation that all students are in attendance. We encourage students to dress up in their house colour in support of their house.

Students will be transported to and from the sports by private bus, with all students back at school for usual departure at 3:10pm. A reminder that students must wear face masks whilst travelling on the bus unless they have an exemption.

As a student, whether you compete or are there as a spectator, it is important that you support the event. In this way you are showing that you are an active member of our school community.

Students are reminded to dress appropriately for a day outdoors. While sunscreen will be available, students are reminded to bring a hat, their own sunscreen and a water bottle.

I am calling on the support of parents to encourage all students to attend. I remind everyone that this is a scheduled school activity that warrants everyone's support.

I thank all the staff who have worked hard to organise this event, in particular our Sports Coordinator, Bree Pascoe.

We look forward to a great day with lots of participation by students in the swimming events.

School Council Elections

I draw your attention to the information in this edition of the Community Newsletter, which outlines the School Council Elections for 2022. Parents/guardians can contribute to the school and their children's education in a range of ways. A place on the Eltham High School Council, the governing body of the school and its community, is one way in which you can be a part of this agenda. I encourage you to give this opportunity due consideration.

Students Attending School Whilst Unwell

I ask all parents and carers to ensure that students remain home if they are unwell or exhibiting even mild symptoms of a possible COVID-19 infection and then be tested.

Of course, if your child has a chronic condition such as hay fever, please let our school reception know so that they can attend school and not be sent home.

Please rest assured that if a child is unwell, a parent or carer will be called to pick them up. This causes a lot of wasted time.

The best solution if a child is unwell in the morning, is NOT to say to them go to school and see how you go but rather stay home until you are well again. We are now living in a very different paradigm particularly in relation to matters of health and wellbeing.

Thank you for your support with this.

Distribution of Round 3 of RA Test Kits

There are further distributions of RA Test Kits throughout Term 1. The next round of Kits will be distributed in the week beginning 28 February and we will follow the directions provided by parents/carers that we received with the last round. Of course, if there is any change to the instructions you provided us please let us know via reception@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

The general mode of distribution is via the students.

On entering the school, parents and visitors are no longer required to register via the QR code. However, irrespective of what you may have heard, face masks are still a must. Any changes will be communicated to you as soon as the new School Operations Guide is received.

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VINCENT SICARI, Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Progress Interviews

The semester one Student Progress Interviews will be held this term on the following dates;

Thursday 24 March - 11:00am - 7:00pm (no scheduled classes)

Wednesday 30 March - 4:00pm - 7:00pm (2:30pm School finish)

Both sessions will be conducted remotely via Webex.

Please note that there will be **no classes on Thursday 24 March**. Additionally there will be a shortened day on **Wednesday 30 March, with school finishing early at 2:30pm**.

Bookings for interviews will open at 9:00am on Friday 11 March.

FRAN MULLINS, Assistant Principal

PARENTS AND CARERS

Reminder - 2022 School Council Approved Contributions on Compass

A reminder that 2022 School Council Approved Contributions are available to pay in Billing via the Payments Centre on Compass. Your generous support towards these Contributions allows us to continue to provide and build on the innovative programs and opportunities for our students that our community values and expects. For a full explanation of Contributions, please refer to the Compass Newsfeed.

Any credits on your account can be used towards Camps, Excursions and Extra Curricular programs that are invoiced via the Family Statement. Alternatively, you may request a refund of credits to your bank account by completing the Family Refund Request Form. A copy of your family statement will be sent to your nominated email address in the coming weeks.

Elective Fees

A reminder that Elective Subject Contributions for students in Years 9 – 12 are available to pay in Events via the Payments Centre on Compass and do not appear on your Family Statement. Your payment towards Elective Subject Contributions allows the school to enrich our student's learning experience by providing materials above the minimum standard funded by the DET for these subject.

To view the Eltham High School Parent Payment and Refund Policy, please visit the Policies tab on the Eltham High School website.

2022 CSEF Applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- School camps or trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions

Applications for 2022 are now open, through until the end of term 2, 2022. If you applied for CSEF at Eltham High School in 2021, you do not need to complete an application form in 2022 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Eltham High School will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

You will only need to submit an application form in 2022 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments: your child has started or changed schools in 2022 or you did not apply at the same school in 2021 or
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2022.

Schools are able to accept and process applications up until the end of term two each year. CSEF payments are made to schools from March onwards each year.

CATHERINE ZERNA, Office Manager

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Junior School News

It's been another busy week in the Junior School with lots going on.

This week we are excited to be taking the students to their first Swimming Carnival. Whether they are competing in events, having a go on the water-slide or cheering their teams on, we encourage them to dress in their house colours to make the most of this fun day. Students will now be aware of their House Groups based on the information on their Compass Dashboard.

For those in Everard, wear your best yellow, those in Stewart, your best blue, Andrew come in green and Rutter in red.

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

Friday was a fantastic day at the Eltham Leisure Centre. Students engaged in a range of activities from Zumba to Boot Camp. Their 10 visit passes are being processed by the Centre and will be ready shortly. 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.

On the housekeeping front - we'd love to remind all families of the importance of naming items. There have been a number of fully stocked pencil cases, lovely lunchboxes and clothing that have been making their way to us on their way to Lost Property (located in First Aid) that are waiting patiently out the back for collection. Where items are named, we can get them back to people quickly. In particular a reminder about naming the computer stylus. Please label it on the outside and name the batteries inside to ensure that we can return them to their rightful owners.



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MELISSA HUGHES, Junior School Team Leader

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Year 8 Excursion To UrbnSurf

As part of our focus on student wellbeing, all Year 8 students have the opportunity to participate in a day trip to a new wave pool at Tullamarine. In this full day activity students will participate in a 1 hour and 45 minute surf lesson in a safe, controlled and predictable environment. After a lunch break students will have an opportunity to apply their newly developed skills in a 60 minute 'free surf' session.

This activity provides Year 8 students with an opportunity to interact with their peers in an informal, recreational setting. It also provides an opportunity to further develop relationships with their teachers. As well as the skill development that will occur during the surf lesson, students also learn about water and surf safety.

This really is an opportunity not to be missed. Further information is available on Compass. Dates for all form groups are shown below:

8A & 8B: Thursday March 10

8G & 8H: Tuesday March 22

8C & 8D: Thursday March 17

8J & 8K: Wednesday March 23

8E & 8F: Monday March 21

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ROSS MCKINNON, Middle School Team Leader

**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

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WORKING BEE DATES

**2022
Working Bee**

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

SENIOR SCHOOL

Compass Attendance Reminder

Please ensure that you log into the Parent Compass portal to approve any student absences. If you have forgotten your password please make contact with the school to reset it.

Special Exam Arrangements Applications Now Open

Special Examination Arrangements may be approved for students with disabilities, illnesses or other circumstances that affect their ability to access a VCE external assessment. Each application will require professional, educational and academic assessments, along with school-based evidence and will be considered by the VCAA on a case-by-case basis. The VCAA will make a decision based on all evidence received with an application.

Please see your relevant Senior School Coordinator if you would like to begin an application or discuss your eligibility in more detail.

Here is a list of the Senior School 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 oe@elthamhs.vic.edu.au
- 10F, 11F, 12F: Christopher Serong sen@elthamhs.vic.edu.au
- 10G, 11G, 12G: Matthew Hapsberg haz@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

General Achievement Test 2022

VCAA have recently announced the changes to the General Achievement Test 2022

From 2023 we will be transitioning to a new integrated senior secondary certificate. As part of the reform of the VCE and VCAL system, Victorian senior secondary students will this year have their literacy and numeracy skills measured against new standards in a reformed General Achievement Test (GAT).

The 2022 GAT will be held on Wednesday 7 September. The slightly later test date provides the time required to ensure the revised GAT is valid and reliable and for teachers and students to understand the changes – with the test expected to return to its traditional June date from 2023.

As in all previous years, no special study will be required for the GAT. While the GAT is important, it does not directly count towards a student's final VCE results except in circumstances where a Derived Examination Score is used.

The GAT will be split into two sections – Sections A and B – to be conducted in separate sessions on the same day:

Section A will enable students to demonstrate their achievement against new standards of literacy and numeracy and will be administered in the morning session

Section B will assess students' skills, including English, mathematics, science, technology, the arts and humanities, and will be administered in the afternoon session

Further details relating to each section, including session start and end times, will be communicated during Term 1 at the VCE Teachers meeting (week 6). All students enrolled in one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3–4 sequence are expected to sit both Sections A and B of the GAT.

Senior VCAL students are expected to sit Section A of the GAT and will receive a statement indicating if they have met the literacy and numeracy standards.

Year 10

Please return your completed Year 10 Agreement forms to the Senior School Post Box located outside room 324.

Year 11

The Year 11 Camp has been moved to the new date of **Monday 22 - Tuesday 23 August** to ensure the maximum number of students have the opportunity to attend.

We apologise for any inconvenience and look forward to the rescheduled camp in August. Please be aware that Year 11 Subject swaps have now closed.

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AMANDA SALIBA, Senior School Team Leader (Acting)

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: Monday (Week B)

Location: Room 802

Time: Lunchtime

Kathryn Boysen

Eltham High School Science

Coordinator

MUSIC

Year 7 Instrumental Music Night – Wednesday, 2 March 2022

The Year 7 Instrumental Music Night is being held on Wednesday, 2 March 2022 and will commence at 7:00pm at Eltham High School. The evening will start with a performance from our Symphonic Band and Chamber Strings, followed by a hands-on opportunity for the students to try the instruments that they are interested in. Our Instrumental Music Staff will assist, observe and assess the students during this session. If your child has expressed an interest in learning an instrument please attend.

Our staff will ensure that all instruments are cleaned, sanitized and follow all the appropriate Covid Safe protocols. Details of this process are currently being finalized and will be outlined to you prior to the event.

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

To find out more about the instruments that we offer and listen to some of the ensembles involved in our Instrumental Music Program, please go to this YouTube playlist. Our Instrumental Music Staff have recorded videos demonstrating the various sounds of each instrument, allowing you to discover some wonderful instruments that you may not have heard of before.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqNIP0-4OEKiKudlof0uyGG3CX4k-Lpog>

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

Strings Music Camp – 21 to 22 March 2022

Students enrolled in String Orchestra and Chamber String Ensembles are invited to the 2022 Eltham High School Strings Music Camp. This will be held in Healesville, Victoria staying overnight at Ferngully Lodge.

The music camp is a highlight of the ensemble year, giving valuable extra rehearsal time along with access to guest tutors and small ensemble projects.

All students are to arrive at school by 8:30am on Monday 21 March 2022 and will be returned to school by bus on Tuesday 22 March at 5:00pm.

Lessons and Ensembles 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

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

French VCE Workshop

When: Monday Lunchtime
Where: Room 612

Indonesian Tutorial

Years 7 - 10 at lunchtime
When: Week A - Thursdays
Week B - Wednesday
Where: Room 610.

Year 7 Art Club

When: Wednesday Lunchtime
Where: Room 613
Lisa Foote Year 7 Art Club Coordinator

School for Student Leadership

This year, we are 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 is 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 last year, and we are excited to announce the following students have been successful in receiving a position in the program for next term:

- **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 are excited to see the great work you will do while away at the School for Student Leadership. We'd also like to thank and commend all students who applied.

Throughout the year, there will be many opportunities to be involved with leadership programs. I encourage all students to regularly check their Compass Newsfeed and to reach out if they have any questions about the opportunities available.



NADIA PORTELLA, Student Agency and Growth Leader

ART

Year 7 Art Club

Wednesday Lunchtimes commencing Wednesday 16 February in room 613

Do you enjoy art and love being creative?

The Art club is an opportunity for Year 7 students who enjoy art to meet and connect with other likeminded students.

You don't have to be good at art to join.

Our Visual Arts Leaders along with Arts staff have planned some fun activities and will be on hand to teach students some new skills or just have a chat.

If you have any questions contact Lisa Foote foo@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Otherwise just turn up on Wednesday lunchtimes at room 613.

Don't forget to bring your lunch.

Life Drawing Opportunity For Senior Students and Staff.

Eltham High School has collaborated again with Nyora Studio Gallery to offer exclusive Life Drawing Classes for our Senior students and staff.

This enrichment opportunity will add significant depth to folios and broaden your artistic experience. For those students wishing to apply for tertiary placements experience in life drawing is highly recommended.

The classes are offered in 6 week blocks commencing in March. The cost is only \$120 for all six sessions, which is exceptional value. This covers the hire of the model, use of studio space and tutoring by artist Emmy Mavroidis and basic drawing materials.

Sessions will run on Mondays 4:00pm - 6:00pm or Wednesdays 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Places are limited so if you are interested please email including your preferred day to Lisa Foote ASAP FOO@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Further details will be sent to participants once numbers are confirmed. Participants will need to make their own way to and from the studio

Proposed dates

Mondays 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Commencing March 21, 28, April 4 May 2, 9 and 16

Wednesdays 5:00pm - 7:00pm - Commencing March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 27, May 4

Congratulations

Last week we mentioned some Eltham High School students who had been successful in the Nillumbik Creative Collective Youth Art competition 2021.

Congratulations to **Ainara Fantossi Guemberena (Year 8, Stewart House)** who won the 12-13 age category for her artwork '*What if Dogs Could Fly...*' which can be seen in this newsletter. Ainara received a \$100 gift card for her achievement.



LISA FOOTE, Art KLA Coordinator

ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL SWIM SQUAD

The Eltham High School Swim Squad runs on Thursday mornings from 7:00am to 8:00am at the Eltham Leisure Centre. A structured one hour program under the guidance of coach Neroli Nixon enables students of all year levels and ability to build their skill and fitness whilst having fun being part of a great team. If your wanting to make some new friends, get ready for the swim sports and be part of a vibrant group of people come down to pool deck on Thursday and sign up.

What to bring:

- A dry change of clothes
- Bathers
- Towel / Swim goggles.

At the end of the session we meet back at Eltham High School in the main staffroom for hot chocolate prior to the commencement of the school day.

Cost for Semester 1 is \$110 payable via Compass

Note: Pool entry of \$3.50 will be charged at the Leisure centre each session.

For more info please contact Phil Boyd Email: bod@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

PHIL BOYD, Swim Squad Coordinator

LANGUAGES

2022 Language Faculty Assistants

Eltham High School has an excellent tradition of employing both Indonesian and French language assistants to work directly with our students in order to help develop student language proficiency.

This year we are very fortunate to welcome back Diana McMahon (Indonesian) and Sandrine Hennuyer (French) who have been working with our students over a number of years. The native speaker assistants will be working with Years 9 – 12 students of Indonesian and French on a weekly basis, starting this week on 15 February.

The language assistant program provides students with the invaluable learning experience of developing verbal skills with a native speaker.

We look forward to seeing our students' linguistic skills grow this year with the support of our wonderful language assistants!

CATHERINE CONSIDINE, Languages KLA Coordinator

DRAMA

After School Drama Program

The Eltham High School Drama Program will again run two ensembles in 2022:

Junior Drama Ensemble (Years 7-8) Wednesday afternoons from 3:20pm - 5:00pm.

Senior Drama Ensemble (Years 9-12) Thursday afternoons from 3:20pm - 5:00pm.

Both ensembles are fun, co-operative and educational cross age experiences and are an Eltham High School institution. It is the Ensembles that create the school's major productions and improvisation performances, and provide the springboard into the school's elite drama performance groups.

Both Ensembles are open to all students. There is no audition, and all participating students are guaranteed a part in any Ensemble production. The emphasis is on the process rather than the product, on learning and enjoyment rather than the production alone. Students can come along for a two week free trial.

There is a fee of \$180 per semester

For further information please contact Ryan Patterson, pat@elthamhs.vic.edu.au or Rhonda Bonfante, bon@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

RYAN PATTERSON, Drama KLA Coordinator

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

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

LIBRARY

Welcome back to returning families and a special warm welcome to the new families whose children are commencing at Eltham High School. The Eltham High School Library supports and reinforces the educational goals of the school and students. We are open for students between the hours of **8:15am and 3:45pm** every day.

The Library Team assists students in the location of resources that are appropriate for the needs of the individual student. The enjoyment of reading and exposure to different types of literature is encouraged. There is a wide range of reading material available that caters for different interests and reading levels e.g. fiction, nonfiction, quick reads, audio books, graphic novels, etc.

Following a minor renovation last year, the IT department is now located in The Library and students can obtain help with their computer problems from the IT Help Desk accessed from the window in the Library foyer.

RHONDA MALONE, Library Coordinator

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.

CAROLINA CONSTABLE, Canteen Manager

BUSES REPLACE TRAINS ON THE HURSTBRIDGE LINE

As part of Victoria's Big Build, the second stage of the Hurstbridge Line Duplication will deliver further improvements, including more train services, less crowding on peak trains and better connections to public transport in Melbourne's north east.

Buses replace trains between Macleod and Hurstbridge from 8:00pm Friday 4 March to last service Sunday 6 March, while Hurstbridge Line Duplication works take place.

Passengers are advised to allow extra travel time.

For more information, visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007.

Health and Safety

Works are continuing safely on the Hurstbridge Line Duplication Project with COVID Safe plans in place to help protect workers and the community.

Strict processes are in place to check and record the vaccination status of workers entering construction sites.

For more information and advice about coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au

How will this affect you?

There will be additional travel time added to most people's journey.

Car space closures will be in place at Macleod, Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge stations to allow for the safe operation of train replacement buses and construction works.

If you need to discuss alternative travel arrangements prior to travelling, or require assistance with journey planning, service information and up-to-date timetable information, please visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007.

For other languages visit ptv.vic.gov.au/languages or call 9321 5450.

For information about the project, visit levelcrossings.vic.gov.au, call 1800 105 105 or email contact@levelcrossings.com.au.

We thank you for your patience as we work towards delivering an upgraded transport network for Melbourne's growing population.

ELTHAM HS CATCH UP PHOTO DAY

Friday 25th February : 8.30AM - 10.00AM

Your child is required to attend our CATCH UP PHOTO DAY

Majority of students who are asked to attend catch up day were absent on photo day. However, there are other reasons your child may be required to have their photo re-taken.

(Having already had a photo taken on the main day does not mean your child is exempt from this list.)

**IMPORTANT : IT IS YOUR CHILD'S RESPONSIBILITY TO
SHOW UP AT THE ALLOCATED TIME AND PLACE AS
THEY WILL NOT BE INDIVIDUALLY CALLED.**

If you haven't already done so,
orders can be made through your Compass Portal
via your email link or under the 'Community' tab.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

9466 7331 | admin.nem@msp.com.au





Notice of election and call for nominations

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

ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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

01 /03 / 2022.

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on:

14 /03 / 2022.

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

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

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	4
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	2
Student member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	1 (The election of the Student Representative will be managed by the Student Agency and Growth Leader - Ms Nadia Portella)

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

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

Vincent Sicari
Principal

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School Council Elections:

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

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

What Is A School Council and What Does It Do?

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

Who Is On The School Council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

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

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

Why Is Parent Membership So Important?

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

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

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How Can You Become Involved?

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

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

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

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

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

What Do You Need To Do To Stand For Election?

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

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

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

Remember The Following:

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

School Council Election Timeline – 2022

Tuesday	22 February 2022	Call for nominations
Tuesday	1 March 2022	Nominations Close, 4:00 pm
Wednesday	2 March 2022	Display list of candidates and nominators
Monday	7 March 2022	Distribute Ballot Papers
Monday	14 March 2022	Close Ballot, 4:00 pm
Monday	14 March 2022	Count votes and declare the poll
Wednesday	16 March 2022	First Meeting of New School Council

School Council Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the School Council will take place on 16 March 2022 at 7:00 pm in Rooms 140/142 (enter via the Withers Way entrance). This will be followed by the first meeting of the new School Council starting at 8:00 pm.

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

RSVP: To the Executive Assistant (Mrs Kate Scalzo)

Telephone: 9430 5111

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

Vincent Sicari
Principal

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Form 3: self-nomination form for parent member category

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

Name

Residential address

Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email

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

Statement

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training

Yes / No (please circle)

I am an employee of the school council.

Yes / No (please circle)

I am engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

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

- I am not, and have never been, insolvent under administration
- I am of sound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

Signature of candidate Date..... / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on:

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.

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Form 4: nomination form for parent member category

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

Candidate's details

Name.....

Residential address.....

Contact phone (mobile or landline).....

Email.....

Nominators details

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

Statement

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training.

Yes / No (please circle)

Is an employee of the school council.

Yes / No (please circle)

Is engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of nominator.....

Signature of nominator..... Date..... / /

Candidate to complete

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

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Signature of candidate..... Date..... / /

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THURSDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2022 6.15PM FOR
7PM

HEIDELBERG GOLF CLUB

COVID VAXX CERTIFICATE REQUIRED UPON ENTRY

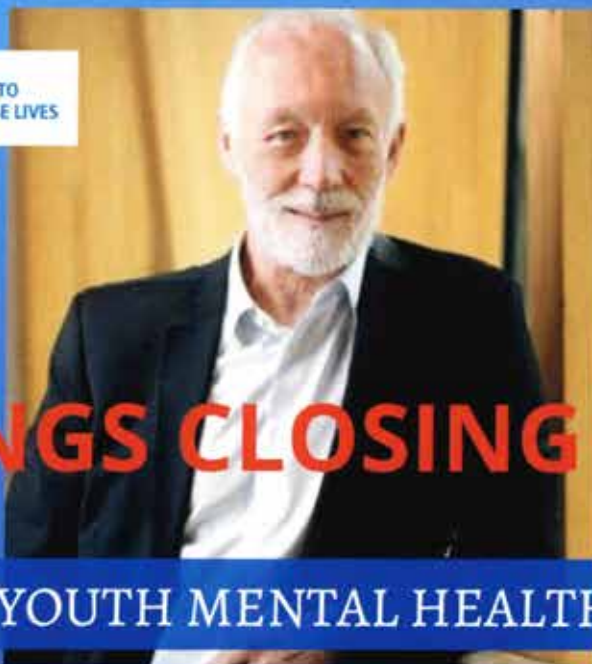
PROFESSOR PATRICK MCGORRY AO

MD PHD FRCP FRANZCP FAA FASSA FAHMS

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BOOKINGS CLOSING SOON...

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

This is an opportunity to share an intimate evening with Australia's leading advocate for Youth Mental Health reform.

Topics covered will be the innovation, early intervention and Clinical Services for Youth Mental Health.

Professor McGorry is Professor of Youth Mental Health at Melbourne University. His achievements led to the formation of 'Headspace' in 2006. His research and service has been recognised in Australia, Europe and America. An eminent man, we are incredibly privileged to host this special evening.

\$40 per head

Cocktail canape style evening with theater seating

Drinks at Bar Prices

Bookings : <https://www.trybooking.com/BXAWG>

EMAIL Rob Giles for your invitation - robgilesis@gmail.com RSVP 5pm Thursday 17th February 2022

Tuning in to Teens™

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

This six-session online parenting program is for parents of tweens & teens aged from 10-16 years

We live in a changing world today where parenting can be complex.

Tuning in to Teens™ can support you with:

- being able to better connect with your teen
- talking with your teen about the challenges they face
- support your teen to better manage their emotions
- helping to prevent behaviour problems in your teen
- teaching your teen to deal with conflict



Tuning in to Teens™

will support & guide you in helping your teen develop *Emotional Intelligence*

in a safe and interactive group setting

Adolescents with higher Emotional Intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater ability to connect with others
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- 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

www.theparentingjourney.com.au

For all enquiries please call:

Kate Culy: 0404 042 789 or

Jodie Harris: 0412 822 858



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