



Wednesday 2 March

Year 7 Try an Instrument Evening

Tuesday 29 March

Eltham High School Athletics Carnival

Friday 25 March

School Photo Catch Up Day

Student Progress Interviews

to be held via Webex

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

30 March: 4:00pm - 7:00pm
early student finish at 2:30pm on the day

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Achievement

Track National Competition

Congratulations to **Lavinia Ward (Year 7, Everard House)** who has been selected for the Victorian State Team in Under 15 Women to compete at the Track Nationals at Anna Meares Velodrome (track cycling) in Brisbane from Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 March.

Lavinia raced at the Victorian Championships on the weekend and achieved a national qualifying time in the 2000m Individual Pursuit and finished with silver; she also received silver in the Points Race and earlier in the season, a silver in the Elimination Race.

An outstanding achievement and we wish Lavinia and her team all the very best in the upcoming competition

Australian Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships

Congratulations to **Maya Bennette (Year 9, Stewart House)** who will be travelling to New South Wales between the 23-29 March to compete in the Australian Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships.

Maya is passionate about her sport, and I am certain that she will represent her State admirably.

We wish Maya all the very best with this competition and any future competitions she takes part in throughout 2022.

Prospective Year 7 Students and Families 2023:

School Tours are now open for prospective Year 7 students and families for 2023

If you know of anyone who is interested in our school, please let them know that with the easing of Covid restrictions, we are now able to restart school tours for prospective families. Information around the booking of tours and dates available can be found at the following link:

<https://www.elthamhs.vic.edu.au/prospective.html>

School Council Elections

I draw your attention to the information in last week's edition of the Community Newsletter, which outlined 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.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021

MARCH

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- Year 11 OES Overnight Camp to Warburton

Wednesday 02

- Year 7 Try an Instrument Evening

Thursday 03

- Year 7 Immunisations

Friday 04

- Nillumbik District Swimming

Wednesday 09

- Volleyball Beach Schools' Cup Year 7&8

Thursday 10

- Year 12 English Language Seminar - Analysing Texts - Cohesion & Coherence
- Year 8A & B: Urbn Surf

Friday 11

- Year 12 Literature Seminar - Structuring Your Essay
- Year 9 Recreational Activities - Fencing
- Volleyball Beach Schools' Cup Year 11&12

Monday 14

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 16

- School Council AGM and Meeting
- Life Drawing at Nyora Studios

Thursday 17

- Year 8C & D Urbn Surf

Monday 21

- Strings Music Camp to Healesville
- Year 8E & F Urbn Surf
- Life Drawing at Nyora Studios

Tuesday 22

- Year 8G & H Urbn Surf

Wednesday 23

- Year 8J & K Urbn Surf
- Life Drawing at Nyora Studios

Thursday 24

- Student Progress Interviews 11:00am - 7:00pm (no scheduled classes)
- Working Bee Committee Meeting

Friday 25 - Sunday 27

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

At the end of nomination process we have been able to fill three of the four parent category positions, thus leaving one unfilled. I invite any interested parents who may have missed the deadline to contact Kate Scalzo on sca@elthamhs.vic.edu.au to submit their nomination ASAP.

All DET reps have been filled. I will announce the members of the new School Council once the process has been completed.

I encourage you to give this opportunity due consideration.

Distribution of Round 3 of Rapid Antigen Test Kits

The third round of the RA Test Kits were distributed to students on Monday 28 February. Students who were absent on the day can collect their Kit from the General Office, or alternatively parents/ carers can collect their child's Kit from the General office.

If you had previously indicated that you preferred to pick up the Kit yourself but your circumstances have now changed and you would like us to give the Kit to your child(ren), please drop us a line at reception@elthamhs.vic.edu.au and we will action your request.

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VINCENT SICARI, Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Progress Interviews

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.

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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 students' 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

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 10 March	8G & 8H: Tuesday 22 March
8C & 8D: Thursday 17 March	8J & 8K: Wednesday 23 March
8E & 8F: Monday 21 March	

ROSS MCKINNON, Middle School Team Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL

'Barista Basics' Course (for those 15 years and over)

This one-day course is aimed at providing people looking for a job in cafes with some basic experience in the industry. The course covers a full range of front of house aspects to working in a café/small restaurant environment with specific focus on barista training, customer service and team work.

Next course: Sat 5 March - Eltham Living & Learning Centre

For details and to register go to -

<https://www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au/What-we-do/Learn-Local/Barista-Basics>

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 Senior Subschoo to reset it:

Susan Inglis, Senior School Admin Support 9430 5164
or via email at ing@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

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)

Special Exam Arrangements Applications are 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.

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 (GAT)

The Victorian Curriculum & Assessment Authority (VCAA) have recently announced 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.

AMANDA SALIBA, Senior School Team Leader (Acting)

**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 (dependent on year level)

STEAM CLUB

STEAM club runs Monday's at lunchtime in week B of the timetable in Room in 802.

All students are welcome.

This week students worked together to complete an engineering challenge in which they were constructing the tallest tower possible using everyday items and which was able to support a 5kg weight.



Kathryn Boysen, STEAM Club Coordinator

**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

WORKING BEE DATES
(all families and students are welcome)

3 April

19 June

4 September

16 October

4 December

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2022 Instrumental Music Program Fees

The 2022 Music fees are currently being added to your family account. If you have not yet received a statement via email, you will receive one soon.

The first instalment, which covers your Instrumental Music Lesson fee, **is due for payment by 4 March 2022.**

The Instrumental lesson fees are listed below for each ensemble:

VCE Instrumental Lesson Fee - \$1,800.00

Symphonic Band - \$1,600.00

Concert Band - \$1,200.00

Wind Ensemble - \$1,100.00

Chamber Strings - \$1,200.00

String Orchestra - \$1,100.00

Payment of Music fees can be made by completing and returning the credit card details on the Credit Card Payment Form emailed to families on 25 February 2022 or by cash, BPay, credit card (over the phone by calling 9430 5118) or by cheque made payable to "Eltham High School". We previously advised that the instrumental music fees would be added to Compass, unfortunately there has been a change to school policy and they will not be added to Compass. The music fees will appear on your family statement, not in the Compass Parent Portal.

If you make a payment via BPay please ensure you email our accounts department at accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au advising that funds paid are for music fees. If you do not email you payment may be allocated to other outstanding fees. If you do not know your BPay reference number please contact the school's Revenue Administrator, Jacinta D'Avoine on 9430 5118 or by email at accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

If you would like to set up a payment plan for your music fees, please contact Jacinta D'Avoine on 9430 5118 or by email at accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

The second instalment is for the Main Ensemble levy which is due for payment by 2 May 2022.

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

The third instalment is for any other items i.e. instrument hire, percussion equipment hire, other ensembles like Stage Band, Jazz Band, Big Band, Choir etc. The third instalment is due by 24 June 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jane Nicholson in the Music Office if you have any queries.

Jane's telephone is: 9430 5127 or email: nio@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Your prompt payment of the music fees is appreciated.

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 students to try the instruments that they are interested in. Our Instrumental Music Staff will assist, observe and assess 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 all appropriate Covid Safe protocols are followed.

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=PLqNIP0-4OEKiKudlofOuyGG3CX4k-Lpoq>

If you have any questions about the Instrumental Music Program 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

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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

ART

Year 7 Art Club: Wednesday Lunchtimes 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 by email at 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 21 March and then 28 March, 4 April and 2, 9 and 16 May

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

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LISA FOOTE, Art KLA Coordinator

VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball Program 2022

The volleyball trials have nearly concluded. Please be aware of training times for your squads. Additional information will be provided to year 7 students on what the process will be.

Morning Training: 7:00-8:30am

Tuesday	Year 8 Boys, Year 9 Boys and Girls.
Wednesday	Year 10, 11 and 12 Girls
Thursday	Year 8 Girls
Friday	Year 10, 11, 12 Boys

State League Opportunity

This year Eltham HS will be entering the Victorian State League Junior Competition. The competition is open to any Eltham HS student who is under 17 years of age. Brief details are:

- Saturday 9am Games
- \$150 for the season running from April to September
- Training to occur at Eltham HS times TBA.

If you are interested in playing please contact Anthony Young for more details and to express interest.

Year 7 - Thursday After School Volleyball

Thursday's after school volleyball starts again this week on Thursday, 3 March. For those that are part of the volleyball program, it is encouraged that you make an effort to attend these sessions.

These sessions are open to all year 7s.

So those that were not selected into the Program for this year are encouraged to attend the after school program to gain some training and match practice and increase their chance of making the program in the future. Sessions will be run by multiple Eltham students.

Term 1 - Round 1, 3 March

Time: Thursday 3:15 - 4:15pm

Victorian Beach Volleyball Schools' Cup

The first event of the program will be the State Beach Volleyball Championship. This year Eltham is aiming to send over 40 teams to the competition. Please remember to pay and consent for your attendance via compass. All teams will depart from the school at 7am, with the approximate return to be 5pm.

Wednesday 9 March - Year 7 & 8

Thursday 10 March - Year 9 & 10

Friday 11 March - Year 11 & 12

As always if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything volleyball wise, please feel free to contact me at yoo@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

ANTHONY YOUNG, Volleyball 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

2022 EHS House Swimming Carnival

The whole school headed to Aquarena, Doncaster last Thursday 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 12's. 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.

Bree Pascoe, Sports Coordinator

House Sport Carnivals

Eltham High School will be holding The **Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday 29 March at the Box Hill Athletics Track**. This day is considered a 'normal' school day 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 the 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

WORKING BEE

February 20 - Working Bee Report.

Welcome to 2022. The first working bee for 2022 was held on Sunday and what a great feeling it was to be able get back on the school grounds after the last couple of disrupted years. We had a great turn out of around 50 volunteers, including a large contingent of new families and students - we hope you enjoyed the day.

After two years of less than ideal garden maintenance, there was a lot of weeding, pruning and mulching. With so many people we were able to hit lots of garden beds around the school and really tidy them up – although there is always more to do!

Areas targeted included new garden beds around the tennis courts, the upgraded front oval and the courtyard areas.

Morning tea was provided, unfortunately with continuing covid restrictions we weren't able to hold our tradition BBQ lunch, but we are hoping to re-instate that at future working bees.

We have a big program of works for the coming year including rejuvenation / replanting of several existing garden areas, construction of some new garden beds and construction of new seating areas. We will need all hands on deck for upcoming working bees to really fix up these areas.





As always, and especially at the start of the new school year, we are looking for new families to join the grounds committee. The committee meets prior to each working bee to plan the activities and then help supervise jobs on the day. Being part of the committee and regularly attending working bees is a great way to contribute to the school community, meet other families and the teaching staff. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact the school.

Please note the meeting and working bee dates for the remainder of 2022 and put them in your calendar now.

Meeting Date	Working Bee Date
Wednesday 23rd March	3rd April 2022
Thursday 9th June	19th June 2022
Thursday 25th August	4th Sept 2022
Thursday 6th October	16th Oct 2022
Thursday 24th November	4th Dec 2022

We look forward to seeing you all again in April.

grounds@elthamhs.vic.edu.au.

Eltham High School, Grounds Committee

CANTEEN

Canteen is limiting the over the counter purchase of Hash browns and Pinwheels to two per person in order to ensure the fair access of all students to purchase the cheapest hot items in the Canteen. If you require a larger quantity for lunch or recess you will need to place a lunch order. Canteen is open every day at 8:30am for recess or lunch orders.

Canteen is introducing a new range of Vegan Items to its daily menu. The following items are available everyday as a Vegan option in Recess or Lunch order

- Hash Browns \$1.00
- Vegan Pasty \$5.00
- Vegan Pasta \$4.00
- Salad Bowls \$6.00
- Falafel Wraps \$5.50
- Salad Roll \$5.50
- Vegan Cookies (Choc-Chip or White Choc) \$4.00
- Raspberry Banana Bread \$3.00
- Coconut Dairy Free Dixie Cup \$1.50

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 specials according to its lunch order demands: therefore the best way to ensure you don't miss out is to put a lunch order.

This Week Lunchtime Specials:

Tuesday: Chicken or Avocado Rice Paper Rolls \$6.00

Wednesday: Chicken or Eggplant Souvlaki \$6.00

Thursday: Sushi Packs- (Tuna, Veg, Chicken, Salmon and California) \$6.00

Friday: Burgers -Vegie Pattie, Chicken or Beef \$6.00

Monday: Hot Dogs with Cheese or Vegetarian Hot Dogs \$4.00 (tomato sauce included in price)

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 nominatorDate..... / /

Candidate to complete

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

- I am not, and have never been, insolvent under administration
- I am of sound mind
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Signature of candidate.....Date..... / /

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Eltham Rugby Union Football Club 2022 Season

Want a new sport in 2022?

Rugby union is a sport for all body shapes, gender and ability levels – a game for all the family

Boys and girls of all ages are welcome – for training times
see website and facebook

Registration & pre-season training start in March so
contact us without delay

Address: 58 Bridge Street, Eltham VIC 3093

Email: membership@eltham.rugby

Web: <https://eltham.rugby>

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/elthamrugby>



All registered players are fully insured through Rugby Australia.
Rugby Victoria manage the local rugby union competitions.

Registration is via RugbyXplorer app – download to your mobile device



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