# Congratulations!

The Eltham High School community congratulates the Class of 2020 on their outstanding success in both VCE and VCAL completion.



SASHA BROOKE
Top Achiever 2020

This brochure profiles a number of students who achieved their personal best in VCE or VCAL resulting in exceptional outcomes.

#### In VCE:

- 12% of all students received an ATAR rank above 90
- 37% of all students achieved an ATAR rank of 80 and above
- 80% of students applied for a tertiary place
- 85% of these students received a first round university offer
- 2% of these students received a TAFE offer
- 2% of students received an offer from an independent training college
- Eltham High School graduates are consistently represented in a range of fields in local and interstate universities and proceed to work across a diverse range of areas both at home and across the globe.

#### In VCAL:

Over the years our graduates in VCAL have successfully engaged in a range of apprenticeships and/or meaningful employment. The VCAL Class of 2020 has followed this trend.

## Our students are consistently being recognised in a myriad of ways, including:

- Premier's Awards
- University Scholarships
- The awarding of a range of certificates
- Acquisition prizes
- Opportunities such as the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy; National Youth Science Forum; The Victorian Government's tour to Gallipoli
- Encouragement awards
- Art and Technology acquisition prizes
- Selection for the Statewide VCE Season of Excellence Top Arts, Top Design and Top Screen
- Victorian Sporting Blues Awards
- Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholar Program
- Hansen Scholarship Program
- Principal's Scholarship: The University of Melbourne
- Dean's Scholarship at various universities
- Vice Chancellor Scholarship at various universities

### 2020 Year 12 High Achievers



Eltham High School helped me to find my pathway through the VCAL Program and into my Electrical apprenticeship. I would like to personally thank my teachers for providing me the guidance and willingness to always help out.

Greenhills Primary School

**NECA Education and Careers** 



Hiah School created Eltham supportive environment where I felt comfortable to pursue my creative

Montmorency South Primary School

JMC Academy Bachelor of Film and TV Production



SASHA BROOKE

My time at Eltham High School helped me discover what I wanted to do by offering various opportunities both in school and outside school, such as leadership courses and sports programs. I also felt the teachers helped to keep all my subjects interesting and engaging which allowed me to really investigate which ones I had a passion for.

Plenty Valley International Montessori School

RMIT

Bachelor of Space Science



Eltham High School offered a broad range of electives and opportunities to do an enhancement subject. Teachers were Teachers were passionate and willing to offer extra support at all times, as well as advice about future opportunities. The inclusive community made it easy to find like minded friends creating great supportive groups and a sense of community. I was able to attend a number of school trips such as Space Camp to the USA which opened my eyes to the world of physics and made me eager to study it

**Briar Hill Primary School** 

University of Melbourne Bachelor of Science



My teachers at Eltham High School supported me by providing me with endless resources to use for my study. They were always available to go over areas that I was struggling in. I believe that Eltham High School as a whole provided a great working environment, especially for Year 12 students. The Study Centre was a great way to be productive and efficient while studying.

Hurstbridge Primary School

RMIT Bachelor of Education



Eltham High School provided opportunities to find what I enjoyed, including the Drama and Music Programs. Teachers were always supportive and helpful, allowing me to find what subjects I enjoyed the most

Plenty Valley International Montessori School

Sydney University **Bachelor of Commerce** 



**BRONTE HARRISON** 

Eltham High School taught me a lot of important skills that will benefit me as I enter university. My teachers taught me to be adaptable which helped me get into my psychology course for a temporary time, as I want to transfer into a different course for animation mid year. Eltham High School taught me to be flexible and helped me grow my love for both media and psychology, and helped keep me determined to push for what I want to do in life.

Strathewen Primary School

Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology



RUPERT HEALY

I was already in love with music before I started at Eltham High School. Playing saxophone was one of the best decisions I've ever made. It helped introduce me to my love of jazz, playing in several ensembles with many great performances, lessons about leading and discipline as part

Last year, despite being good overall academically, I had a lot of struggles with motivation, battling between my own standards of myself wanting to do best always and also wondering: why am I putting all this effort in? Ultimately I knew that my passion in life was music and I have dreams of producing and performing my own music which doesn't require a good ATAR. My Mentor was really helpful for me in that she actually listened to the problems that I had and gave me good advice. I learned that, yes, while some of the content I was learning in class would not be relevant to me in life, the skills that I was learning to use were broader and more abstract.

Eltham Primary School

Monash University Bachelor of Music



The teachers played a huge part in leading me towards my goal. The COVID-19 situation in 2020 was not ideal as a final year of high school for us, and yet teachers continued to teach and support us through remote learning. The school community was able to quickly adapt to the tough and changing circumstances, even though it was something none of us had ever done before. It is thanks to the determination and commitment of the teachers and everyone in the school community that I was able to achieve the

Hurstbridge Primary School

University of Melbourne Bachelor of Science



WILLIAM JONES

Right from the beginning of Year 7, the nurturing Eltham High School Music Program allowed me to constantly develop my musical ability to whatever level I desired. Every student's development was a priority, and as a result allowed me to participate in high-level ensembles with many like-minded individuals who became, my best friends. This environment fueled my passion, supporting me to go on and achieve my best in my music

Montmorency South Primary School

Monash University

Bachelor of Music (Jazz Performance)

### 2020 Year 12 High Achievers



IMOGEN MEDLEY

Eltham High School gave me the foundations to find what i was interested in by offering a supportive and hands on environment in which teachers really push you to pursue your passions. The flexibility and range of subjects allowed me to focus on what I actually enjoyed and allowed me to figure out what I actually wanted to do with my future.

Eltham North Primary School

**Swinburne University** 

Bachelor of Business and Management



ARA MURPHY

The endless support from staff and peers throughout VCE helped me to stay focused and achieve my goals.

Rosanna Golf Links Primary School

**LaTrobe University**Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)



ALEXANDRA OTTINGER

My Year 12 teachers provided me with insights into university and courses that are

Greenhills Primary School

**University of Melbourne** Bachelor of Arts



PATRICK POLIDANO

Eltham High School encouraged me to challenge myself and motivated me to work hard and achieve the best that I possibly could. My teachers believed in me and encouraged me to challenge myself.

Eltham Primary School

**University of Melbourne** Bachelor of Science



SAPPHIRA ROLFE

Eltham High School provided me with an environment that encouraged me to strive for success, while also allowing me to express myself in a way that makes me comfortable with who I am.

Eltham East Primary School

RMIT

Bachelor of Media Communication



LYDIA SCHOFIELD

Eltham High School helped me find my path by exposing me to a variety of opportunities. By exploring what worked for me, and, equally importantly, what didn't. I was able to make informed decisions about pathways. I was supported by teachers who knew and understood my interests and strengths.

Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham

RMIT

Associate Degree in Professional Writing and Editing



BROOKE SKEEN

Eltham High School gave me the opportunities to fulfill all my education goals, and provided me with ongoing inspiration and motivation throughout my high school years.

Eltham Primary School

**University of Melbourne**Bachelor of Science (Major in Civil Systems)



CLARE STEELE

My years at Eltham High School were all about discovering what I was good at and what I enjoyed most; and what I enjoyed most was theatre. Through the Drama Program at Eltham High School I was able to write performances that toured to the Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane Fringe Festivals, allowing me to not only experience the theatre industry first-hand, but make friends and grow my confidence as a person. With the encouragement and support of my incredible teachers here at Eltham High School I have been able to learn and engage with the world around me, whether that be through theatre, politics, history or literature. These invaluable skills and lifelong friendships have, and will continue to, shape my future path.

Greenhills Primary School

University of Melbourne Bachelor of Arts



SARAH TREADWELL

Eltham High School supported me in finding my path by allowing me to explore a range of subjects throughout my time at the school. I was able to take elective classes that I was interested in from as early as Year 9, which really allowed me to find what I was passionate about. I was able to take classes that I was not only interested in, but also subjects that would assist me in my university applications.

Eltham East Primary School

University of Melbourne Bachelor of Arts

### 2020 Year 12 High Achievers

# Short listed for the 2020 VCE Season of Excellence



EMER RAFFERTY TOP DESIGN Product Design - Fibres

TOP SCREEN

Media



MOLLY MORRIS-MCGINTY TOP ARTS Studio Art



LYDIA SCHOFIELD
TOP ARTS



OLIVIA CHUBB TOP ARTS Studio Art

### Selected for 2020 VCE Season of Excellence



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OLIVIA CHUBB TOP ARTS Studio Art



HOLLY RUMBLE TOP SCREEN Media



MOLLY MORRIS-MCGINTY TOP ARTS Studio Art

#### Eltham High School Awards

Eltham High School Top Achiever Sasha Brooke

Eltham High School Valedictorians Sasha Brooke and Lucy Ennis

The Wes Muir Art Acquisition Award Lydia Schofield

Principal's Art Acquisition Award Lowana Royle

Principal's Recognition for Excellence in Technology Award

Luke Nethercote

The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award

Lydia Schofield

W H Everard Award for Social and Environmental Responsibility

Benjamin Heath

The Eltham High School Values Award Bailey Johnson

The Cadel Evans' Prize for Vision, Determination, Persistence and Resilience

Ashlyn Heap

The Principal's Award for Overall Excellence and Commitment to Eltham High School

Clare Steele

Claire Edgoose Senior Bursary Award Jackson Nelis

Vicky Ward Prize Sarah Rose

The ADF Future Innovators Award Aneurin Brown

#### 2020 Sporting Blue Award



CONOR HAYES Sporting Blue Award, Swimming (Year 9)

'We challenge our students to think critically, work in teams, embrace opportunities, demonstrate leadership and achieve success along many pathways.'

— Vincent Sicari Principal