

# Curriculum and Co-Curricular Opportunities

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Eltham High School graduates can be found in all areas of the community: local, national and international. They appear in the media, on the sports fields and in Olympic stadiums; they are working on the frontiers of science in Australia and overseas. They work in the law, medicine and education. They are also delivering services in the local community, running their own businesses: making a difference to our world.

## Curriculum

At Eltham High School the curriculum is carefully structured to progressively develop students' knowledge, skills and habits for learning. This means that the curriculum moves through three clear stages:

- In **Junior School** the curriculum is designed not only to ensure that students have strong foundations in key knowledge across all areas, but also to ensure that the process of transition from primary to secondary school is a success. This includes a team teaching approach to key learning areas through the Integrated Studies program, a focus in all subjects on skills that will support their learning and the development of habits that will lead to growing independence as they progress into later years.
- In **Year 8** students enter Middle School as confident, capable learners and the curriculum is designed to continue the process of developing and extending their skills and knowledge across all learning areas. In **Year 9**, the structure of the curriculum changes significantly and students have access to a very wide range of elective options. Rather than being an add-on or extension to a 'core' curriculum, the elective program in Year 9 is designed to be central to their learning. In this program students are encouraged to choose widely and explore the diversity of learning opportunities available to them as the move up through the school.
- In **Year 10** students enter Senior School with a focus on their course of study through the final years of Secondary School and beyond. Strong programs in VCE and VET ensure that students have access to a wide range of Senior School pathways with a very wide range of subjects on offer. Many students undertake VCE units of study during Year 10 as part of the Enhancement program. This allows students access to additional units of study as well as the possibility of university level extension programs.

## Co-curricular Program

As well as opportunities for learning within the curriculum, Eltham High School is able to extend students and harness their passions through the co-curricular program. This program is closely connected to the learning which occurs in classrooms across all areas of the school and students are highly engaged with the co-curricular program from Junior School right through into their senior years.

## Some of the many opportunities to excel include:

- Unique Music Program
- Drama and theatre Programs
- Elite sports
- TOP Arts, Design, Sound
- National Youth Science Forum
- In-2-Science Mentors Melbourne University
- Sister schools in both Malaysia and Indonesia
- Donydji and Gurramala (Arnhem Land) Project run in conjunction with LaTrobe University
- Brain STEM Innovative Challenge - Swinburne University

## Competitions

- Maths
- Music
- Chess
- Debating
- Language
- Eisteddfods
- Tournament of Minds
- Local, statewide, national and international sporting competitions

## Performances

- Music festivals
- Drama festivals
- Local Performances

## Leadership

- Student Helper Program
- Senior Leadership Program
- Student Mentors
- Subschool Leaders
- Year 9 School for Student Leadership Program
- Principal's Advisory Group
- Harmony Team - Social Justice Group

## Camps/Tours

- Space Camp USA
- Language and Art tours to France and Indonesia
- World Team Challenge: Asia
- Year 7 City Experience
- Year 8 Surf Camp
- Iga Warta Flinders Ranges Camp
- Year 9 'Challenge the Individual' Camp
- Music tours: National & International destinations
- Ski Camp
- Rock-2-Reef and Rock-2-Top Tours
- Senior years Art & Design Enrichment Tour
- Year 11 Study Camp

## Eltham High School Subject Grid

Year 7									
English	Science	Humanities	Maths	Languages: French/ Indonesian	Music	PE	Sport	Visual Arts Media Technology: Wood	Drama Digital Technology
Integrated Studies									
Year 8									
English	Science	Humanities	Maths	Languages: French/ Indonesian	Health	PE	Sport	Visual Arts Music	Technology: - Metal - Foods
Year 9									
English	Mathematics	Science	History	Geography & Economics	PE & Personal Development	Year 9 students undertake at least 7 elective units across the year			
Year 10									
English	Mathematics	Science	Humanities	PE	Year 10 students undertake at least 5 elective units across the year. Students have access to Enhancement Studies (VCE/ VET) as part of their electives				
Year 11									
Unit 1 & 2	Unit 1 & 2	Unit 1 & 2	Unit 1 & 2	Unit 1 & 2	Unit 1 & 2	Year 11 students are able to access Unit 3 and 4 VCE studies as Enhancement Studies			
Year 12									
Unit 3 & 4	Unit 3 & 4	Unit 3 & 4	Unit 3 & 4	Unit 3 & 4	Study Periods	Year 12 students are able to access University Enhancement programs			

Tutorial Program (Years 10-12) and Involve (Years 8-9): Students participate in these Programs throughout the year which aim to promote student growth and leadership across the school

### VCE Studies Units 1 - 4 (on offer to students)

English	General Maths	Chemistry	Australian History	History (20th Century)	Art	Music Performance	Design & Technology:
Literature	Foundation Maths	Psychology	History (Revolutions)	Accounting	Studio Arts: Art	Outdoor Educ. Studies	Wood
English Language	Further Maths	Biology	Legal Studies	Economics	Studio Arts: Photogr.	Health & Human Dev	Textiles
French	Maths Methods	Physics	Business Management	Geography	Visual Comm & Des.	Physical Education	Hospitality Kitchen Ops:
Indonesian	Specialist Maths	Environmental Science	Australian Politics	Global Politics	Media	Food & Technology	Cert II (VET)
Drama	Computing Studies	Extended Investigation	Philosophy	Classical Studies	Music Investigation	Systems Engineering	

### Year 9 Electives

- All students undertake Arts and Technology elective units, as well as additional electives offered across all subject areas
- All students undertake a Cornerstone Study, which includes an extended inquiry, project or investigation
- All Year 9 electives focus on new knowledge, building skills and exploring ideas across all subjects

### Year 10 Electives

- All students undertake Art and Technology elective units, as well as additional electives offered in all subject areas
- Year 10 electives focus on building strong pathways into VCE studies
- Students have the opportunity to access VCE and VET subjects as Enhancement Studies