



2014
High Achievers



| Eltham
High School

Congratulations!

The Eltham High School Community congratulates the class of 2014 on their outstanding success in both VCE and VCAL completion.



ALESSANDRA PRUNOTTO
Top Achiever 2014

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

We wish the class of 2014 a prosperous future as they engage with the next phase of their development and venture out into the world.

In VCE:

- Our highest achievers (11% of all students) received an ATAR score above 90
- 28% of all students achieved an ATAR score of 80 and above
- 84% of students applied for a tertiary place
- 92% of these students received a University offer
- 8% of students received a TAFE offer

- Over the last 10 years on average 10% of our students' study scores have been above 40.
- VCE results across all studies consistently place Eltham High School amongst the top schools in the State.
- Our graduates in VCAL have successfully engaged in a range of apprenticeships and/or meaningful employment.

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

- Premier's Awards
- The awarding of a range of certificates
- Acquisition prizes
- Encouragement awards
- Selection for the state wide VCE Season of Excellence
- Victorian Sporting Blue awards
- University scholarships

2014 Year 12 High Achievers



ALESSANDRA PRUNOTTO

My teachers didn't just teach me content and skills; rather, they encouraged me to learn them myself, letting me develop into an independent learner. My innate love of learning is something that will stay with me for the rest of my life.

Plenty Valley Montessori School

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The University of Melbourne

Bachelor of Arts

(with a Diploma of Music)

Shortlisted for the Margaret Schofield Scholarship in Music Performance



SUNNI HOLT

I was able to really immerse myself creatively at Eltham High, as my teachers really respected and appreciated different processes of learning and thinking, which allowed me to delve in and explore more than I ever believed I was capable of.

Apollo Parkways Primary School

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Gap Year

Work, travel and take classes in the performing arts facets of dance, acting and singing with the intention of entering a full time musical theatre or acting course in 2016.



ALEXANDER CLAYTON

Eltham High School's Symphonic Band allowed me to participate in a very high level of music. Performing university level repertoire and showcasing world premieres made me realise how lucky we are to have the music program.

Eltham East Primary School

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The University of Melbourne

Bachelor of Music

Shortlisted for the Margaret Schofield Scholarship in Composition



NATALIE COWDERY

Eltham High helped me to discover the next step I was meant to take in my journey through encouraging me to achieve the highest result I could, whilst assuring me that no matter what the outcome, I would be able to go where I wanted to go in life if I continue to try.

St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

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LaTrobe University

Bachelor of International Relations



LUKE SUTHERLAND

Eltham High has given me opportunities that other schools don't offer such as the Donydji Community Project whilst also offering great classes which led me to become interested in science and engineering.

Apollo Parkways Primary School

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RMIT University

Bachelor of Engineering / Business Management



GABRIELLE SEYMOUR

Eltham High School provided me with a diverse range of opportunities that can't be found elsewhere. I think that it is this range of experiences that allowed me to narrow down the multitudes of potential pathways and select the one that was right for me.

Sherbourne Primary School

–
Monash University, Peninsula Campus
Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)



SAMUEL HORMAN

Developing a number of personal working relationships with eager and like minded teachers allowed me to comfortably find my desired study path. The school's particularly strong design faculty meant I could pursue my individual passion in an enjoyable and fulfilling way.

Montmorency South Primary School

–
RMIT
Bachelor of Communication Design



MADELEINE CHARISIS

I was incredibly well supported by many members of the teaching staff not only in my studies, but also in choosing the right institution and course for me. Staff at Eltham High have further inspired me to become a teacher, so I may play the important role in future students' lives that these teachers have played in mine.

Eltham North Primary School

–
The University of Melbourne
Bachelor of Arts (followed by a Masters of Secondary Education)



NATHAN KERWOOD

Eltham High gave me the chance to grow and explore my own pathways by encouraging individuality and academic and personal integrity in all my actions. By allowing me to become independent and take risks, Eltham High School has prepared me for my future academic journey into university.

Eltham East Primary School

–
The Australian National University, Canberra
Bachelor of Arts /
International Relations



SCOTT VAN GEMERT

I have been involved in the music program, the debating team and the Principal's Advisory Group and taken courses such as Electronics, Earth and Stars, Specialist Maths and Music Investigations. All of these programs have helped develop my leadership and expand my knowledge. It was here that I developed my love for writing and performing music, leading me to pursue tertiary studies in this area.

Eltham East Primary School

–
James Morrison Academy of Music
University of South Australia
Bachelor of Music
Margaret Schofield Scholarship for Music Performance



RUBY SMYTH

I moved to Eltham High in year 11 from another school due to the supportive and open environment here that empowered me to embrace who I am. I feel extremely privileged to have had teachers who treated me with respect and interest, and who were passionate about what they were teaching.

Viewbank Primary School

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**The Australian National University,
Canberra**

Bachelor of Law / Arts



COLLEEN MANN

I wouldn't say that Eltham High helps students choose a path, rather helps them create their own. I found that from the start I was granted the freedom to figure out my own learning style, find my own motivation with of course the helping hand of teachers and coordinators along the way.

Hurstbridge Primary School

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LaTrobe University

Bachelor of Occupational Therapy



CHARYSSE SHEPHERD

I've always had difficulty in deciding on a direction for after school, but the 'team' of unforgettable teachers and career workers were consistent in encouraging and helping me to see choices and also allowing me to achieve my best by guiding me with real, applicable steps which turned an otherwise stressful time into a heck of a year where I've learnt a lot more than what was just in the exams.

Plenty Valley Christian College

-

LaTrobe University

Bachelor of Nursing/Midwifery



DANIEL NOTTING

Through the various programs, teaching staff, subjects, leadership opportunities and the vast range of culturally rich experiences presented to the students, Eltham High School not only has laid a solid foundation for future study and career for myself, but has allowed and supported me to grow into someone that my family, friends and I can call successful and be proud of.

Eltham East Primary School

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RMIT University

Bachelor of Medical Radiations-
Nuclear Medicine

RMIT Nuclear Medicine scholarship



ELLEN O'BRIEN

The most important thing that Eltham High did for me was to teach me to see, appreciate and embrace possibility. In year 7, I was terrified of trying new things because I was sure that I would be bad at them. As I got older, I learnt that it is not how good you are at something to begin with, but how good you can become, that matters. Eltham High encouraged me to challenge myself and not to limit myself with preconceived ideas.

Eltham East Primary School

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LaTrobe University

Bachelor of Arts / Science
Vice Chancellor's Excellence
Scholarship Hallmark Program



JARED BECKER

Eltham High School really helped me to find my own path by offering so many for me to pursue. The opportunities academically and musically that Eltham offered opened up an endless amount of possibilities, giving me the freedom to try and experiment with all the new and exciting experiences surrounding me at school. The teachers at Eltham are truly the heart and soul of the school, fuelling the creativity and individuality that Eltham has become renowned for.

Apollo Parkways Primary School

–
Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music at Monash University, Clayton Campus.
Bachelor of Music



NATASHA JARVIS

Throughout my time at Eltham, all of my maths teachers were very encouraging and helped me to complete Specialist Mathematics in year 12. It was also inspiring to meet maths teachers who had studied and practiced engineering before becoming teachers.

Yarrambat Primary School

–
Swinburne University
Bachelor of Civil Engineering / Business
Dean's Scholarship



SARAH GERARDSON

Eltham High School allowed me to realise my passion for maths and, through its middle school elective program, computers. My teachers helped me to see how the two are closely connected and to consider heading towards the male-dominated industry of information technology.

Watsonia North Primary School

–
Monash University
Bachelor of Informatics and Computation
Advanced (Honours)
IBL Entry Scholarship
Women in IT Scholarship



CHIARA NARDONE

Being a part of the pathways program at Eltham High helped me realise what career path I wanted to take because I was able to go to TAFE and also work so it gave me an idea of what I would be doing if I were to work full time.

Our Lady Help of Christians

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Full time employment
Hair & Beauty Salon

Eltham High School Awards

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Eltham High School Dux
Alessandra Prunotto

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Eltham High School Valedictorians
Alessandra Prunotto &
Gabrielle Seymour

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The Wes Muir Art Acquisition Award
Christian Underwood

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Principal's Recognition for
Excellence in Technology Award
Campbell Pickett

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Principal's Art Acquisition Award
Hugh Heys

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The ADF Long Tan Leadership
and Teamwork Award
Scott van Gemert

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W.H.Everard Award for
Environmental Responsibility
Genevieve Bennett

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The Eltham High School
Values Award
Samuel Horman

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The Cadell Evans Prize for Vision,
Determination, Persistence &
Resilience
Lachlan Dalgleish

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The Principal's Award for overall
excellence and commitment to
Eltham High School
Loren Holland

2014 VCE Season of Excellence



SUNNI HOLT
Top Class Dance



SARAH KASSING
Top Class Dance



ALESSANDRA PRUNOTTO
Top Class Sound Composers
Top Class Music Performers



ALEXANDER CLAYTON
Top Class Sound Composers



SCOTT VAN GEMERT
Top Class Music Performers



CAMPBELL PICKETT
Top Designs
Product Design & Technology



HARRISON SYMONS
Top Designs
VET Interactive Digital Media

Victorian Secondary Schools Sporting Blue Award



LOUISE ALFORD
Volleyball



SAMUEL RICHARDS
Volleyball



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