



**Eltham  
High School**



**Community  
News**

**TERM 4 / WEEK 9**  
Tuesday, 1 December 2015

**\* DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Friday, 27 November - Thursday, 3 December:**

Year 10 -Year 11 Headstart Orientation 2016

**Thursday, 3 December:**

Year 10 Last Day of School

**Monday, 7 - Friday, 11 December:**

Year 9 Work Experience

**2016**

**Thursday, 28 January:**

Start Term 1: Year 7, 11 & 12

**Friday, 29 January:**

Start Term 1: Whole School

**Year 7 (2016) Parent Information Evening**

**Thursday, 3 December**

**Year 7 (2016) Orientation Day**

**Tuesday, 8 December**

**End of Term 4**

**Thursday, 17 December: 2.30pm**

**// PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Student Achievement**

**Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) Secondary Symphony Project:**

Congratulations to Skye Robinson (Year 12, 2016, Everard House) for having gained a place in the MSO's Secondary Symphony Project in February 2016.

Selected secondary school students have the opportunity to join musicians of the MSO and conductor Brett Kelly for a special project in Term 1 designed to provide aspiring music students with the opportunity to play great orchestral repertoire alongside their professional counterparts. Participating students will be mentored by an MSO musician throughout a series of tutorials and rehearsals which will culminate in a performance for family and friends at the Iwaki Auditorium on Thursday, 25 February. This is a fantastic opportunity for a young Oboe player and I wish Skye all the very best as she embarks on this venture. The repertoire that she will be engaging in includes:

SHOSTAKOVICH *Festive Overture*

TCHAIKOVSKY *Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture*

MARQUEZ *Danzón No.2*

I wish to thank the MSO for understanding its responsibility to support the next generation of outstanding music talent. A great initiative!

**ISKA (Karate) National Championships:**

Congratulations to Xanthia Watson (Year 7, Rutter House) who last week travelled to Sydney to participate in the ISKA (Karate) National Championships. Xanthia had an outstanding performance winning both events that she competed in despite the fact that she was ill at the start of the competition.

Xanthia placed first in the Intermediate Traditional Forms for females aged 12 - 13 years old. She also placed first in Intermediate Point Sparring for females within the same age bracket.

As a result of these achievements in both categories Xanthia is now considered an Australian National Champion.

As a learning community we are very proud of our students' achievements both at school and outside of the school. This is a great outcome for someone so young. I wish Xanthia all the very best as she continues to engage in her sport and look forward to hearing about her outstanding performance in the future.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 2015

#### Wed 2

- EHS Community Choir Rehearsal (7.30pm - 9.00pm)

#### Thurs 3

- Year 7 (2016) Parent Information Evening

#### Mon 7

- Program Morph (Transition to Year 9) 2015
- Year 9 Work Experience (Mon 7 - Fri 18)

#### Tues 8

- Year 7 (2016) Orientation Day

#### Wed 9

- EHS Community Choir Rehearsal (7.30pm - 9.00pm)

#### Wed 16

- EHS Community Choir Rehearsal (7.30pm - 9.00pm)
- School Council Meeting (7.30pm - 9.30pm)

#### Thurs 17

- End of Term 4: 2.30pm

### JANUARY 2016

#### Wed 27

- EHS Community Choir Rehearsal (7.30pm - 9.00pm)

#### Thurs 28

- Year 7, 11 & 12 Students

#### Fri 29

- Whole School

### FEBRUARY 2016

#### Tues 2

- Student Photo Day

#### Wed 3

- Year 12 Pathways/Education Day @ RMIT
- Year 7 Watermarc
- EHS Community Choir Rehearsal (7.30pm - 9.00pm)

### 2015 Season of Excellence:

Following last week's notice in this newsletter in relation to our success with the shortlisting process for the 2015 Season of Excellence, we have recently been informed that Ruby Zogopoulos (Year 11, Andrew House) has also been shortlisted for Top Arts. Ruby's Art Folio is worthy of this level of recognition and I congratulate her on her achievement and wish her all the very best for the selection process.

### School Choir Performance:

On Monday, 16 November the Eltham High School Choir performed at Eltham Primary school during the weekly assembly. Our students were well prepared by their conductor, Ms Lynlee Williams, and well accompanied by Assistant Principal, Darren Squires.

Feedback from the primary school included the following:

*"They did an amazing job and were so professional. You have a lovely bunch of students in the choir and I'm sure they have big futures in music."*

Congratulations to all the students in the Choir and I thank them for their admirable representation of our school and our music program.

### Eltham High School Twilight Music Concert:

Congratulations to all the performers and their conductors for a very enjoyable evening of Music on Monday, 30 November. Once again the weather was against us and whilst we began the evening in the central courtyard of the school we had to adjourn into the Performance Centre and made it inside just in time before the down pour.

The evening provided an opportunity to introduce some of the new bands and ensembles for 2016 and gave the students the opportunity to perform for the first time in these new groups. It was a fantastic closure to the performance component of the Music Program in a very relaxed and casual way.

The performance of the Training Band was outstanding and it really highlighted just how much they have achieved and improved in their short time together.

I particularly wish to thank the members of the Friends of Music who worked tirelessly on the night providing food and drink to the large number of people who attended (around 400). I also take this opportunity to thank them for all the work that they have done throughout the year in support of the program.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge and thank all of the Music staff under the leadership of our Director of Music, Mr Rick Plummer. If it were not for their talent, commitment, passion and dedication, what our students achieve would not be possible.

### Year 11 (2016) Headstart Program

The Year 11 Headstart Program is well on the way and will finish on Thursday, 3 December. This is the final day for our current Year 10 students to be at school. I take this opportunity to wish them all the very best as they embark on their summer break and ask them to be vigilant and to keep themselves safe. I remind the students that whilst this is an opportunity to have a relaxing break, I know that across a number of Year 11 subjects there is the expectation that the students do touch base with their studies prior to their return at the start of 2016.

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**VINCENT SICARI, Principal**

**Sun 7**

- Black Saturday Anniversary

**Wed 10**

- Year 7 Instrumental Evening:  
7.00pm

**Fri 12**

- Photo Catch-Up Day

**Sun 21**

- Working Bee

**CANTEEN  
ROSTER & MENU**
**ROSTER FOR DECEMBER 2015****Wed 2**

- Sasha Patullo
- Tania Weddle

**Thurs 3**

- Violette Saro
- Angela Spremic

**Fri 4**

- Leisa James
- Janine Kerwood

**Mon 7**

- Josephine Turner

**Tues 8**

- Volunteer Needed

**UPCOMING MENU**

Wed: Warm Chicken Salad

Thurs: Lamb Souvlaki

Fri: Hamburgers

Mon: Nachos

Tues: Sausage in bread and onions

**// SENIOR SCHOOL**
**Headstart Orientation Program Year 11, 2016**

Classes for all students undertaking a Year 11 VCE & VCAL course of study will commence in November/December, 2015 for a 1-week period as part of the Headstart Orientation Program. This means that current Year 10 students will commence their 2016 studies at the following times:

<b>Year 10 - Year 11 Headstart Orientation Program 2016</b>	<b>Friday, 27 November - Thursday, 3 December, 2015</b>
<b>VCE &amp; VCE VET &amp; VCAL Programs</b>	

Following a welcome and general information session at the commencement of the program, all students will begin their 2016 scheduled classes. Staff will commence the course work detailing information pertaining to study design knowledge and skills, commence preparation for SACs & SATs and outline tasks to be undertaken as preparation for the year ahead. Attendance is compulsory for Senior School students. Class rolls will be marked and absences counted towards students' attendance records in their respective studies in 2016.

**Senior School Term 4 Dates 2015**

<b>Year 10 - Year 11 Headstart Orientation 2016</b>	<b>Friday, 27 November - Thursday, 3 December</b>
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**ANNA PANAS, Senior School Team Leader**



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18 November, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

From Monday 7 December until Wednesday 16 December your child will be participating in Program Morph. This program is the Year 8 into 9 Transition Program which will have students focus on:

- working in groups;
- exploring and broadening their understanding of community; and
- building and developing their independent research and learning skills.

This will be accomplished by:

- Students experiencing a range of activities around the central theme of community over the first four days;
- Students working in a team for a further four days to:
  - Identify and investigate one community area of interest; and
  - Create a visual product to communicate their ideas to the community.

As part of the program students will be using Edmodo to access resources and collate evidence for their work. You will be able to see this work using your existing Edmodo parent login. If you have any queries or would like to sign up as a parent please do not hesitate to contact the program leader.

On Wednesday 16 December from 3:10 - 4:00pm Year 8 students will showcase the work they have created in the 400s Central Open Learning Spaces. **Parents are cordially invited** to come along and view this work and share light refreshments to celebrate our students' success. Parents are asked to enter the school via the General Office.

While students are encouraged to begin removing their belongings from lockers from Friday 4 December, the final day for students to empty lockers and take home all belongings and work will be Wednesday 16 December.

On the final day of school (Thursday 17 December) students will participate in a picnic before being dismissed from an assembly at 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided for students at this picnic. Students are not required at school on Friday 18 December.

This program is an important component of the year's work and all students are required to attend. As components of this program will be undertaken in the local area surrounding the school, parent permission will be required. **Please log onto Compass to complete the permission forms for this event.**

If your child is unable to attend during these final two weeks of school please email the program leader Michelle Bregar at [brg@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:brg@elthamhs.vic.edu.au).

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Bregar  
Integrated Studies Coordinator

Ross McKinnon  
Middle School Leader

Vincent Sicari  
Principal

**ELTHAM HS CLUBS**  
**WHY NOT GET INVOLVED!**

**Drama**

When: Tuesday (Junior)  
 Thursday (Senior)  
 Location: 111 Drama Space  
 Time: 3.30pm – 5.00pm

*George Franklin*  
 Drama/Coach Critical & Creative Thinking

**EHS Swimming Club**

When: Thursday  
 Location: Eltham Leisure Centre  
 Time: 7.00am – 8.00am

*Phil Boyd*  
 EHS Swimming Club Coordinator

**Interschool Debating Team**

When: Monday  
 Location: Room 301  
 Time: Lunchtime

*Leanne Ipsen*  
 Debating Coordinator

**Manga & Anime Club**

When: Thursday  
 Location: Room 156  
 Time: Lunchtime

*Ute Leiner*  
 Art

**Photography, Visual Design & Creativity Club**

When: Thursday  
 Location: Room 601  
 Time: Lunchtime

*Artek Halpern-Laurence*  
 Ex-Student

**PRISIM**

(People - Respecting - Individual's - Sexuality - Identity - Movement)

When: Tuesday  
 Location: Room 156  
 Time: Lunchtime

*Louise Heathcote*  
 Student Services Leader

**Tournament of Minds (Starts Term 2)**

When: Tuesday (Year 7 - 10)  
 Location: Room 154  
 Time: Lunchtime

*Loren Clarke*  
 Tournament of Minds Coordinator

**Middle School Key Dates**

YEAR 8	
Friday 4 December	Normal timetabled classes finish
Monday, 7 December - Wednesday, 16 December	Year 8 Morph program
Wednesday, 16 December	All lockers emptied and locks to be removed
Thursday, 17 December	Middle School Picnic - last day for Year 8 students; finish 2.30pm
YEAR 9	
Friday, December 4	Last day of timetabled classes - All lockers emptied and locks to be removed
Monday, 7 December - Friday, 11 December	Year 9 Work Experience (week one)
Monday, 14 December - Friday 18, December	Work Experience (week two)

**ROSS MCKINNON, Middle School Leader**

**// CAREERS**

**Year 9**

**Year 9 Work Experience 2015: Monday, 7 - Friday, 11 December:**

Students are required to complete one week of placement from Monday, 7 – Friday, 11 December. Students have been provided with forms electronically, but can also obtain copies from outside the Careers Office. There is the standard Placement Form along with a Transport/Accommodation Form, if necessary. They have also been provided with a list in PDF form of previous employers, by occupation, to assist in finding a placement. Forms need to be returned by **Friday, 27 November**.

Please note, students who are not 15 years old will be restricted to placements at a kindergarten, pre-school or primary school. Alternatively, private arrangements can be made by the family in seeking a placement.

For students competing in the Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup, they are able to complete their placement prior to the scheduled week.

**Year 10**

**Year 10 Work Experience 2016: Monday, 2 - Friday, 6 May 2016:**

All students are required to organise an appropriate placement for this time, with the emphasis being on a career related interest.

Students can access the required forms via the intranet under the Senior school link or obtain them from outside the Careers office.

Please make an early start on the placement and be aware that this is compulsory program that replaces all classes including Year 11 enhancement.

**General**

**Austin Health Placements 2016 (Year 10 - 12):**

Applications are now open for 2016 and the form can be accessed at <http://www.austin.org.au/HR/Workexperience/>.

The completed form needs to be returned to the Careers Office for processing. You will then go into the pool of applicants and the Banyule /Nillumbik Learning Network will coordinate allocation of places.

**ROSS PRINGLE, Careers/Pathways**



## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLASSES & TUTORIALS

### Extra Maths Help

When: Tuesday  
Location: Room 706  
Time: 3.10pm – 4.00pm

*Briony Turner*  
*Maths KLA Coordinator*

### Homework Club - Year 7

When: Wednesday  
Location: Room 142  
Time: Lunchtime

*Ashlea Oates*  
*English/Integration Studies Teacher*

### IT Support - Year 7

Get to know your surface Pro 3

When: Wednesday  
Location: Room 140  
Time: Lunchtime

*Katie Reed*  
*ICT Leader*

### Smart not Scattered - Year 7

A group for Year 7 students wishing to get on top of their time management, goal setting and organisation.

When: Wednesday  
Location: Room 142  
Time: Lunchtime

*Ashlea Oates*  
*English/Integration Studies Teacher*

## // MUSICAL NOTES

### Year 7 (2016) Parent Information Evening

Our Stage Band will be performing at the Year 7 (2016) Parent Information Evening on Thursday 3 December, 2015. The Stage Band will perform at Eltham High School from 6.30pm to 7.00pm.

### Instrumental Lessons

The final week for instrumental lessons is the week starting Monday 30 November, 2015.

### Second Hand Instrument Register

If you are considering selling your instrument, we will be running a second hand instrument register. The second hand instrument register process is open now and will close on Wednesday 10 February, 2016. It costs \$10.00 to place your instrument on the register.

Please contact Jane in the Music Office and she will arrange for the appropriate instrumental teacher to assess the instrument and advise of any repairs that need to be undertaken and its second hand value. **All instruments must be serviced before they can be placed on the register. Please bring the instruments in for assessment during Term 4, 2015.**

If you have any queries about the Music Program, please contact the Music Office on 9430 5127 or email Jane, our Music Secretary, at [nio@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:nio@elthamhs.vic.edu.au)

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**RICK PLUMMER, Music Director**

## // PARENT AND CARERS

### North of the Yarra Student Resource Lists 2016: New Text Books

The North of the Yarra Student Resource Lists 2016 are also available online at [www.elthamhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.elthamhs.vic.edu.au).

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**KATHLEEN HANNAN, Business Manager**

### 20th Man Back to School Program – Textbooks

Once again we will be collecting used textbooks to donate to students in need. Through the 20th Man – Back to School Program last year, we were able to assist students who were refugees and asylum seekers, independent living students and students from families in extreme distress in a number of suburbs across Melbourne. These students would not have been able to continue with their schooling without this assistance. The more textbooks the Foundation receives the more students in need it can assist.

The need for VCE textbooks is particularly high. If after your exams you would like to donate your textbooks to the 20th Man Foundation there will be collection boxes at the Study Centre, or alternatively textbooks can be given to Mrs Andrews in room 164.

Further information on the 20th Man can be found at [www.20thman.com.au](http://www.20thman.com.au) or feel free to contact Christine Andrews 9430 0147.

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**CHRISTINE ANDREWS, Student Growth and Student Leadership Leader**

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Compass Parent Portal

Log into for Information on:

- Finalisation of Dell TX3 Lease & Laptop Options for Year 10 Students in 2016
- Honouring Australian Vietnam Veterans Competition
- Laptop Options for the Year 12 Students in 2016
- TCS Work Experience Program
- Year 8 Morph Program
- Year 9 Work Experience 2015
- Year 12 Jumpers: 2016

### School Term Dates

#### 2015

TERM 4:

Finishes: Thursday 17 December:  
2.30pm

#### 2016

TERM 1:

Starts:

Year 7, 11 & 12: Thursday, 28 January  
All School: Friday, 29 January

## ELTHAM SPORTS TIMETABLE

### December 2015

#### Sun 6

- Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup (Sun 6 - Fri 11)

## // SPORT

### Eltham High School Volleyball

#### Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup:

Final information for this year's Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup is on the Eltham High Volleyball web page. Click on 'Downloads' – Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup, then Volleyball Players Information. This document contains all the information you should need to survive the week. Students can collect a paper copy of this document from Mr Thomas if they require one. Team lists also appear under "Teams for the Australian Volleyball School's Cup" on the Volleyball homepage.

Action required – The balance was due by Friday, 13 November. Thank you to those who have already made payment. If you are yet to pay, please do so ASAP; **please be aware that only players who have paid may take part in this event.**

The draw is now available for you to view at <http://avsc.org.au/event-info/draws>

Final meeting for players, coaches and managers will be held in the Show Court at 1.06pm on Friday, 4 December. At this meeting players will confirm travel times with their coach and manager for their first match and receive their tournament T-shirt. Usually teams will meet at the Stadium approximately two hours before the scheduled match time to allow time to travel to the venue and warm up prior to the match.

Good luck to all teams taking part in the event and a very big thank you to all coaches and managers for their support during the coming week.

#### State Champion Hoodies:

The State Champion hoodies have been ordered and should be delivered in the next week or so. Please pay \$30 to Mr Thomas prior to picking one up.

#### 2015 Volleyball Dates:

6th–11th December: Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup

If your child has a unique sporting moment or is selected in a state or National team please let us know so we can share the good news. (I have copies of the Nillumbik sporting achievement grant application form if you require one). Email: [tho@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:tho@elthamhs.vic.edu.au)

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**GREG THOMAS, Volleyball/Elite Sports Coordinator**

## // STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

### Parent Support Group: Supporting Young People with Anxiety

A group of parents met with myself on Thursday, 12 November; we had a successful and interesting discussion.

The Group will meet again on **Thursday, 10 December from 6.00pm - 7.00pm**, in the Student Services area.

Agenda:

- What has been helpful for your young person
- What resources are available

Please RSVP to Louise Heathcote via email at [hea@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:hea@elthamhs.vic.edu.au)

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**LOUISE HEATHCOTE, Student Services Leader**

# Community Announcements

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<h2>FREE YOUTH WORKSHOPS</h2> <p>At Shop 48, The Mall, West Heidelberg Thursday's 3:30-5pm</p>		
<p><b>DREAM OUT LOUD</b> Make your own beautiful dream catcher or make a statement with a vision board to take home with you.</p> <hr/> <p>26/11</p>	<p><b>JETS PRESENTS ELECTRONIC MUSIC WITHOUT COMPUTERS</b> Come and try Jets' awesome electronic instruments at Shop 48.</p> <hr/> <p>03/12</p>	
<p><b>JETS PRESENTS ELECTRONIC MUSIC WITHOUT COMPUTERS</b> Come and try Jets' awesome electronic instruments at Shop 48.</p> <hr/> <p>10/12</p>		<p><b>COLOUR ME</b> We will be doing henna, makeup &amp; colour matching and mindful colouring.</p> <hr/> <p>17/12</p>
	<p><b>CREATED BY ME</b> Learn how to make your own beads to create gorgeous jewellery you can take home.</p> <hr/> <p>21/01</p>	<p><b>GIRLS ONLY</b> Come down and have a chat about girls stuff, there will be free activities to try also.</p> <hr/> <p>28/01</p>

For more info call Banyule Youth Service on 9457 9855.





# Community Announcements

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT JETS END OF YEAR CELEBRATION?

YEAH, WHEN IS IT?

**JETS END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!**

IT'S 6-8PM,  
TUESDAY  
8TH  
DECEMBER!

SEE YOU AT JETS!

THERE'S BANDS & FOOD!

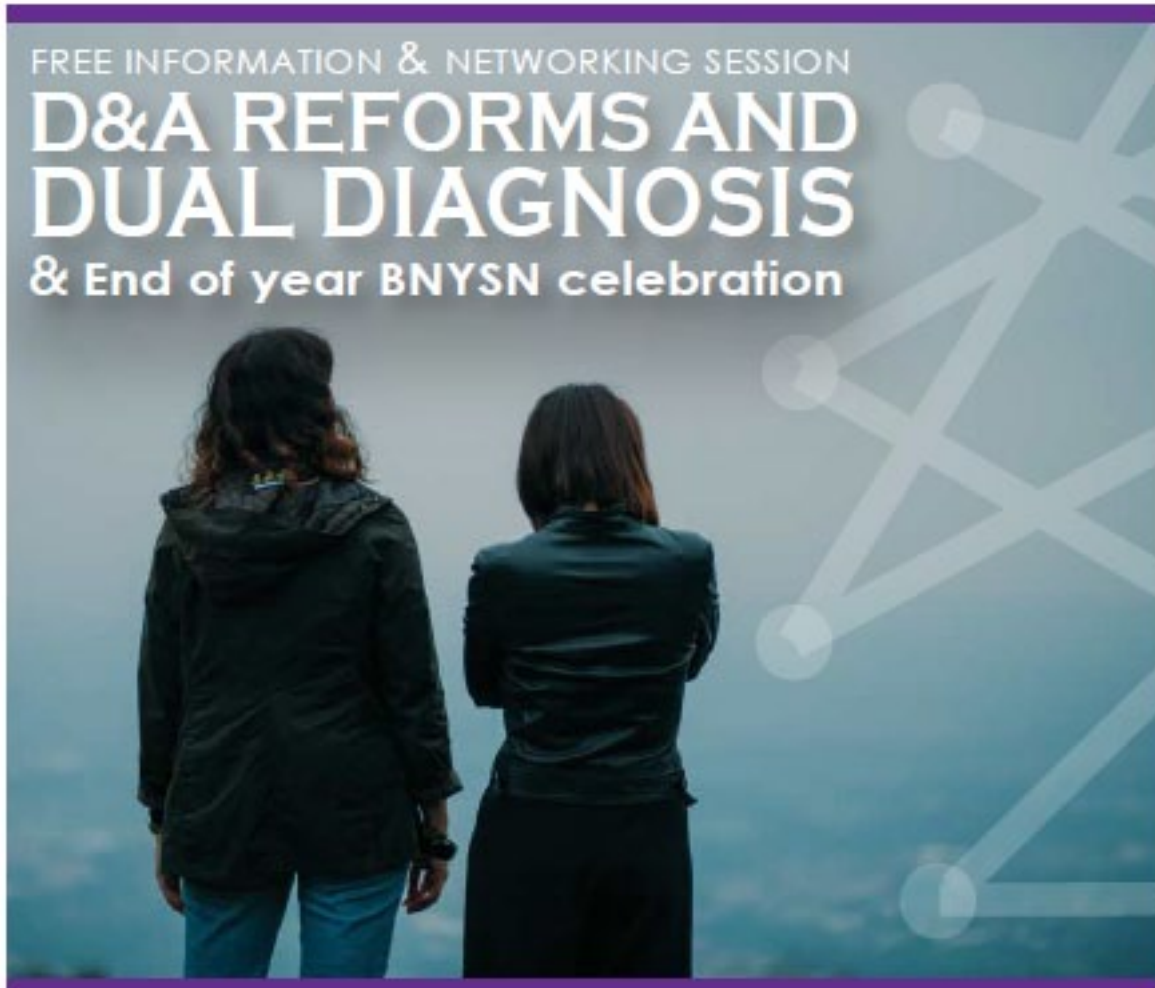
**Banyule**  
CITY COUNCIL

**Banyule Youth Services**

**Jets**  
CREATE EXPRESS CONNECT

## Community Announcements

Open to anyone who works with young people in either or both Banyule & Nillumbik (youth workers, housing workers, teachers, centrelink workers, volunteers etc.)



### Presentation by YSAS/YoDDA.

YoDDA is Victoria's Youth Drug and Alcohol Advice service, auspiced and funded by the Youth Support + Advocacy Service (YSAS). YSAS is a leading youth health not-for-profit agency that enables highly vulnerable and high-risk young people with substance dependence and misuse issues, mental illness and social disconnection to take control of their health and wellbeing.

### When

Mon 14 December  
2.30pm - 4.30pm

### Where

Edendale Farm  
30 Gastons Rd  
Eltham

**More info & RSVP** Lisa | 9457 9897 | [lisa.said@banyule.vic.gov.au](mailto:lisa.said@banyule.vic.gov.au)



# Community Announcements

**UNLIMITED**  
**\$3 SLIDE NIGHT**

LIVE DJ

PHOTO BOOTH

15 JAN 2016  
6 - 9PM

**\$3 ENTRY FOR 12 ~ 17 YEAR OLDS\***  
• UNLIMITED SLIDE USE • SWIMMING • FREE PHOTO BOOTH • DJ

#unlimitedslidenight  
Watermarc – 1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough 3088  
\* Other ages welcome at normal prices

WaterMarc. Banyule CITY COUNCIL Banyule Youth Services

**Flying the Flag for EQUALITY**

Banyule Council will participate in Melbourne's Iconic Pride March on Sunday 31 January 2016 along Fitzroy Street in St Kilda.

Pride March recognises and celebrates Victoria's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) community. Anyone can participate; whether you identify as LGBTI or would just like to show your support.

If you would like to march with us please contact Council's Community and Social Planning Unit on 9490 4222.

# Community Announcements



## BreakThrough: Ice Education for Families

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"Too many families are dealing with the devastating effects of ice. This innovative education program will provide them with the knowledge and skills to look after themselves and support their loved ones through treatment."

Minister for Mental Health, Martin Foley

Turning Point, Self Help Addiction Resource Centre (SHARC) and The Bouverie Centre are pleased to announce the rollout of their Ice Education program, BreakThrough, which will be delivered to more than 1000 Victorians before July 2016.

The first workshops begin this week so for information on workshops in your area and the registration process visit <http://eepurl.com/bGLR8r>

Please contact Turning Point for further information at [www.turningpoint.org.au/education/breakthrough](http://www.turningpoint.org.au/education/breakthrough) or call 1800 ICE ADVICE, Family Drug Helpline 1300 660 068

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