



Eltham High School



Community News

TERM 1 / WEEK 5
Tuesday, 23 February 2021



Friday 26 February
Class of 2020 Reunion

Thursday 04 March
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Achievement

Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series (VCES): Fractured Fairytales

On Monday 1 March, eight of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be involved in the Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series- Fractured Fairy tales (a STEAM initiative). This is part of the Victorian High Ability Student Program.

Part of the VCES guidelines requires students to complete pre-work, which the students will do online.

The actual challenge will also be completed online and will include the use of the Metaverse App, which is an educational resource that will support the challenge.

The activity will be run through KIOSC (Knox Innovation Opportunity & Sustainability Centre) in collaboration with Swinburne University. However, the students will be on site at school.

I wish all the students the very best as they engage in the challenge but most of all I wish them lots of fun and satisfaction.

A big thank you to Qiao Huang, for her support of our students by exploring a range of options for them to challenge themselves and totally engage in their learning.

Australian Open

Congratulations to **Toby Templeton (Year 10, Rutter House)** and **Zane Templeton (Year 7, Rutter House)** on having been selected to support the Australian Open in the role of ballkids. This is a great honour and certainly a position that is contested each year through a rather competitive process.

I think it is important to acknowledge that this year has been a very different year for the Australian Open and the ballkids had very little training due the COVID restrictions.

Regardless Zane did extremely well considering it was his first year. His final match was on Show Court 3 with the Mixed Doubles semi-finals. Zane intends to try out again for next year.

On the other hand, Toby, had some practice through his involvement in previous years and hence was able to apply his understanding of the process to fulfil the requirements of the role in an exemplary manner.

In this, his last year as a ballkid, Toby worked hard and finished in the top 20, a result that saw him selected for the Women's finals.

Well done Toby and Zane!



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FEBRUARY

Wednesday 24

- Intermediate Round Robin Cricket
- Intermediate Round Robin Boys' Tennis
- Intermediate Round Robin Volleyball

Thursday 25

- Year 12 Physical Education Seminar - Skill Acquisition and Bio-Mechanics - Period 1
- Year 9 Recreational Activities - Eltham Bowls Club - Period 1

Friday 26

- Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Overnight Camp: Wilsons Prom
- Class of 2020 Year 12 Formal Reunion
- Year 9 Recreational Activities - Eltham Bowls Club - Period 1

MARCH

Monday 01

- Year 10 Outdoor Education - Indoor Rock Climbing - Period 1 & 2

Wednesday 03

- Year 9 Recreational Activities - Skaterz

Thursday 04

- Year 7 Immunisation Day

Friday 05

- Year 12 Arts and Studio Arts Excursion: Tarrawarra Museum of Art

Tuesday 09

- Eltham High School Athletics Carnival at Doncaster Athletics Track

Wednesday 10

- International Womens Day Breakfast - Pauline Toner Prize Award

Thursday 11

- Year 12 Humanities and Psychology Seminar - Period 1
- Year 10 Outdoor Education - Overnight Hiking / Sea Kayaking Camp

Monday 15

- Year 8 Surf Camp 1 - 8A, 8B & 8C

Tuesday 16

- Year 8 Surf Camp 2 - 8D, 8E & 8F

Wednesday 17

- Year 8 Surf Camp 3 - 8G, 8H & 8J
- Year 9 Recreational Activities - Mini Golf

Thursday 18

- Year 8 Surf Camp 4 - 8K, 8L & 8M

Student Leadership

At the first Year level assemblies for 2021 a number of student leaders spoke to the various year levels about what the school values mean to them. In previous weeks I highlighted the "Pursuit of Excellence" and "Respect for Diversity". This week I present to you the following school value:

Creativity

"Hello everyone. My name is Izzi and I use she/her pronouns.

When you think of creativity, most people will jump straight to art, painting, music, and drama. While these activities are creative, I believe creativity has more of a focus on using and thinking of unique ideas. Every day I use creativity, from solving maths equations to finding more efficient ways to get ready for school... because I usually sleep in and am in a rush. To be creative requires you to think outside the box, try new approaches, and hopefully get a result you are happy with.

We can develop creativity by making a safe and inclusive environment for ourselves and others, maintaining positive relationships, and by not being too quick to turn down ideas. Sometimes you need to have a few bad ideas before your brain starts churning out the good ones. I like to do this by quickly jotting down my thoughts. If it is in word form, I write dot points. If it is visual form, I draw up a grid on my page and fill each square with a different sketch. It usually isn't until about the tenth idea when things start to get good, so don't put yourself down or give up too soon. Try and come up with the wildest thoughts and ideas.

I use this process now, whether it be designing a logo for a record store, or generating ideas for a creative story. This approach works for me but it may not work for you, but I highly recommend trying it and finding a way that suits you.

Creativity is shown to be heavily linked with learning and is a crucial part of our development. You may have heard that playing music or learning a language unlocks a new part of your brain, well, so does being creative. Being open minded to solve problems helps our brain not only understand, but also retain knowledge, which is very handy.

Yes, creativity is definitely part of your art class, but it is also part of your everyday life, and I encourage you all to use it.

Thank you."

Izzi Rowley (Year 11, Andrew House)

School Swimming Carnival

Our School Swimming Carnival was a great success. It was great to see the majority of our student body at Aquarena engaging and enjoying the activities that had been planned for the day.

The students were exemplary both in their behaviour and in the way that they supported and encouraged each other to make the most out of the day. As you may recall it was a very warm day and the first day back after the five day lockdown.

It was great to see all of our students come together and celebrating what it means to be part of this amazing learning community through such a fun and social event.

Outside of this I know that a number of swimming records were broken which places our school in a very good spot with upcoming interschool events.

I will not steal the Students Leaders' thunder as I am sure that they will communicate the results of the day, the winning house and the establishment of new swim records in their section of this Newsletter.

I want to thank all of our students and staff for a great day and in particular I thank our two sports coordinators (Bree Pascoe and Nic Cooper) for their organisation of the day. Furthermore, I thank the entire PE/Sports faculty for its support of the Sports Coordinators on the day.

A great Day was had by all.

We now look forwards to another enjoyable and successful day at the upcoming Athletics Carnival.



Friday 19 • Year 9 Recreational Activities - Mini Golf
Monday 22 • Year 12 Tutorial - Learning Tips and Techniques to Help You...
Thursday 25 • Year 11 Camp
Wednesday 31 • Year 9 Recreational Activities - Ice Skating
APRIL
Thursday 01 • Year 11 English 'Maus' History Seminar
Monday 19 • Year 10 Tutorial - Tim Cope Adventures Seminar
Thursday 22 • Year 12 Literature Creative SAT Workshop

Wearing of Face Masks at School

As per the directions of the Victorian Chief Health Officer from 11:59pm, Wednesday 17 February 2021:

- School staff and secondary school students must wear a face mask indoors at school, unless an exception applies. Students should have a mask on them at all times and if when outdoors they cannot maintain 1.5m distance from others they are encouraged to use their mask.
- Visitors to school sites must also observe this guidance.
- Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older on public transport and when in taxis or ride share vehicles. This includes travelling to and from school on public transport or in a vehicle with others not from your household.
- There are [a number of lawful excuses for not wearing a face mask](#), including for staff and students who are unable to wear a face mask due to the nature of their disability. This includes students or staff who have a medical condition, such as a breathing problem, a serious skin condition on the face, or a mental health condition.
- School staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching or caring, but those who wish to do so, can.
- Health, wellbeing and inclusion staff are required to wear face masks indoors, unless an exemption applies, including the need for 'clear enunciation or visibility of their mouth' (for example, when undertaking a speech therapy intervention or working with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing).

A face mask must cover the nose and mouth. Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet these requirements.

Parents/guardians please ensure that your child is provided with a face mask.

Eventhough this request has been made on numerous occasions, there are still some students arriving at school without a face mask. The school has no washable masks left and to date the school has provided some single use masks for students who do not have one but our reserves of these is being quickly depleted that we only have some left for emergency situations: e.g. when a student's mask breaks during the day etc.

Once again, **parents/guardians, please ensure that your child(ren) arrive(s) as school with a face mask.**

I thank you in advance for your support with this.

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VINCENT SICARI, Principal

PARENTS AND CARERS

2021 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 2021 are now open, through until the end of term 2, 2021. If you applied for the CSEF at Eltham High School in 2020, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 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 2021 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments: your child has started or changed schools in 2021 or you did not apply at the same school in 2020 or
- Changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

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.

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CATHERINE ZERNA, Finance Manager

CANTEEN ROSTER

If you would like to volunteer for our canteen in 2021 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: Tuesday
Location: Room 302
Time: Lunchtime
Steve Ford
Eltham High School Anthology
Coordinator

Eltham High School STEM Club

When: Every second Wednesday
Location: Room 802
Time: Lunchtime
Anam Javed
Eltham High School Science
Coordinator

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Year 8 Camp

During the week of March 15-19, all Year 8 students will participate in a 2 day Surf Camp at Lorne. Dates are shown below, information will be distributed to students in the near future.

8A, 8B & 8C:	Monday 15 - Tuesday 16 March
8D, 8E & 8F:	Tuesday 16 - Wednesday 17 March
8G, 8H & 8J:	Wednesday 17 - Thursday 18 March
8K, 8L & 8M:	Thursday 18 - Friday 19 March.

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ROSS MCKINNON, Middle School Team Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL

Senior School Administrative Dates Calendar 2021

Information pertaining to Year level programs, events, assemblies, examination and transition dates have been forwarded to all students across Years 10-12.

2021 VCE Agreement Form

Students undertaking studies in VCE are asked to review the document distributed during the Headstart program outlining rules and requirements pertaining to attendance, School Assessed Coursework and School Assessed Tasks in addition to redemption processes to ensure all requirements are met.

A reminder to students that all signed VCE agreement forms are now due and request these be submitted to the Senior School Office.

2021 VCE Special Exam Arrangements Applications - Students Undertaking VCE Unit 3 & 4 Studies

The VCAA Special Provision unit accepts online Special Examination Arrangement applications that may be approved to meet the needs of students who have disabilities, illnesses or other circumstances that would affect their ability to access a VCE external assessment.

The school will make the application to the VCAA on behalf students and each application is considered on the basis of independent professional and/or educational and academic assessments, any school-based evidence and recommendations provided with the application.

Students are therefore required to arrange a meeting time with their coordinator to discuss the application process and complete the school based component of the application.

All Special Exam Arrangements applications for the 2021 external assessments will be due to the VCAA by **Thursday 1 April, 2021**.

Please access the link below for further information relating to eligibility for Special Exam arrangements applications.

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/administration/special-provision/Pages/SpecialExaminationArrangements.aspx>

Families are asked to contact the Senior School Coordination team with any questions or queries in relation to the SEA applications.

2021 Timed Assessment Sessions and Seminar Program

All students undertaking the VCE Program have received the Semester 1, 2021 Timed Assessment session and Seminar Program. It includes SAC and SAT dates for specific subjects and the seminars that have been scheduled as part of the students' timetabled program. This will also appear on students' individual Compass schedule.

Year 11 Camp at Forest Edge: 25 - 26 March, 2021

Students are asked to return their medical form for the upcoming camp to the Senior School Office at their earliest convenience. These forms are now overdue and students must submit their activity preferences and dietary information via the Google doc link forwarded electronically.

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ANNA PANAS, Senior School Leader

SPORT



Swimming Carnival

Last week, on Thursday 18 February, we had our annual swimming carnival where our four houses competed against each other in a series of events throughout the day. Students could compete in solo or relay events along with novelty events such as a diving (or belly flop) competition, and a water slide.

After an exciting summer day of heated events, the results were in. For the girls' competitions, Andrew brought home gold with 226 points, but as for the boys' scores, Everard beat out Andrew by over 81 points, leaving them on 312. It was a close match overall, but with all scores combined, Everard came out on top with 518 points, followed by Andrew, Rutter, then Stewart. Team scores aside, five Eltham High School records were broken this year.

Conor Hayes (Year 9 Everard House) set a whopping four new records for the boys' 50m, 200m, and 400m freestyle and the boys' 50m fly. Things must have gone swimmingly for him. Along with this, Rutter took home a shiny new record for the boys' 4x50m freestyle relay.

Congratulations to everyone who competed in the swimming carnival, whether you won a ribbon or not.

Jason Burpee (Year 11 Rutter House) and
Rhys Barwise (Year 11 Rutter House), Comms Team,

Senior Boys and Girls Basketball

Congratulations to both the Senior Girls and Senior Boys Basketball teams on progressing through to the Northern Regional finals.

Both A Teams were undefeated on the day beating Montmorency, Diamond Valley and St Helena to advance to the Northern Regional finals.

The B Girls team were also undefeated beating both St Helena and Diamond Valley. The B Boys had one win and one loss on the day.

A fantastic effort by all.

Interschool Sport

Eltham High School 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. There is an associated cost for participating in the Inter-School Sports Program - \$20 per student. This helps contribute to the upkeep of Team Uniforms, Equipment and Transport. Payment and Permission is given through the 'Compass' Portal and must be completed 48 hours prior to the event in order for students to attend. Hand written notes will no longer be accepted on the day of competition. Students can participate in one sport per term - Competitions are held on the same day.

Sports for Term 1 are as follows:

Intermediate (Year 9 and 10) – Wednesday 24 February

Cricket, Baseball, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball

Year 7 – Thursday 18 March

Cricket, Baseball, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball

Year 8 – Tuesday 30 March

Cricket, Baseball, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball

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.

For any questions regarding the Sports Program, please feel free to contact us at school.

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NIC COOPER and BREE PASCOE, Sports Coordinators

ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL SWIM SQUAD

Our Eltham High School Swim Squad runs on **Thursday mornings from 7:00am to 8:00am** before school at the Eltham Leisure Centre and is a great way to keep fit, have fun, learn some new skills and make great friends. Squad can be a great way to train for swim sports and then move on into our district and state teams, or do it just for fun! Students from all year levels and ability levels are invited to sign up for Semester 1 and become one of our squad members. Each week we work on developing confidence, fitness and stroke with the emphasis on having fun and becoming part of a positive team of students who support each other both in the pool and around the school environment. After squad, students come together in the main staffroom at school for hot chocolate before classes commence for the day.

The Squad is instructed by accomplished swimmer and Coach, Neroli Nixon. Cost for Semester 1 is \$170.00 which covers pool entry, lane hire and coaching. New Squad Members are most welcome! Meet on the pool deck at Eltham Leisure Centre by 7:00am each Thursday. **Payment for Semester 1 is payable to the School Cashier prior to 18 February.**

Swim Squad for Semester 1 commences on Thursday 4 February 2021.

What to bring:

- Bathers
- Towel
- Goggles
- Clothes for school
- Food for breakfast

Our Eltham High School Swim Squad is a self-funded, 'user pays' activity and payment is required at the commencement of each semester. Semester fees cover the cost of coaching, pool fees as well as hot chocolate each week and the annual end of year breakfast held after the Lap-a-thon event in term 4 (an event we run to raise money and awareness for a charity the group decides upon each year).

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Phil Boyd at bod@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WORKING BEE DATES

2020

Working Bee Dates

We are always seeking new members for our Grounds Committee.

If you would like to get involved please contact Tim Natoli via email: nao@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Our first Working Bee will be held on Sunday 21 February from 9:00am - 12:00pm

More information will follow if next weeks newsletter and we hope to see you there.

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PHIL BOYD, Swim Squad Coordinator

VOLLEYBALL

The Program

Eltham High School has a rich and long history of involvement and success in volleyball. For over 25 years the school has run an Elite Sports Program for students we feel show talent or athletic potential to develop into good volleyball players. Many Eltham High School players regularly represented Victoria, as well as involvement in Volleyball Australia National Programs. The ultimate aim of Volleyball at Eltham High School is to have fun while playing.

Tournament and Training Expectations - Volleyball Victoria Schools' Cup Events

Tournaments and training are mostly during the week. However, the Volleyball Victoria Schools' Cup 4 day event does go across a weekend. All selected students must be available for this tournament. Please place the date in your calendars and make necessary arrangements.

Year 7 and 8 teams will also play in the Volleyball Victoria Schools' Cup One Day Tournament. This is a preparation tournament so they can familiarise with the expectations of a Volleyball event.

1 Day Tournament - Wednesday 5 May / *VVSC - 4 Day: Thursday July 29 - Sunday August 1

Premier League

In 2021 Eltham High School along with Victoria's two Sports Academy Schools will be competing in the Volleyball Premier League. This involves select teams and players representing the school in three Round Robin days against Rowville Secondary College and Maribyrnong Secondary College. These teams and players have yet to be selected, therefore the cost and organisation of these events will run the same way as interschool sports.

ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS
WHY NOT GET INVOLVED!

Chess Club

When: Friday Lunchtime
Location: Library
Junior School Team

Drama

When: Wednesday (Junior)
Thursday (Senior)
Location: 111 Drama Space
Time: 3.20pm – 5.00pm
Ryan Patterson, Drama Teacher

Scrambled Prince Workshops

When: Thursday
Location: 111 Drama Space
Time: 5.0pm – 7.00pm
Ryan Patterson, Drama Teacher

Interschool Debating Team

When: Monday Lunchtime
Location: Room 301
Bindhu Rajendra
Debating Coordinator

PRISIM

(People - Respecting - Individual's -
Sexuality - Identity - Movement)
When: Friday Lunchtime
Location: Student Services
Matthew Hapsberg
PRISM Leader

Tournament of Minds (Year 7 - 10)

When: Tuesday Lunchtime Term 2 and 3
Location: Room 154
Loren Clarke and Naomi Edrees
Tournament of Minds Coordinators

Language Conversation Club

When: Tuesday Lunchtime
Indonesian Club: Room 610
French Club: Room 612
Catherine Considine Languages KLA
Coordinator

STEM Club

When: Monday Lunchtime (Week B)
Anam Javed STEM Club Coordinator

Saturday Volleyball Competition

All teams will be offered the opportunity to play Volleyball as a weekend sport for the school. This is not compulsory, and teams will only be formed if sufficient numbers are available. An additional cost for those participating will be applied. Information for this opportunity will be sent at a later date.

End of Year Tournament

Finally, students involved in the program will participate in an end of year tournament, which will be in the first week of December for five days. This will be either the Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup on the Gold Coast, or the Victorian Open in Melbourne. Costs for these will be communicated after the Victorian Volleyball Schools' Cup.

Training

Students are expected to attend training at school throughout the year. If they are unable to attend they must let either their coach or Mr Young know as soon as they are aware.

An outline of training has been provided, a specific training schedule will be distributed for each team.

Year 7

- Year 7 Sport
- One lunchtime a week
- Encouraged to participate in After School Volleyball competitions held on Thursday 3:15 - 4:15pm

Year 8

- Year 8 Sport
- One Lunchtime a week
- One Morning or Afterschool session a week

Year 9

- One Morning Session
- Encouraged to participate in Saturday Competition.

Year 10

- One Morning Session
- Encouraged to participate in Saturday Competition.

Year 11 and 12

- One Morning Session
- Encouraged to participate in Saturday Competition.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Anthony Young at yoo@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

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ANTHONY YOUNG, Volleyball Coach

ART

What's Happening in The Arts?

The short answer is a lot!

There are a number of exciting programs and unique learning opportunities planned for both the Performing and Visual Arts that students can engage in. These include workshops, incursions, excursions and lunchtime clubs.

Each week we will introduce you to some of the activities on offer and upcoming events so stay tuned.

This week we outline some of the opportunities for Senior Arts students and introduce the Year 7 Art club.

Additional Lunchtime Classes For VCE Arts Students

VCE Arts Teachers have arranged lunchtime classes for their subjects so that students can gain additional support and access specialist materials and equipment.

Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity provided by their teachers.

Additional sessions are offered:

Art: Monday and Friday lunchtimes / Monday after school Room 613 (Ms Foote)

Music: Tuesdays Room 904 (Ms Williams) / Fridays Room 904 (Mr Piras)

Photography: Wednesday Lunchtime Folio Workshops Room 601 (Mr Matters)
Studio Arts: Art Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday lunchtimes
Room 608 (Ms Leiner)
VCD: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes Room 412
After school class every Thursday Room 412

Life Drawing Opportunity For Senior Arts Students and Interested Teachers.

Eltham High School has collaborated with Nyora Studio Gallery to offer exclusive Life Drawing Classes for our Senior Arts 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 March 18. The cost is \$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. Some materials will be provided.

Sessions will run on **Thursdays 5:00-7:00pm**.

Places are limited to only 12 participants so if you are interested email Lisa Foote ASAP foo@elthamhs.vic.edu.au. N.B.- Participants will need to make their own way to and from the studio

Life Drawing at Nyora Studio Gallery

1st block - Thursdays 5:00-7:00pm (March 18, 25, April 22, 29 and, May 6, 13)

2nd block - Thursdays 5:00-7:00pm (May 20, 27 and June 3, 10, 17, 23)

Attention Year 12 Art and Studio Arts Students

KickstART is a student driven program that ArtEdVic presents in partnership with the National Gallery of Victoria to support VCE Studio Arts and VCE Arts students and teachers.

Hear from NGV Top Arts exhibitors, high achieving students and Top Arts curator David Menzies to help current students gain inspiration and insight into VCE requirements.

We invite VCE students to join us and be empowered to further develop your folio and artwork.

Tickets can be booked online. See your teacher for more details.

Saturday 27 February 2021

Session 1: VCE ART | 10am - 12:45pm

10:00am -12:00pm | Presentations

12:00pm -12:45pm | Folio Viewing (Optional)

Session 2: VCE STUDIO ARTS | 2:00pm - 4:45pm

2:00pm - 4:00pm | Presentations

4:00pm - 4:45pm | Folio Viewing (Optional)

Year 7 Art Club

Thursday Lunchtimes commencing Thursday 25 February in Room 613

The Art club is an opportunity for Year 7 students who enjoy art and love being creative to meet and connect with other likeminded students.

Students don't have to be good at art to join. If they enjoy making and creating and would like to make some new friendships this could be the group for them.

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.

The Art Club will run every Thursday lunchtime commencing Thursday 25, February.

If you have any questions contact Lisa Foote foo@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Otherwise students can turn up any Thursday at Room 613.

LISA FOOTE, Arts Coordinator

Charlotte Mercer 8H - Apple and berry turnovers



Archer Dickson 8H - Apple roll with custard



Soren Kean 8H - Cookies



Hannah Lingard 9A - Cupcakes



Sophie Keane 9L - Cupcakes with passionfruit glaze



Maisie Walsh 9J - Cupcakes



FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Food Technology would like to acknowledge the work of our Food students during the most recent lock down.

Students were tasked with making something at home in place of their normal cooking class at school.

Please enjoy the pictures below demonstrating the resilience and adaptability of our learners.

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NAOMI MCQUEEN, Food Technology Teacher

LANGUAGES

2021 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 for 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.

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!

Alliance Française French Film Festival 2021

Bonjour les parents!

The annual Alliance Française French Film Festival is opening in Melbourne very soon (3 to 31 March)!

We're hoping to organise a French student excursion to the festival but strongly encourage all you Francophiles and cinephiles out there to embrace French culture via the screen. It's been a long time since many of us have been to the cinema. Wishing you all "une très bonne séance"!

You can find more information online: <https://www.affrenchfilmfestival.org/melbourne>

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CATHERINE CONSIDINE, Languages Coordinator

SCIENCE

The 12th BrainSTEM Innovation Challenge

The 12th Innovation Challenge is set to run from **8 March to 15 June 2021**, starting off with the Kickstarter event on Monday 8 March.

Due to the situation with COVID-19 and the measures currently in place in Australia, the Kickstarter will be online. Hopefully, mentors and students will be able to meet in person at some point but please keep in mind that it is likely that the entire Innovation Challenge will have to be online.

Both the 10th and 11th Innovation Challenges were run online, using Slack for day-to-day communications and all team-mentor meetings through Zoom or Microsoft Teams.

What is the BrainSTEM Innovation Challenge?

The BrainSTEM Innovation Challenge is a program designed to match up a university or research facility academic who specializes in the STEM field, with a group of four Year 9 or Year 10 students from a high school (Melbourne or otherwise), to develop a STEM innovation with a real-world application.

What will I get from BrainSTEM?

BrainSTEM gives you the unique opportunity to work with someone who specializes in their field, and experience the research methodology (and hopefully results!) that come from simple idea development. It is hoped that you will finish the program with the following characteristics:

- Well-developed teamwork skills
- The ability to effectively juggle your BrainSTEM, studies, work and family commitments;
- Heightened innovation, creativity, design, and presentation skills;
- A professional approach to situations and people;
- Confidence in your ability to conceive an idea and then see it through to completion;
- A sense of accomplishment and pride in your endeavours.

This program is open to anyone interested in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths.

Application forms are available from the Art/Technology Office (Room 603).

If you're interested in taking part or simply want more information, see Mr Coventry in the Art/Technology (603), or by email: cov@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

ROB COVENTRY, Technology Coordinator

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club has started up again at school. Students got together for some friendly matches during lunchtime last week. There was a great turnout of students of all ability levels.

Student leaders **Rowan Fyfe (Year 11, Andrew House)** and **Nicholas Makridis (Year 11, Stewart House)** will run the club, with the assistance of teacher Gabriel Piras.

As well as casual playing, the **Eltham High School Tournament starts on Wednesday 24 February**, so please sign up!

Chess club runs every **Wednesday during lunchtime in Room 400A.**

GABRIEL PIRAS, Chess Club Coordinator

ICT

Student Laptops

Please note that students should be using a current Surface Pro laptop for their schoolwork. It is an expectation of the school that every student have a charged laptop for use in all of their classes. Students are able to borrow a laptop for a period from the library if theirs has been left at home or has run out of charge. This can be done 3 times per term.

If your child needs a new computer, we are using JB HiFi as our preferred supplier; the options listed are package deals which include a protective case, pen (stylus) and keyboard. The link to access the site is jbeducation.com.au/byod/ and the access code is **EHS2021**

If there are any issues regarding laptops not working, please contact the IT helpdesk either in person in the library or by emailing helpdesk@elthamhs.vic.edu.au. Students are able to leave laptops at helpdesk to charge at recess and lunch if needed.

If a laptop is being repaired, or your child will be without a laptop for more than a couple of days, please contact Natalie Heath at het@elthamhs.vic.edu.au or **9430 5142** so that we can help to continue to support students in their learning.

NATALIE HEATH, eLearning/ICT Leader



LEGO CLUB

Request for Donations of Lego

Our Eltham High School Lego Club is a fun place for Lego lovers to meet new friends and be creative. Our club is seeking donations of good quality Lego to improve our resources. Please drop off any donations of Lego at the General Office if you can help our club.

KAYLA BERTONCINI and LISA CASTLES, Lego Club Coordinators

STUDENT SERVICES

Level Up Your Art Skills With Art For Teenagers

Living and Learning Nillumbik and local artist Max Kaskamanidis are hosting fun and friendly Art for Teenagers courses, starting in February.

Participants have the opportunity to exhibit in the end of year diversARTy exhibition at Eltham Library Gallery to celebrate their achievements with friends and family.

Places are limited for the February intake. For more information and to register, click the button below.

[Apply Now](#)

Teens and Young Adult Climate Change Chill-Out

Learn how you can take action on climate change!

Clean Energy Nillumbik presents the Teens and Young Adult Climate Change Chill-Out, a discussion on climate change and how it's experienced as a young person.

Open to young people aged 13-21, you'll get the chance to talk about how it feels to be a young person facing a climate-different future and what practical action can be taken around Nillumbik to change the way our community thinks about climate change and prepare our families for a different kind of climate.

This is a great place to start if you want to take action but aren't sure how to yet. Clean Energy Nillumbik are running this event on Saturday 27 February at 2pm. To register, click the button below.

[RVSP Now](#)

The Push has Launched Push Records!

Opportunities to join the team or the artist roster

Push Records is a youth-led record label that signs and releases new music made by young artists, for young audiences.

This six-month learning program provides both industry and artist participants with an opportunity to gain practical experience and establish their networks within the industry; while being mentored by record label professionals and other experienced artists, recording engineers and producers.

Applications are now open to join the Push Records team and the artist roster. For more info, press the button below.

[Apply for Push Records](#)

Headspace Digital Work and Study Service

If you're unsure about what's next, don't know where to start with looking for a job or how to work out what you might want to study, headspace Work and Study can help.

The service is tailored to your needs and can support young people to develop the skills and confidence to reach your work or study goals.

It's all online and it's totally free!

For more info, head to headspace.org.au/young-people/digital-work-and-study-program

LOUISE HEATHCOTE, Student Services Leader

BASELINE PRESENTS

Parents Building Solutions - for teens (8-week program)

Come along to these sessions to learn strategies, share stories and take time out for you!



Recommended for: parents/carers of young people (aged 10-25)
Facilitated by Anglicare ParentZone and Baseline

Do you want to:

- Help your teen cope in a chaotic world?
- Improve your teen's confidence and self-esteem?
- Help your teen to deal with anxious feelings?
- Develop strategies to manage anger?
- Talk so your teens will listen?

When: Every Wednesday 10 February to 31 March 2021

Where: Online

Time: 10am – 11.30am

Bookings: Booking is essential and must be done via trybooking.com/BMQYN

Enquiries: Contact Council's Family Services Education Officer by phoning 9404 8865 or via email familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au



Baseline FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



www.whittleseyouth.com
e. baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
p. 9404 8800



Tuning in to Teens

Would you like to help your teen to learn how to manage their emotions? Would you like to help prevent behavioural problems in your teen? Tuning in to Teens is a 6 week parenting programme that shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence.

Would you like to learn how to:
Be better at talking with your teen?
Be better at understanding your teen?
Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
Help prevent behavioral problems in your teen?
Teach your teen to deal with conflict?

DATE: Mondays (6 weeks)
8th February – 22nd March 2021
TIME: 6.00pm to 8.00pm
WHERE: Zoom
COST: This session is free of charge but registration is essential

For bookings & inquiries contact: ParentZone on
03 8641 8900 or 0458 550 071
Email parentzone.northern@anglicarevic.org.au



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**BETTER
TOMORROWS**

Tuning in to Teens™

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

This six-session online parenting program is for parents of tweens & teens aged from 10-16 years

We live in a changing world today where parenting can be complex.

Tuning in to Teens™ can support you with:

- being able to better connect with your teen
- talking with your teen about the challenges they face
- support your teen to better manage their emotions
- helping to prevent behaviour problems in your teen
- teaching your teen to deal with conflict



Tuning in to Teens™

will support & guide you in helping your teen develop *Emotional Intelligence* in a safe and interactive group setting

Adolescents with higher Emotional Intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater ability to connect with others
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Online via Zoom

When: Wednesdays 24th Feb-31st March 7.30-9 pm AEDT

Cost: \$190 / \$270 couples

For more information

www.theparentingjourney.com.au

For all enquiries please call:

Kate Culy: 0404 042 789 or
Jodie Harris: 0412 822 858



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**YOUTH MAKING
A DIFFERENCE**



DIAMOND VALLEY
community support



Diamond Valley Community Support

The DVCS YMAD (Youth Making a Difference) Project is a 6-month project focused on bringing local young people together to work on small projects in Banyule and Nillumbik to support other local young people who are doing it tough.

Why: Because Youth working together Make a Difference and have a greater impact in our community.

Diamond Valley Community Support (**DVCS**) is a not-for-profit charitable organisation that has been serving the local Diamond Valley community since 1972. DVCS services are free, confidential, impartial and independent. We assist over 2,000 people experiencing financial and/or personal hardship each year, and we are supported by more than 100 volunteers and 5 staff.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Emergency Relief, Material Aid
- Food Support, Transport Support
- Education Support
- Homelessness & Hygiene Support
- Financial and Personal Counselling
- Family Legal Service, Tax Help
- Public Internet & Computer Kiosk

DVCS recognises that young people are some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in our local community. Young people face greater barriers when it comes to access to education, employment, housing, and transport to name a few. However young people are also the experts on devising solutions to address their own barriers and to lead the way.





Eltham Junior Football Club

REGISTRATION

NOW OPEN

Boys Under 9's to 17's

Girls Under 10's to 18's

All new players welcome

To register and preseason training
details go to

www.elthamjfc.com.au

Mobile: 0412 148 341



FOOTY IS BACK!

Research Junior Football Club

2019 Finalist NFNL Junior Club of the Year

Offering teams for Girls, Boys and Mixed from Under 9's
through to U18's as well as a fantastic Auskick Program

WELCOMING NEW PLAYERS NOW!

For more information, email via secretary@researchjuniorfc.com or visit
our website www.researchjuniorfc.com.au

UPCOMING DATES:

REGISTRATION DAY, SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY

(11.30am – 2.30pm) @ Research Park

RETURN TO RESEARCH PARK DAY - (MARCH - TBC)



GO SEARCHERS

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