



Eltham High School



Community News

TERM 4/ WEEK 7
Tuesday, 16 November 2021



Thursday 18 November

Last day of Year 10 Classes before Year 11 Headstart Program commences

Friday 19 November

Curriculum Day (No scheduled classes)

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Achievement: Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program - Class 2023

Congratulations to **Brandon Inglis (Year 10, Stewart House)** for having been selected by the University of Melbourne as one of the Class of 2023 Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars.

Students selected as Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars will become part of a supportive University community and peer network through a tailored program of events and activities. The school will work with the University over the next two years to help our future leaders reach their potential.

The University received 1500 incredible applications and it was students' academic achievements and community involvement that really impressed the selection panel. This is an outstanding accolade for Brandon but also for Eltham high School. I take this opportunity to wish Brandon all the best as he begins his engagement with the program in 2022 and joins a group of like minded young people.

I also congratulate all the other students who submitted an application for consideration for the program. Whilst not successful in gaining a place in this program, I am very proud of your willingness to put yourselves out there and submit an application. We will certainly be keeping an eye out for other opportunities that present themselves for you to engage in. Some will come our way.

Year 12, Year 11 and Year 10 Exams

The Year 12 and Year 11 exams are close to finishing. Year 10 Students are completing their formal learning program on Thursday 18 November and will be starting exams next week. The Year 11 to Year 12 Headstart program is also in place from the 17 November. Things are moving ahead smoothly and I take this opportunity to wish all our students the best as the year progressively closes for these senior levels and as they begin their preparation for 2022.

Year 12 Valedictory Evening

The Year 12 Valedictory Evening for the Class of 2021 will take place on **Thursday 18 November starting at 7:00pm in the Nalleijerring Performance Centre.**

Whilst it is unfortunate that we cannot accommodate parents in the live event, we will be live streaming the celebration thus allowing not just parents but also extended family the opportunity to be part of this very important right of passage for our young people.

I want to acknowledge the hard work that has been undertaken by the Senior School Team to organise the event in such a short time frame than normal seeing that only a few weeks ago we were faced with the possibility that the event would not proceed.

I don't want to give too much away but I will say that the evening will give us all the opportunity to acknowledge the commitment, resilience, and achievement of our young people and to celebrate the end of their secondary education together. A fitting manner to send them on their way.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021

ALL DATES ARE DEPENDENT ON COVID RESTRICTIONS

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 17 - Wednesday 01 December

- Year 11 into Year 12 Headstart Orientation Program for 2022

Thursday 18

- Last day of Year 10 Classes
- Year 12 Valedictory Evening - 7:00pm The Nallejerring Performance Centre

Friday 19

- Curriculum Day (No scheduled classes)

Monday 22 - Monday 29

- Year 10 Examinations

Tuesday 30

- Year 9 Examinations

Tuesday 30 - Monday 06 December

- Year 10 into Year 11 Headstart Orientation Program for 2022

DECEMBER

Wednesday 01

- Year 9 Examinations

Sunday 05

- Working Bee 9:00am - 12:00pm

Wednesday 08

- 2021 Year 12 Formal at Centre Ivanhoe

Monday 13

- Year 7 into Year 8 Orientation Program

The Year 12 Formal, in early December will proceed as planned. More on these two events in upcoming editions of the newsletter.

Curriculum Day

On Friday 19 November the school will be holding a Curriculum Day. This is a student - free day, so I ask parents to ensure that students will be supervised at home.

On this day staff will be working on the planning for 2022 taking into consideration the impacts of the various lockdowns throughout this year and how we will need to approach our work to best support student learning in 2022.

This day was planned for earlier in the term, but it coincided with the students' return to onsite learning. The day is necessary to provide the teachers uninterrupted time to undertake some of this work. I thank you for your support.

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VINCENT SICARI, Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Working Bee Term 4, 2021

An invitation is extended to families to join our school working bee that is scheduled for **Sunday 5 December between 9:00am - 12:00pm**. The grounds committee will be identifying the tasks to be undertaken but generally the work will consist of garden maintenance including weeding, mulching and mowing.

We are hoping you are able to spare a few hours to join us. Morning tea will be provided on the day.

Attendees are asked to bring their own gloves if they have these available.

All families will be required to QR code on arrival.

If you are interested in attending please reply to Anna Panas pan@elthamhs.vic.edu.au by Friday 26 November, 2021 or ring the General Office 9430 5111.

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ANNA PANAS, Assistant Principal (Acting)

PARENTS AND CARERS

2022 School Council Approved Contributions

All families received a Compass News Feed on 29 October outlining the 2022 School Council Approved Contributions and attached to this was the Parent Payment Letters providing an explanation of contributions for each year level.

Our preferred payment method is via Compass Payments. A Parent Guide explaining the new billing platform was attached to the News Feed on 29 October. You can choose to pay contributions in full or via three instalments in February, March and April. You will always be able to access the Compass Payments Centre, so you have the option of making a part payment now and a further payment later in the school year. Year 9 - 12 Elective Curriculum Contributions will be available to pay via Compass Events once enrolments have been finalised.

If you choose to make a payment of Contributions by cash or credit card, please complete the Non-Compass Payment Form included in the Parent Payment Letters and return to the General Office with your payment.

If you have credit available on your family account you can use this towards any outstanding charges for the 2021 calendar year or earlier by completing the Family Statement Credit Allocation Request Form and return to the General Office for processing.

Due to changes in the Parent Payment Policy and functionality within the new Billing module of Compass, we regret that we are unable to allocate credits on family accounts towards the 2022 School Contributions.

We encourage you to contact accounts via email on accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au or phone 9430 5118 to obtain a Family Refund Request Form to allow us to process a refund to your nominated bank account.

If you have any queries regarding School Council Approved Contributions for 2022, please don't hesitate to contact the General Office on 9430 5111.

General Compass Information

Please note the following when using the Compass App on your phone.

- For full functionality of the Compass App on your phone you must be in full browser mode to access the full functionality within Compass. If it appears you do not have all the information on screen please check that you are in full browser mode in the first instance.
- When using the Compass App on your phone for your own security and privacy reasons you should log into the Compass App when you need to for consent and payments or reviewing information on your parent portal then log out when you are finished.

CATHERINE ZERNA, Office Manager

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Year 9 2022 Elective Subjects

Later this week our current Year 8 students will receive an email that contains a link to a website that will allow them to see their subject choices for next year. Any students who wish to request a change to their subjects will need to use the proforma attached to a Compass Newsfeed that will also be sent this week. Please note that the only reasons a change of subject will be considered are:

1. You were given a subject that did not appear anywhere in your selections, including reserve choices
2. You have missed out on a core subject (PE, a Cornerstone subject, History, Geography, Science)

Year 9 Student Computers

Recent Newsletters have contained information about the recommendation for Year 9 students to purchase a new computer for their last 3 years at Eltham High School. It is important that all students have a functioning computer. Replacement at the end of the 3 year warranty period helps to ensure that this is the case.

Booklists

Hard copy booklists will be distributed to students by the end of this week. This information can also be accessed through:

<http://www.elthamhs.vic.edu.au/parentinformation.html>

Dress Code

All students are reminded that Eltham High School has a dress code. Warm weather is not a reason to breach the school expectations regarding the dress code.

Mobile Phone Policy

One of the challenges with returning to onsite schooling is remembering, and remembering to comply with school policies. The school policy regarding mobile phones has not changed.

If students bring their phone to school it should remain in their locker from the start of the school day until the end of the school day.

ROSS MCKINNON, Middle School Team Leader

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

SENIOR SCHOOL

Booklists

Year 10 and Year 11 students received a hard copy of the Year 11 and 12 Booklist for 2022. This information can also be accessed through:

<http://www.elthamhs.vic.edu.au/parentinformation.html>

Year 10 Exams

Year 10 exams run from Monday 22 to Monday 29 November. Followed by Year 11 2022 Headstart from Tuesday 30 November to Monday 6 December.

Year 12 2022 Headstart

Year 11s begin their Year 12 journey on Wednesday with the Headstart program from 17 November to 1 December. It is important that if students are ill and cannot attend that they contact their coordinator.

Year 12 End of Year

The Valedictory Evening with all students is in the The Nalleijerring Performance Centre, starting at 7:00pm on Thursday 18 November. This will be live streamed to parents. Parents are asked to go to the link below to register their intention and an email will be provide login before the event.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=835058&>

The formal will now take place as originally planned at the Centre Ivanhoe, on Wednesday 8th of December, starting at 6:30pm. Students will receive tickets for the formal in their Valedictory packs.

Key Dates for Year 11

Wednesday 17 November - Wednesday 1 December	Year 11 - 12 Headstart Orientation Program 2022
Note: Friday 19/11/2021- Curriculum Day	

Key Dates for Year 10

Thursday 18 November	Last day Year 10 classes
Friday 19 November	Curriculum Day
Monday 22 November - Monday 29 November	Year 10 Examinations
Tuesday 30 November - Monday 6 December	Year 10 - 11 Headstart Orientation Program 2022
Tuesday 7 December - Wednesday 8 December	Year 10 Interviews (as required)

DIANE PARRY, Senior School Team Leader (Acting)

CAREERS

Please find a range of agencies that support students and parents in identifying employment opportunities and an understanding of the labour market.

MEGT (Melbourne Eastern Group Training)

MEGT is a not-for-profit organisation which has been supporting employers, apprentices, trainees, job seekers and students for almost 40 years.

Initially founded as the Outer Eastern Apprenticeship Scheme, by 1999 MEGT (Melbourne Eastern Group Training) had commenced operations in New South Wales. We now have more than 400 staff operating from almost 60 offices across the country, along with a team of local apprenticeship experts who are dedicated to meeting the needs of the communities in which they live and the businesses which operate there.

<https://www.megt.com.au/>

PARENT INFORMATION

2021

Term Dates

Term 4:

Starts Monday 4 October

Finishes Thursday 16 December
(Dependant on Year Level)

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WORKING BEE DATES

2021

Working Bee Dates

We are always seeking new members for our Grounds Committee.

If you would like to get involved please contact Darren Squires via email: squ@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Generation Next

Generation Next provides education and information about the prevention and management of mental illness in youth to professionals, young people and the wider community. Our objective is to raise community awareness of mental illness through increasing mental health literacy, reducing associated stigma and positively influencing individual and community behaviour to improve the mental health of young people.

<https://www.generationnext.com.au/>

National Skills Commission

We provide expert advice and national leadership on Australia's labour market and current, emerging and future workforce skills needs. We also have an important role in simplifying and strengthening Australia's Vocational Education and Training (VET) system.

<https://www.nationalskillscommission.gov.au/>

Australian Jobs 2021 Report

Welcome to the 2021 edition of Australian Jobs. This publication provides an overview of trends in the Australian labour market to support job seekers and employment service providers, career advisers, those considering future training and people interested in labour market issues.

https://www.nationalskillscommission.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-09/NSC21-0025_Australian%20Jobs%202021_FA_ACC_1.pdf

Jobs Victoria - Banyule City Council

- It is a free service with applicants needing to be minimum of 15 years old
 - They are not case managers but support students and teachers to facilitate access to information and programs
 - Will work with Nillumbik residents as there is no job advocate program in the shire
- <https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Community-services/More-in-community-services/Get-help-finding-a-job>

Uniting Employment Services (Heidelberg)

We specialise in working with people who may have a permanent medical condition, mental health challenges, an injury or disability requiring employment aligned to their abilities.

- School Leaver Employment Service (SLES)
- They are an NDIS funded provider
- Target group 16 - 25 years old
- Online taster sessions available

https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/locations/heidelberg-106-burgundy-st/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb

ROSS PRINGLE, Pathways and Transition Co-ordinator

MUSIC

Second Hand Instrument Register

If you are considering selling your instrument we will be running a second hand instrument register.

The first step is to please have instrument serviced and cleaned, due to Covid we cannot ask our Music teachers to assess second hand instruments that have not been serviced and cleaned.

Please contact Jane in the Music Office and advise the make, model, serial number, year of purchase and original purchase price of the instrument you wish to list for sale.

Once the instrument has been serviced and cleaned, we will then arrange for the appropriate teacher to assess the instrument and advise its second hand value.

Jane's email: nio@elthamhs.vic.edu.au or Tel: 9430 5127.

Please bring in a copy of the receipt of service when bringing the instrument to the Music Department for assessment.

2021 Music Fees

All outstanding music payments must immediately be paid.

If you have any queries regarding payment of the fees please contact the school's Revenue Administrator, Jacinta D'Avoine on 9430 5118 or by email at accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Please do not hesitate to contact Jane Nicholson in the Music Office if you have any queries. Jane's telephone is: 9430 5127 or email: nio@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

RICK KEENAN, Director of Music

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Hike – Steiglitz Historic Park, Brisbane Ranges

Thursday 11 and Friday 12 November were forecast as extremely wet and stormy days. Luckily for the 15 students and 3 staff that the forecast didn't eventuate until the second day! The students were part of the Year 9 subject called Duke of Edinburgh. In this class they set goals and log weekly hours towards successful completion of their goals.

One goal is called Adventurous Journey, where the students need to learn about self-sufficiency by talking their belongings with them on a two day hike. This involves navigation, tent pitching, cooking on light weight stoves, coping with the environment and of course sleeping in a tent. Whilst pasta and two-minute noodles were the 'norm' one team stepped up their culinary skills with a tuna basil pesto pasta!

When we arrived at our campsite for the night, the students worked well together to pitch their tents safely and in a location to avoid trees and prevailing weather. After setting up the tents, many cups of soup and hot chocolate could be smelt coming from the stoves! A nice warming campfire was also welcome.

Andrea, the Brisbane Ranges Ranger, from Parks Victoria, then arrived to give us a talk about her work and the intricacies of the management of the environment. Her passion about the area and looking after our 'bush' was evident and the students asked many questions.

At 3:00am the faint raindrops were heard on the tents; luckily stopping briefly so we could eat breakfast and pack up. Coping and being comfortable with four hours of rain on day 2, as we hiked, was a bit of a challenge. Combined with navigation, leadership and a few steeper hill climbs made the eventual completion of the hike even more rewarding. Thank you to Ross McKinnon and Elise Ward for coming along on the hike.

More importantly, congratulations to the students who participated enthusiastically and should be very proud of their efforts.



The photo shows the students at our overnight camping ground: Fridays Campground.

ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS
WHY NOT GET INVOLVED!

Chess Club

When: Wednesday Lunchtime
Location: Library
Gabriel Piras

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

StandOUT

When: Wednesday Lunchtime
Location: Room 420
Matthew Hapsberg
StandOUT 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

Year 7 Club

When: Thursday Lunchtime
Lisa Foote Year 7 Art Club Coordinator

School for Student Leadership, Term 2 2022

Dear Year 8 students and parents (in Year 9, 2022)

Eltham High School has been successful in gaining 6 places at the School for Student Leadership in term 2 2022, at the Gnurad-Gundidj Campus, near Warrnambool in South-West Victoria. This is a residential 9 - week long leadership, teamwork and personal development program. The learning that takes place is based on outdoor activities, classroom lessons, expeditions and a variety of teaching and learning experiences. It is a very worthwhile program, in which Eltham High School has had a long history of involvement.

Background Information

The School for Student Leadership (SSL) is a Victorian Department of Education and Training initiative offering a unique 9-week residential education experience for year nine students. There are 45 students at each of the four campuses (approximately 3 to 7 students from 8 different schools) from all over Victoria.

The curriculum also has a large emphasis on developing a team project delivered at the students' home regions, community or school. There are four campuses in iconic locations across Victoria. The Alpine School Campus is located at Dinner Plain in the Victorian Alps. Snowy River Campus is near the mouth of the Snowy River at Marlo in east Gippsland. The third site is adjacent to Mount Noorat near Camperdown in Victoria's Western District, and is called Gnurad-Gundidj. After consultation with the local aboriginal community, this name represents both the indigenous name of the local area and an interpretation of the statement "belonging to this place". Gnurad-Gundidj opened for students in term 1 2009. A fourth site in Yarra Valley, Haining Farm Campus, has just opened in 2021.

Videos and further information are available from the SSL website and Facebook pages.

<http://www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au/>

Costs

It is envisaged that the total cost of the program is in the vicinity of \$1150.00 to \$1200.00* (tbc). The program fee will be invoiced to the families via Compass. There will be the need to purchase some specialist gear and clothing, however, the majority of this is supplied. For example, suitable outdoor shoes will be required. Families also need to be able to take their child to the School for Student Leadership on arrival day and pick them up on departure day. There is also a Parent Visiting Weekend at the end of week 5, which requires families to pick up their child and stay in the area over the weekend (Sat night). Over 2020 and 2021, some alternative arrangements have been in place due to COVID restrictions. It is assumed that students will need to be fully Vaccinated in 2022.

Eltham HS and the SSL

Eltham High School has a long tradition and association with the SSL with many teams participating. In 2016 Eltham students attended the Dinner Plain Campus (The Alpine School) near Mt Hotham, in 2017, students went to the Snow River Campus in Term 3 and then to the Alpine School in 2018. A team has just returned from Gnurad-Gundidj in term 3 2021. The Student Agency and Student Leadership Teacher, facilitates the process and guides the students attending. This involves selection of the team, pre-term preparation, liaison with staff, parents and reintegration program, including the completion of the Community Learning Project (CLP).

The CLP is a project that the team of student identify and prepare to implement upon their return back to Eltham. This is a way of practicing their team work and leadership skills as well as giving something back to our community.

This is an exciting opportunity and further information will be available in early term 1 2022, when an information session will be held. Attached to a recent Newsfeed is an Expression of Interest form. Please return this as soon as possible, to be kept up to date.

If you are thinking about this, please visit the following website for further information:

<http://www.gnurad-gundidj.vic.edu.au/>

Any queries at this stage please contact Peter Torey on tor@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Student Leadership roles for Year 11 and Year 12 students, 2022: now open.

Current students in Year 10 and Year 11 (Year 11 and Year 12 students in 2022) are invited to apply for a student leadership role. The nature of the roles in Year 11 and 12 are to provide leadership to various teams that are currently operating. These teams are listed below as is a brief description of their function.

Students can choose their preferences for team leadership, however, can also be a member of any team without a formal role. Applications forms are attached to a recent Compass Newsfeed or a hard copy form is available in the upper 100's open space (room 158).

Please feel free to discuss your application with any staff member but also with Peter Torey, Di Parry and Anna Panas or make an individual or group time to ask questions. Applications are to be submitted to either Office 164 or Senior School Office in the return tray provided.

The closing dates for application forms are:

- Year 12 2022: Friday 26 November 2021, with interviews commencing the following week;
- Year 11 2022: Friday 3 December 2021, with interviews commencing the following week.

Thank you for considering taking up a role,

For further information, please contact Peter Torey office 164 or via email, tor@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

School Leader (2 positions – Year 12 only):

- Successful candidates will be from Year 12 and be expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner, showing maturity both in and out of school. They will display and model behaviours that exemplify Eltham High School's values through active involvement in a range of opportunities;
- Ensure cooperative and collaborative relationship/s with school leader, team leaders, house leaders, students and staff;
- Be willing to and complete reflection and review of your contribution to the student leadership program;
- Actively pursue opportunities for self-development, building leadership capacity and being an agent for building leadership capacity in others;
- Provide support, encouragement and mentoring to Team and House Leaders, as well as Year 7 to 10 Student Leadership Teams;
- Represent the school at community events and school functions and undertake public speaking roles in various situations e.g. assemblies, information nights, orientation days;
- Undertake duties, nominated by Senior School, in relation to Year 12 activities;
- Have a significant role in working with Senior School Coordinators for valedictory evening;
- Organise and lead a meeting each term of student leaders to build shared understanding of their roles and school values, as well as, building skills to increase leadership capacity.

House Leader:

- Successful candidates will be from each house in Year 11 and 12 and be expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner, showing maturity both in and out of school. They will display and model behaviours that exemplify Eltham High School's values through active involvement in a range of opportunities;
- Actively pursue opportunities for self-development, building leadership capacity and being an agent for building leadership capacity in others;
- Be willing to and complete reflection and review of your contribution to the student leadership program;
- Encourage students in their house to participate in house carnivals, run novelty events, ensure teams are complete and lead cheering;
- Attend the school athletics and swimming carnivals and assist the Sport Coordinator and Senior School as required;
- Organise and run lunchtime sporting and physical activities;
- Organise and run lunchtime social, co-curricular and cultural activities;
- Ensure cooperative and collaborative relationships with team leaders, house leaders, school leaders, students and staff;
- Be an active member of the student leadership team and support the work of the School Leaders and Team Leaders.

Team Leaders:

- Successful candidates will be from Year 11 and 12 and be expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner, showing maturity both in and out of school. They will display and model behaviours that exemplify Eltham High School's values through active involvement in a range of opportunities and team;
- Actively pursue opportunities for self-development, building leadership capacity and being an agent for building leadership capacity in others;
- Be willing to and complete reflection and review of your contribution to the student leadership program;
- Continue the ongoing projects of the team and look for relevant new opportunities;

- Promote, encourage and increase the participants in the team including and beyond the leadership team;
- Lead and manage regular meetings, events and opportunities of/for the team;
- Ensure cooperative and collaborative relationships with team leaders, house leaders, school leaders, students and staff;
- Be an active member of the student leadership team and support the work of the School Leaders and House Leaders;
- Note specific items in Team Descriptions written below.

Team Descriptions

1. Enviro Team: as per Team Leader roles above and ...

- Manage upkeep and function of kitchen garden – self-wicking beds, herb garden;
- Implement and promote recycling projects utilising a team of Enviro Stewards – paper, batteries;
- Attend one working bee and encourage peers and students to attend;
- Other – fundraising projects, community events, Enviro Week.

2. Harmony Team: as per Team Leader roles above and ...

- Support the Intercultural Youth for Collaborative Change (IYCC) program;
- Work with and support the StandOUT and other relevant groups;
- Promote and create events for NAIDOC and Refugee week;
- Promote programs to increase understanding of culture and diversity;
- Work with school Respectful Relationships program;
- Other – fundraising projects, community events.

3. STEM Team:

- Create lunchtime programs to allow students to learn about STEM subjects and projects;
- Promote programs to increase understanding of STEM subjects;
- Support the work of Robobgals, Electronics Club, BrainSTEM, Kwong Lee Dow Scholar, Banyule/Nillumbik Tech School and other STEM initiatives;
- Other – fundraising projects, community events.

4. Communications (Comms) Team:

- Increase communication and publicity using;
 - Mercury, website, intranet, noticeboards;
 - Newsletter articles, press releases;
- Support programs of other teams through assistance with publicity, marketing, reports and communications.

5. Peer Leaders Team:

- Assist with the Peer Leadership Programs such as Peer Mentors and Peer Helpers;
 - Peers Mentors on Year 7 Camp;
 - Peer Helpers in Year 7 Involve;
 - Year 7 Orientation, Open Day and Information sessions;
- Mentor Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 Student Leader Teams and assist them to create projects, events and opportunities;
- Other – fundraising projects, community events.

6. The Arts Leaders:

- Visual Arts:
- Will work closely with the Arts KLA co-ordinators to take a leading role in the initiation of Arts Projects;
 - Encourage and promote inclusive student participation in the Arts through lunchtime activities, after school workshops and/or other events;
 - Have a curatorial role in the planning and presentation of VCE artworks at the 'Creative Minds' Exhibition supported by Nillumbik Council and held at the Eltham Community Gallery;
 - Assist in the curation, planning and presentation of student artworks at Eltham High School's annual Arts and Technology Exhibition;

- Visual Arts leaders will encourage student participation and co-ordinate a working party to assist with this event;
- Promote the visual arts through attendance at significant events and speaking at these events where required;
- Assist with the management, documentation and display of school Arts acquisitions with support from the Arts technician.

7. Teaching and Learning Team:

- This team will work with one or more of the Learning Specialist teachers to promote student voice and agency with the teaching and learning framework of the school;
- Complete research projects that support the strategic plan of the school and, as relevant, present findings back to students and or staff;
 - Develop follow up projects to 'address' the responses of the research;
 - Present ideas and strategies to staff on behalf of the students;
 - Develop a curriculum that could be implemented via Involve and Tutorial lessons on relevant topics such as:
 - Instructional model;
 - EHS values;
 - Growth mindset, well-being and positivity.

PETER TOREY, Student Growth Leader

ICT

Laptops for 2022

If your student is using an old laptop, the time has come to purchase a new computer.

Here are the details for the JB Solutions portal, which has now been set up for the 2022 school year. The URL for the JB HiFi Education Solutions portal remains:

<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/> and the school access code is now **EHS2022**

This portal lists the updated approved list, featuring the Surface Pro 7+ range. It is highly recommended that families take advantage of the options to add an extra year of warranty AND take up the accidental insurance, as most of the problems coming to helpdesk are related to accidental damage. These are unique to the JB Solutions portal and cannot be purchased from retail stores.

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on computer chip production, we recommend families purchase sooner rather than later in case global supplies run short.

Later in 2022, we will consider adding some of the new Surface Laptop devices to the portal (not the currently available models), but anticipate that there will be supply issues globally for at least the first few months.

It is expected that students have a Surface Pro computer with working pen, ideally purchased new at the start of Year 7 and again at the start of Year 10 to maximise the learning opportunities presented in classes.

If your family purchased a new computer at the start of this year or the start of last year, that device will still be fine for all learning activities.

Purchasing Laptop Insurance Through the JB Portal.

I wanted to inform families purchasing a Surface Pro through the JB Solutions Portal that the insurance which we strongly recommend be purchased is subject to new laws which came into effect earlier this month. There is now a mandated 'pause' time (similar to a cooling-off period) for any add-on insurance purchases. This means that when you purchase the device, you will need to select the required insurance (Eltham High recommends one of the options with accidental damage coverage) but you will not pay for this at the time of purchase – a reminder email will come four days later to pay for the insurance.

This process is beyond the control of JB and Eltham High School. Please do purchase the insurance (a lot can happen to a laptop in a schoolbag!) and remember to go back in to pay you receive notification.

NATALIE HEATH, eLearning/ICT Leading Teacher

CANTEEN

Canteen Announcements

Canteen Staff would like to remind students that the Canteen service area is an indoor space and while masks continue to be a mandatory requirement for indoor areas during Covid Pandemic, students are required to wear a face mask while in the Canteen service area. Please sanitise your hands as you come in and cover both your mouth and nose meeting Covid safe guidelines. We thank all students for helping the Canteen staff to limit the spread of the virus in the Canteen Area.

Canteen would like to remind students that the best way to ensure that you get the Lunchtime Specials is to place a lunch order either before school or at recess. Canteen adjust the quantity of the Lunchtime special according to its lunch order demands therefore the best way to ensure you don't miss out is to put a lunch order.

Canteen is limiting the over the counter purchase of Hash browns and Pinwheels to two per person in order to ensure the fair access of all students to purchase the cheapest hot items in the Canteen. If you require a larger quantity for lunch or recess please place a lunch order. The Canteen is open every day at 8:30am for recess or lunch order.

Nachos are Back! From this week Nachos and Super Nachos will be replacing Wedges in the Canteen Menu for the remainder of this term.

Nachos \$5.00 and Super Nachos \$6.00 (Avocado & Sour Cream)

This Week Lunchtime Special:

- Tuesday: Chicken Parmigiana Rolls or Mushroom Parmigiana Rolls
- Wednesday: Pizzas - Margarita or Pepperoni
- Thursday: Beef Burritos or Vegetarian Burritos
- Friday: Burgers - Veggie Pattie, Chicken or Beef
- Monday: Hot Dogs with Cheese or Vegetarian Hot Dogs

Soup of the Week: Red Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry Soup (Soups are Gluten Free & Vegan)

Canteen caters widely for vegan and gluten free requirements including "Daily Lunch Specials" but these need to be requested through a recess or lunch order. However, the following items are available every day for purchase.

Vegan Options	Gluten Free Options
Hash browns \$1.00	Hash browns \$1.00
Vegan Pasta \$4.00	Toasty (Lunch Order) \$3.50
Wholemeal Pastie \$5.00	Pasta Bake (Lunch Order) \$5.00
Wedges \$5.00	Meat Pies (Lunch Order) \$5.00
Falafel Wraps \$5.50	Pasty (Lunch Order) \$5.00
Salad Roll (Lunch Order) \$5.50	Falafel Wraps (Lunch Order) \$5.00
Icy Poles \$1.00	Chilli Chicken Wraps (Lunch Orders) \$5.00
Vegan Ice Cream Dixie Cups \$1.50	Vanilla Ice Cream Cups \$1.50 Icy Poles \$1.00
Vegan Choc Lamingtons (Lunch Order) \$3.50	Passion Fruit Slice (Lunch Order) \$3.50

CAROLINA CONSTABLE, Canteen Manager

STUDENT SERVICES

Diamond Valley Gift Appeal

Bring some joy to those in need by donating to the Diamond Valley Gift Appeal this year.

This Christmas period, Diamond Valley Community support in partnership with the Nillumbik Lions and Vine Baptist church are working together to deliver gift parcels to local families experiencing financial hardship through the Diamond Valley Gift Appeal. For the last two years, people in our community have provided new gifts, toys and vouchers to local children and families experiencing financial hardship through this initiative. Last year, 105 children who live and go to school in Nillumbik received gift parcels thanks to community donations.

Young women Leaders of Nillumbik Awards

Nillumbik Shire Council are proud to present the annual Young Women Leaders of Nillumbik Awards, recognising and celebrating the contribution of young women in Nillumbik to their communities.

Awards are presented across six categories:

1. Nillumbik Young Woman of the Year
2. Young Creative Leader
3. Young Sports Leader
4. Young Gender Equity Leader
5. Young Environment leader
6. Young Business Leader

Women and those who identify as female aged 12-25 who live, work, study, volunteer or play in Nillumbik and have made an outstanding contribution to our community are invited to nominate.

Nominations are now open and will close on 17 December.

For more information: nillumbik.vic.gov.au/young-women-leaders

Do It In A Dress!

So far 24 students and staff at Eltham High School have signed up to raise money and awareness for Girls Education in Sierra Leone and Uganda with the Do It In A Dress campaign! We are aiming to raise \$6,000 and we are already nearly half way there!

Raising money through "one girl" will provide quality education, in and out of the classroom!

This is why:

It is important for girls to have the opportunity to finish secondary school. In order to truly change a girl's life and break the cycle of poverty in her community, we must think more broadly about the reasons girls have been excluded from education for so long, and consider the causes for girls dropping out of education.

The programs are designed by girls, for girls, both in and out of the classroom. They are supported every step of the way. Working with the Sierra Leone Ministry of Education, Science and Technology to provide untrained female teachers with full scholarships to complete their qualifications by distance education. It means these women are guaranteed paid employment with the Ministry after they graduate, and the next generation of girls have positive female role models to look up to!

So far through Do it in a Dress fundraising:

- 541 girls have received school scholarships.
- 27 partner schools currently run our Scholarships program.
- 348 young women have received vocational skills training.
- 480 girls (and 60 boys) learning through girl and leadership clubs
- We work to support and inspire future female role models. If girls can't see it, they can't be it.
- 19 teachers (11 female and 8 male) have received scholarships to complete their qualifications.
- 157 women's committee members support One Girl Scholars in our partner schools.

Health and menstrual hygiene promotion, to tackle harmful period taboos! No girl should skip school just because she gets her period! But heaps still do.

Attempting to educate everyone about menstrual hygiene — so girls know what to do when they get their period and their community understands it's a completely natural part of life (and nothing to be ashamed of!).

Working to improve attitudes towards water, sanitation and hygiene (wash) to make sure girls have access to affordable sanitary products.

- 2,423 girls (and 2,298 boys) have been educated in water, sanitation and hygiene practices.
- 339,990 sanitary pads have been distributed.
- 210 young people (140 girls and 70 boys) in theatre clubs tackling period taboos through performances.

More info on one girl - One Girl Programs – [Girls education in Sierra Leone and Uganda](#)

Want to donate to a worthy cause - [Eltham High School 2021 is supporting girls' education with One Girl](#)

Banyule Youth Services

Regardless of restrictions, Banyule Youth Services continues to provide support to young people, families/carers and schools via online and digital platforms. We are committed to maintaining connection that enables us to find creative ways to keep schools informed and young people supported.

Banyule Youth Services offer support for young people in the following contexts; one-to-one support, group social/interest based programs and school workshops.

Banyule Youth Services prides itself on using harm minimization approaches that seeks to build connection and knowledge. We also have weekly groups for young people.

Jets is our creative art facility and is home to various youth programs aimed to build community connections across all young people including those who may be marginalized.

New Hope – Street Art & Hip Hope

New Hope is a weekly program that aims to enhance participants skills in hip hop and street art lead by experienced mentors. The program supports young people to develop skills in writing lyrics and producing Rap music guided by rappers and producers working in the industry. The combined Street Art Program is a graffiti art based program that aims to deter young people from vandalism related offences and provides opportunities for young people to develop their street art skills. The program is supported by experienced Youth workers who work alongside the industry specialists. New Hope provides opportunities to record, perform and work on community street art murals throughout the year.

Jets Events (FReeZA)

Being involved with Jets Events can lead to industry training and networking opportunities, developing and managing drug, smoke and alcohol free live music events of your creation, and even working on large-scale events such as the annual 'YouthFest'. There are also opportunities to bring your music projects and livestream events to life: whether it's a local band, charity or organisation you want to collaborate with, or even a project such as a printed zine or photo lookbook, the possibilities are endless with Jets Events.

You can get involved in Jets Events in a number of ways:

- Photographers: Portrait & Live Music
- Graphic Designers: Promotion & Marketing, Social Media Content, Music Artwork & Merchandise
- Artists: solo or group performers aspiring to perform or record music
- Music Management: Talent/Artist Management, Booking Management, Social Media Management, Event Development & Event Management
- Promotion: Interviewing & Presenting, Event & Artist Promotion

Join the Banyule Child Youth and Family Committee 2021-2023

Did you know children and young people aged 0-24 years represent 30% of the Banyule population? During this period, experiences can shape an individual's life trajectory.

if you are a change maker and are willing to share your knowledge, skills and experiences to tackle the barriers and pursue the opportunities please consider joining the Banyule Child Youth and Family Committee. Apply for your seat at this collaborative table by 27 June 2021 <https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/About-us/Community-advisory-committees>.

For further information contact Sherryn: Sherryn.Prinzi@banyule.vic.gov.au 9457 9908.

LOUISE HEATHCOTE, Student Services Leader



Community Announcements



Hi Peter,

Hope your well.

This is a reminder inviting your school to support our annual "Be Wise Walk" in November. This year due to Covid restrictions we cannot hold our walk event in person so we will build on the success of our 2020 online Be Wise Walk where you simply **walk to anywhere** (such as a walk around your school grounds or surrounds) during the week 15th-21st of November 2021.

Thank you for having us present to your students during these difficult periods of 2021. Apart from some support from the Victorian Government and our small number of corporate partnerships, we rely heavily on our events to ensure we can continue to provide **fully funded** presentations to End the Coward Punch and save lives.

Please encourage your students to get involved - our suggestion is ask the year level (or levels) who saw the Be Wise Presentation to participate in this event to keep the Be Wise message moving. Recruit a team of students, teachers, parents to organise your own Be Wise Walk and maybe arrange a sausage sizzle or other activity to raise funds to enable us to continue our vital work – a pay it forward scheme if you like.

All registered participants receive a Be Wise Walk T Shirt with the cost of registration just \$35 as part of our school promotion.

You can register at <https://www.mycase.com.au/events/bewisewalk2021> where members of your school community will be able to join the team we have already set up for your school and enter the code SCHOOL21 to provide a \$5 discount off the normal registration fee of \$40.

Attached is some event information to distribute.

We truly hope we can have Eltham High School on board this year, if you have any queries, please contact me for further information.

Steve Layt
Partnerships Manager

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UNDERSTANDING SELF-HARM IN YOUNG PEOPLE

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

Are you interested in learning more about self-harm and how to respond and care for someone engaging in self-harm behaviour?

headspace Greensborough in partnership with Austin Health Youth Engagement and Treatment Team Initiative (YETTI) will be running information sessions—delivered to parents, carers and members of the community.

This group will be run by experienced Youth Mental Health Clinicians and aims to help people learn more, and provide you with information about how to respond.

Who can attend: Current family and friends of YETTI clients, headspace Greensborough, as well as any other members of the local community

When and where: 22 November 2021 5:00pm—6:00pm
via Zoom

RSVP: [Register here via Eventbrite](#)

Cost: Free!

For more information,
please call
headspace Greensborough
on (03) 9433 7200



connecting & communicating with your young person: parent / carer webinar

headspace National, are presenting a webinar for parents and carers of young people.

Information presented will cover:

- Understanding your young person, and recognising mental health difficulties
- Managing the challenges of parenting young people today
- Having better conversations with your young person
- Connecting your young person with the right help and support

The webinar will consist of a presentation on mental health, with a focus on noticing mental health difficulties in young people and supporting them to open up and communicate with you about their challenges, in order to seek help if needed.

When: Wednesday 24th November
7pm AEDT

Where: online via zoom

How do I register?

[Click here](#) to register via Eventbrite. or copy the following URL into your web browser: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/green-sborough-parent-carer-webinar-communicating-with-youth-registration-189413339397>

After you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar. *Please note this webinar will not be recorded.*

All those who register will receive a digital information pack, after the webinar, that includes key messages as well as links to resources & support services.

Contact

For more information email: programsupport@headspace.org.au

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