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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Student Achievement: Nillumbik Shire – Young Women of the Year 2022

At the Nillumbik Shire's International Women's Day event on Wednesday 9 March, **Fieke van Der Kamp (Year 12, Stewart House)** was one of the young women recognised in the Young Women of the Year Awards.

Fieke has been a passionate member of the inaugural Nillumbik Shire Youth Council and was elected as the first Youth Council Mayor in 2021. She has dedicated her time to empowering and inspiring other young people in the community.

Fieke was selected to attend a meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary for Mental Health, where she provided feedback on mental health challenges faced by young people and workshopped solutions and programs to improve the mental health and wellbeing of young Australians.

I congratulate Fieke on this wonderful achievement.

Similarly, I congratulate past student **Abigail Wilson (Class of 2018, Stewart House)**, who was presented with the Creative Leader Award.

Abigail Wilson has made an incredible impact in the creative arts space, using her skills as a film maker to shine a spotlight on community groups in Nillumbik. Abigail's award-winning short films demonstrate her commitment to storytelling, showcasing lesser-known tales of Nillumbik's people and community.

Selecting video subjects that are often overlooked, Abigail demonstrates advocacy for community groups and organisations, highlighting her value of community spirit, identity and teamwork.

All of these values align with our Eltham High School values, which Abigail and Fieke clearly demonstrate are what they live by everyday.

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Compliments of the Shire of Nillumbik Website

### Rescuing Rainbow

Last week an opportunity to save a special piano from heading to landfill came our way and we seized it.

As you can see from the photos included - this is no ordinary piano and we were so excited to find a home for it here with us.

On its first morning - the cover came off and one by one, pianists small and tall came up to play. We were amazed at the talent in our student body and with each musician, the audience grew.

The sounds of the piano being played in the yard brought many over to investigate and appreciate the talents of others. Some came with tape measures to begin thinking about

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Student Progress Interviews

Bookings for the Student Progress Interviews will open on **Friday 11 March at 9:00am**.

**Thursday 24 March - 11:00am - 7:00pm (no scheduled classes)**

**Wednesday 30 March - 4:00pm - 7:00pm (2:30pm School finish)**

Student Progress Interviews allow for the opportunity for a three-way conversation; between the teacher, the parents/guardian and the student. Where possible we encourage students to be present for the interviews.

As a result of the remote learning experience Eltham High School made a decision to continue with the option of online interviews. The current context means that all interviews will be conducted online in semester one.

In preparation for the Student Progress Interview families are encouraged to book in early. Interview bookings will open on **Friday 11 March at 9:00am**. Interim Reports will be published prior to the interviews. The Interim Reports provide information on student progress to date. Some teachers may request a Student Progress Interview via the Interim Report.

Information about joining interviews via Webex will be available via Compass leading up to the interviews. Where families have not used Compass in the past they will be encouraged to allow time before the commencement of the interviews to check their connection. Students in Years 8-12 will be familiar with Webex having used it in 2021 for remote learning. Further information about Compass logins can be provided by the Support Staff in each of the Sub-Schools.

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Middle School - Rhonda Bonfante: [bon@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:bon@elthamhs.vic.edu.au)

Senior School - Susan Ingliss: [ing@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:ing@elthamhs.vic.edu.au)

Bookings for the upcoming Student Progress Interviews will open on **Friday 11 March at 9:00am**. Interviews will be held this term on the following dates;

Families are encouraged to book early as times do fill up quickly. All interviews will be conducted online via Webex. Bookings are made through the Compass Parent Portal.

If you have any difficulties with accessing our booking system please contact your child's Sub-School Office to seek assistance.

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**FRAN MULLINS, Assistant Principal**

## PARENTS AND CARERS

### Eltham High School I.T Department

All enquiries for the Eltham High School I.T department are to be logged through the I.T helpdesk email at [helpdesk@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:helpdesk@elthamhs.vic.edu.au).

This will allow for a streamlined management process of the I.T issues raised and will allow the following to occur;

- All I.T queries will be logged on our portal;
- I.T jobs can be prioritised in terms of the nature of the enquiry;
- I.T jobs can be assessed and directed to the most appropriate I.T staff member to action;
- All I.T staff have the ability to view all jobs logged, who is actioning the issue and the job status;
- You will receive an email response from the I.T team to your query.

This process will also allow the IT team to gauge if there are similar queries being raised and can therefore circulate information to families to address general concerns.

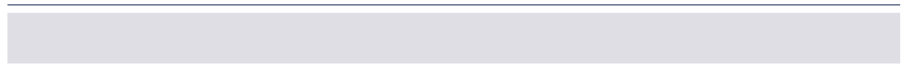
We thank you for your cooperation in regard to this matter.

### Reminder - 2022 School Council Approved Contributions on Compass

A reminder that 2022 School Council Approved Contributions are available to pay in Billing via the Payments Centre on Compass. Your generous support towards these Contributions allows us to continue to provide and build on the innovative programs and opportunities for our students that our community values and expects. For a full explanation of Contributions, please refer to the Compass Newsfeed.

Any credits on your account can be used towards Camps, Excursions and Extra Curricular programs that are invoiced via the Family Statement. Alternatively, you may request a

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Year 8 Excursion To UrbnSurf

As part of our focus on student wellbeing, all Year 8 students have the opportunity to participate in a day trip to a new wave pool at Tullamarine. In this full day activity students will participate in a 1 hour and 45 minute surf lesson in a safe, controlled and predictable environment. After a lunch break students will have an opportunity to apply their newly developed skills in a 60 minute *'free surf'* session.

This activity provides Year 8 students with an opportunity to interact with their peers in an informal, recreational setting. It also provides an opportunity to further develop relationships with their teachers. As well as the skill development that will occur during the surf lesson, students also learn about water and surf safety.

This really is an opportunity not to be missed. Further information is available on Compass. Dates for all form groups are shown below:

**8C & 8D: Thursday March 17**

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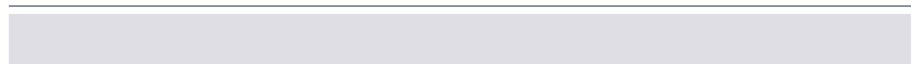
### General Achievement Test 2022

VCAA have recently announced the changes to the General Achievement Test 2022

From 2023 we will be transitioning to a new integrated senior secondary certificate. As part of the reform of the VCE and VCAL system, Victorian senior secondary students will this year have their literacy and numeracy skills measured against new standards in a reformed General Achievement Test (GAT).

The 2022 GAT will be held on Wednesday 7 September. The slightly later test date provides the time required to ensure the revised GAT is valid and reliable and for teachers and students to understand the changes – with the test expected to return to its traditional June date from 2023.

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If you make a payment via BPay please ensure you email [accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au) advising the funds paid are for music fees. If you do not email they may allocate the funds to other areas.

If you do not know your BPay reference number or would like to set up a payment plan for the Music fees please contact the school's Revenue Administrator, Jacinta D'Avoine on 9430 5118 or by email at [accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au)

The second instalment is for the Main Ensemble levy which is due for payment by 2 May 2022.

The third instalment is for any other items i.e. instrument hire, percussion equipment hire, other ensembles like Stage Band, Jazz Band, Big Band, Choir etc. The third instalment is due by 24 June 2022.

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](mailto:nio@elthamhs.vic.edu.au)

Your prompt payment of the music fees is appreciated.

### Strings Music Camp – 21 to 22 March 2022

Students enrolled in String Orchestra and Chamber String Ensembles are invited to the 2022 Eltham High School Strings Music Camp. This will be held in Healesville, Victoria staying overnight at Ferngully Lodge.

The music camp is a highlight of the ensemble year, giving valuable extra rehearsal time along with access to guest tutors and small ensemble projects.

All students are to arrive at school by 8:30am on Monday 21 March 2022 and will be returned to school by bus on Tuesday 22 March at 5:00pm.

### Lessons and Ensembles 2022

Please ensure you check Compass for your scheduled lesson and rehearsal times.

Please see a list of the 2022 large ensemble rehearsal times listed below.

String Orchestra	Monday 7:30-8:40am in Room 306 (Students to arrive by 7:15am)
Stage Band	Monday 3:30-5:30pm in Room 306
Training Band	Monday 3:30-4:45pm in Room 111 (commences 04/04/2022)
Training Strings	Tuesday 7:30-8:45am in Room 306 (Students to arrive by 7:15am) (commences 26/04/2022)
Chamber Strings	Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm in 700 Open Space
Concert Band	Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm in Room 306
Big Band	Thursday lunchtime (Start date TBC)
Symphonic Band	Wednesday 3:30-5:30pm & Friday 3:30-4:45pm in Room 306
Wind Ensemble	Thursday 3:30-4:45pm in Room 306
Jazz Band	Thursday 3:30-5:30pm in Room 101
Choir	Friday lunchtime in Room 111

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**RICK KEENAN, Director of Music**

## ART

### Year 7 Art Club

Wednesday Lunchtimes commencing Wednesday 16 February in room 613

Do you enjoy art and love being creative?

The Art club is an opportunity for Year 7 students who enjoy art to meet and connect with other likeminded students. You don't have to be good at art to join.

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.

If you have any questions contact Lisa Foote - [foo@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:foo@elthamhs.vic.edu.au)

Otherwise just turn up on Wednesday lunchtimes at room 613.

Don't forget to bring your lunch.





## VOLLEYBALL

### Volleyball Program 2022

The volleyball trials have nearly concluded. Please be aware of training times for your squads. Additional information will be provided to Year 7 students on what the process will be.

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## CANTEEN

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 place a lunch order. Canteen is open every day at 8:30am for recess or lunch order.

Canteen is introducing a new range of Vegan Items to its daily menu. The following items are available everyday as a Vegan option in Recess or Lunch order

- Hash Browns \$1.00
- Vegan Pasty \$5.00
- Vegan Pasta \$4.00
- Salad Bowls \$6.00
- Falafel Wraps \$5.50
- Salad Roll \$5.50
- Vegan Cookies \$4.00 (Choc-Chip or White Choc)
- Raspberry Banana Bread \$3.00
- Coconut Dairy Free Dixie Cup \$1.50

Canteen would like to remind students that the best way to ensure that you get the Lunchtime Specials at lunch 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.

### **This Week Lunchtime Special:**

Tuesday: Chicken or Avocado Rice Paper Rolls \$6.00

Wednesday: Chicken or Eggplant Souvlaki \$6.00

Thursday: Sushi Packs- (Tuna, Veg, Chicken, Salmon and California) \$6.00

Friday: Burgers - Veggie Pattie, Chicken or Beef \$6.00





# FREE TASTER ART FOR TEENS

MARCH 24 - ELTHAM



Neighbourhood House  
The heart of our community



