



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Achievement: 2023 Season of Excellence

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Past Student Achievement

Congratulations to Scott Valgus (Class of 2014, Rugby) who last week played in the 2022 Toyota Wheelchair AFL National Championship held at the Diamond Valley Sport and Fitness Centre.

Wheelchair AFL is an exciting adaptation of AFL and Scott and his teammates were part of the Victorian team to win the Division 1 title on Friday. This is a great achievement.

Scott's pursuit of excellence has taken many pathways, the one most known to us is as a consummate musician and exceptional Trombone player. We wish Scott well in all he does.

Scott Valgus (Class of 2014) with his medal

2022 Eltham High School Arts and Technology Exhibition

I wish to congratulate the creativity of our very talented students whose work will be exhibited in the 2022 Art and Technology Exhibition which goes online as of Thursday 1 December.

Alongside the students, I do want to acknowledge the amazing talent of our Art/Technology staff who have worked alongside our young people to produce the amazing exhibits that I am certain will delight us all.

A big thank you to our sponsors; Andrew and Trish Edgoose; Robert Brock; Vicki Ward; The family of the late Wes Muir and Ferngully Lodge (who sponsor our Music Program). The support of our sponsors cannot be underestimated, and it is very much appreciated by us all in particular the students who benefit from the awards that our sponsors provide.

I invite you all to visit the exhibition and to enjoy the amazing work of our students.

Year 6 – 7 Orientation Day

This year, the state-wide orientation day for all Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2023 will be held on **Thursday 13 December**.

This is a big day for the incoming students and for our Year 7 students who are often called upon to act as mentors and guides.

Staff are also required to take extraordinary classes outside of their allotments to ensure that the incoming students are well catered for.

In the past we have had all the Year 7, 8 and 9 students here at school.

This year as we are confronted with issues of staffing in particular providing CRTs when teachers are required to take the orientation classes, all Year 7 students are expected to attend on this day, but all Year 8 and Year 9 students are not required at school on this day.

Students in Years 8 and 9 who cannot be supervised at home on this day can attend school but will be involved in an alternative program and not their timetabled classes. I thank you in anticipation of your understanding.

Reminders: Planning for 2023

It is at this time of the year when I put out a request for information from parents. Due to the high demand for places at the school, we have a number of students in Year 8-12 for 2023 on waiting lists for a place in the school. Whilst we are mindful of managing student numbers, we do want to give students and families who want to be part of the Eltham High School Learning Community the opportunity to do so. However, we cannot offer a place until we know that a vacancy exists.

Can I ask all parents of students currently in Year 7 - 11 to please communicate with us if you know that your child will definitely be attending Eltham High School in 2023, this may be because you will be moving address, possibly moving interstate, perhaps your child will be pursuing an enrolment in TAFE; enrolment into an apprenticeship etc.

Please contact the relevant person below to provide this information if you know that your child will be attending Eltham High School in 2023.

Junior School (Year 7 only) - Mrs Melissa Hughes – huh@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Middle School (Years 8 & 9) - Mr Ross McKinnon - mki@elthamhs.vic.edu.au

Senior School (Years 10 & 11) - Ms Amanda Saliba - sai@elthamhs.vic.edu

I thank you for your cooperation.

Covid Update: The following is the latest information re COVID-19

The Victorian Government has announced the end of the Pandemic Declaration and associated Pandemic Orders.

The following settings, based on advice from the Department of Health, will apply from 11:59pm Wednesday 12 October 2022.

Individuals should:

- Who test positive to covid-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- Should not attend school after 5 days if still symptomatic
- Who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
- Advise the school of the covid-19 positive test result

When a student is advised:

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Immunisation Catch Up Sessions For Students

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2023 Music Program Intention

In order to plan for 2023, all students are required to confirm that they are continuing in the Instrumental Music Program for 2023.

You will have received an email regarding the 2023 Intention process.

You are required to complete either a Google document form or a hard copy form and pay a non-refundable \$100.00 deposit to secure your place for 2023. The \$100.00 non-refundable deposit is to be paid via a Compass event and it will be applied to the 2023 music fees.

There will be an incremental increase in the music fees for 2023 to cover the increase in costs associated with running the program. You will be notified of the 2023 music fees before the end of 2022. The music budget and fees are currently being approved by the Finance Committee and that is why we cannot provide them to you at this time.

All 2022 Instrumental Music fees are now overdue and must be paid in full for your child to be able to enrol in the 2023 Music Program.

If you currently have a payment plan in place, please note it is required to be completed by the end of 2022. Payment plans do not roll over from one year to the next and need to be formalised with the Finance Department each year.

As the Eltham High School Music Program is a self-funded program, all fees are to be paid by the due dates. If a student withdraws from the Music Program at any time during the year, full yearly fees are payable. This is to ensure the school is able to meet the financial commitment it makes to employ Casual Instrumental Music Staff based on the confirmed enrolment of students in the Music Program as indicated by the returned Intention forms.

Please ensure you have paid the \$100.00 non-refundable deposit, completed the Google document or returned a hard copy form to the General Office or Music Office as soon as possible.

Second Hand Instrument Register

If you are considering selling your instrument please get the instrument serviced and cleaned. Our Instrumental Music Teachers cannot assess the value of second hand instruments until they have been cleaned and serviced.

Please contact Jane in the Music Office and advise the make, model, serial number (if known), year of purchase and original purchase price of the instrument.

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.

The second hand instrument register process will open on Wednesday 2 November 2022. Please bring your instrument to the Music Office for assessment by no later than Thursday 1 December 2022.

All instruments must be serviced before they can be assessed. Please provide a copy of the receipt of service when bringing the instrument to the Music Department for assessment.

2022 Music Fees

Please note the 2022 Instrumental Music Fees are now required to be paid in full for all ensembles. Your prompt payment of any outstanding music fees is appreciated.

Payment of the music fees can be made by completing and returning the credit card details on the form previously emailed to you, or by cash, BPay, credit card by calling 9430 5118 or by cheque made payable to "Eltham High School". If you make a payment via BPay please ensure you email accounts@elthamhs.vic.edu.au advising that the funds paid are for music fees. If you do not email they may allocate funds to other areas. If you do not know your BPay reference number 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 AGENCY AND GROWTH

2023 Student Voice and Leadership Team Induction Day

On Monday 29 November, we held our induction day for our 2023 Student Voice and Leadership Team. It was fantastic to see all our young leaders come together - the energy amongst them was notable! Throughout the course of the day, both our Principal, Vincent, and Assistant Principal, Darren, spoke with the group about the importance of being role models for the young people at Eltham High School, and leading with integrity.

After a game of apples, bananas and oranges, the team quickly got into discussing their ideas and strengths, creating a clear vision for their work in 2023. This discussion led to the team creating their motto 'GOOD IBE' - grateful, openminded, optimistic, driven, voice, integrity, bold, encouraging, and supportive.

In sub-teams, the leaders then spent time planning for what they would like to achieve in 2023. There were some great ideas discussed including open mic, readathons, promoting responsibility for the yard, and many, many more.

It will be great to settle into the 2023 school year and have our young people get into their work - they'll achieve great things, no doubt.

One Girl Ambassador Fundraiser

When you educate a girl, everything changes. In order to help the world change, one educated woman at a time, we're holding an evening with amazing local musicians who will showcase their talent for while you relax with your friends and family!

One Girl, an organisation who work to provide equal opportunity to women in countries like Sierra Leone to access education through a range of on-the-ground programs.

There will also be raffle prizes, door prizes and silent auctions to be won. We've got you covered with FREE kids face paint and an outdoor play area to keep them occupied!

Purchase your \$10 tickets here or find more information in the Community Announcements.

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VCE VOCATIONAL MAJORS

Our new VCE- Vocational Majors Year 12 class kicked off during head start with great energy and interest!

Students completed a tiny house project for numeracy, a passport task for literacy, created a children's story for personal development skills, and wrote an introduction to Eltham High School values for next years Year 7's in work related skills.

We congratulate **Ma da C d (Y a -11, E a d H)**, **W C (Y a -11, E a d H)**,

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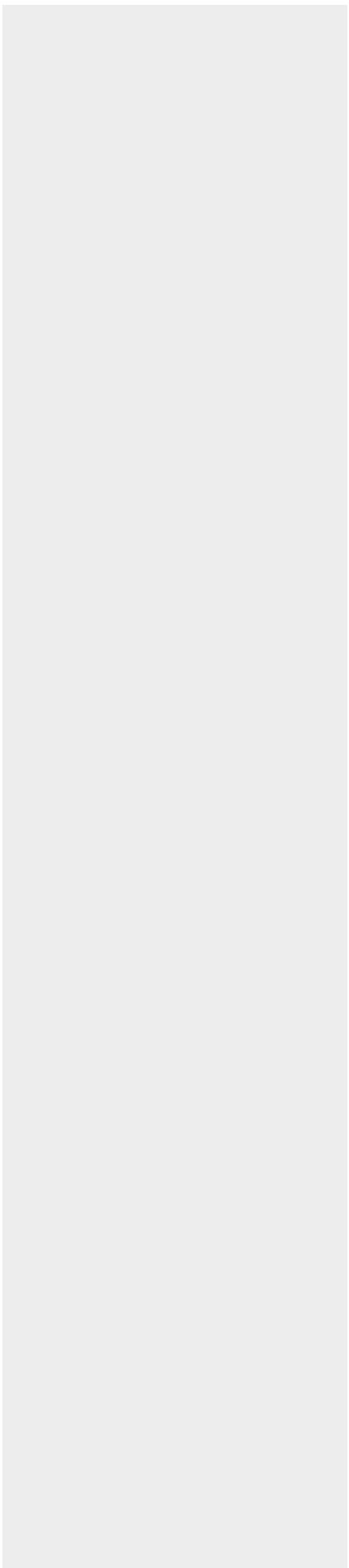
Duke of Edinburgh - Training Bush Walk

On Wednesday 23 November, the Yr 9 Duke of Ed class, working towards their Bronze Award, went on a training walk to Warrandyte State Park. The students led the walk around Blue Tongue Bend. Evidence of the recent rains and floods were apparent leading to some

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

I Can Online Group Mentoring

Expressions of Interest (EOI's) are now open for our Summer Holiday Online Mentoring Ping



This December, we invite you to join us in an evening of celebration and music to acknowledge this important milestone and all that has been achieved in the last 11 years

Da : Thursday 8 December 2022

Ti : 6:00pm – 8:00pm

V : Loft 275, Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub, 275, Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe

RSVP: RSVP is essential by Monday 5 December to [banyule100.eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

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