



# PARENT BULLETIN

AUGUST 2018

## Upcoming Events

Jul 30	Knock Out Netball
Aug 1	CAPA Photos
Aug 2	Drama Day
Aug 7	P & C Meeting
Aug 9-10	Recognition Assemblies
Aug 13	Year 11 & 10 Immunisation
Aug 13-17	Science Week
Aug 15	Drama Festival Ultimo
Aug 27-31	NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing
Sep 4	Dance Transition
Sep 4	P & C Meeting 7pm

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3. It is hard to believe that the first semester has already passed. All students should now have their Semester One reports and Parent Teacher Night has been held to support all families to have quality discussions with their child's teachers.

### Staffing Changes

Since the last Parent Bulletin, the position of Deputy Principal to replace the role I previously held at the school has been finalised. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Joanne Amos, our former Head Teacher Mathematics has been appointed to this crucial role within the school. Mrs Amos brings a deep knowledge of leadership in effective teaching and learning and will be an amazing asset to Elderslie High School at this level. We are presently working on the recruitment of a new Head Teacher Mathematics to replace Mrs Amos's faculty role. At executive level, we have also been very fortunate to employ Mrs Emily Signorini who starts with us this term in a temporary capacity as Head Teacher Instructional Leader. Mrs Signorini will work across the rest of the year to support improvement in reading and numeracy, especially in Stage 4 and 5.

There have been a number of other staffing changes within the school including the permanent appointment of Ms Roselle Reyes-Davis to the Learning Support Faculty. Ms Reyes-Davis is an experienced Learning and Support Teacher and will be a great addition to our team, especially in supporting students with additional learning needs. In temporary positions, we also have Ms Margaret Buist moving to English to replace Mrs Copland who has left the school to take up a relieving Head Teacher position in another school; Mr Matthew Bressington who joins the PDHPE faculty; Mr Tony Burden who joins the Technology & Applied Studies faculty and Ms Stephanie Booth who will be working opposite Ms Bright who is returning part time from maternity leave. Finally, whilst Ms Crossingham is on her maternity leave, we also congratulate Ms George who will relieve as Head Teacher PDHPE in her absence.

### Education Week

Week 3 (August 6-10) is Education Week, a week when we celebrate Public Schools and Public Education across the state. This year, the theme is "Today's Schools Creating Tomorrow's World". Elderslie High School is focused on finding more innovative examples of teaching practice and

some examples of the ways we have been doing this include our Project Innovate trial focused around project based learning and an engagement of key skills of collaboration, creative and critical thinking and communication. I was also delighted to see our entry for the Game Changer Challenge competition in which schools were required to put together a one-minute video showing what schools could be like in the future. Whilst we were not successful in being shortlisted, I was so proud of our Year 9 boys including Luke Spratt, Marshall Kickert, Lachlan Lane, Aaron Stanley, Justin Ngo and Christian Martin who did a great job with our video.

In terms of Education Week festivities, Elderslie High School always uses this week to celebrate the achievements of our students across a range of endeavours. Each Year group will be holding their Recognition Assembly on either Thursday 9 or Friday 10 September. Student success from Semester One will be celebrated at this time and a range of performances will also be showcased. Parents are most welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. The specific dates and times for our assemblies are:

Year 7 – Friday, September 10 at 11am  
Year 8 - Friday, September 10 at 9.30am  
Year 9 - Thursday, September 9 at 9.30am  
Year 10 - Friday, September 10 at 1pm  
Year 11 - Friday, September 10 at 2.15pm  
Year 12 have already had their assembly in Term 2

### **Renovation Update**

We are very excited that our renovation is almost at completion and we are due to commence our move back into the front office within the next few weeks. This will mean that parent and student access will cease from the side door of the temporary office and resume at the two entries: Student Office and Main Reception. We are delighted with the lovely fresh gardens and entry to the school which certainly make the school look much more inviting. The changes should also make it a lot easier for visitors and new parents to locate our school office from Hilder St. Throughout the renovation, I must say that our students have been incredibly tolerant and patient, especially as their playground was impacted and there was reduced space for student movement. I am confident that our student body will find the new environment really uplifting and enjoyable.

### **Welcome Macau Students**

For the last few years, Elderslie High School has supported a group of students to visit Australia from the Chinese territory of Macau. The group of 20 secondary students and 3 teachers from The Farmers Children High School arrived this week on Tuesday evening, having spent some time visiting a school in Queensland. The students participated in a Welcome Ceremony at Elderslie High School on Wednesday morning and each were paired with a “buddy” student from our student body. Students

enjoyed watching typical lessons from within our curriculum and participated in our Wednesday afternoon sport. The experience was an incredibly enlightening and positive one for both the Chinese students as well as our own as we watched them find common areas of interest and attempt to communicate with students with varying degrees of English. I firmly believe that such opportunities can only be good for all our students within our Public Schools and I would like to thank Mr Tan and Ms Dokmanovic for their hard work in organising this activity.

### **Debating Success**

I am very pleased to announce that our Year 11 Debating Team has won their regional final, defeating East Hills Girls High School. This makes us the top regional team. Both our Year 11 and Year 12 senior teams have defeated fully selective schools in their pathway to the top and we couldn't be more proud of them! As many of our families would know, debating is an incredibly challenging skill and requires outstanding communication and critical thinking skills and for both our senior teams to have reached this level makes us the most successful team in the region this year. Good luck to year 11 as now they make their way to the state semi-finals. A huge congratulation to our students and to Ms Dennis, their coach.

*Kind regards, Mrs Jenny Lawrence*

### **From the Deputy Principals Natalie Martin (DP Years 7, 9 & 11) Aboriginal Education**

On Friday July 6 our Aboriginal students coordinated the NAIDOC week assemblies. The theme for NAIDOC week was ‘Because of Her We Can’ which involved recognising and celebrating the achievements of Aboriginal women. Mrs Jeffries worked very closely with the students and guided them in developing the assembly procedure including the presentations. Aunty Fran presented the Welcome to Country in Dharawal language and Briannan Eggert (Year 9) spoke in English. Aunty Fran is a very knowledgeable local elder who expressed a traditional welcome which set the tone for the entire assembly. The students then played a video interview of Danielle Mate who is a well know artist and ex-student of Elderslie High School. Her work is in the private collection of Barrack Obama and Ellen DeGeneres.

The students presented a slideshow which highlighted the achievements of many famous Australian Aboriginal women. The assembly also provided an opportunity for our community to increase their understanding of Aboriginal culture and embrace diversity. Finally, Maddison Pilsworth played a moving musical piece on the Grand Piano. The assembly was followed by a community lunch where a group of parents were able to discuss their experiences with Aboriginal culture in our community with teachers and students. It was really good to see some of our new Year 7 parents joining in with this community

event. Thank you to Mrs Jeffries and students for organising this very important whole school event.

### **Professional Learning**

On July 23 the staff participated in a day of professional learning. Natalie Pierson an Aboriginal Learning and Wellbeing Advisor from the Department of Education presented. Natalie unpacked the CESE 'What Works Best' research document in order to explain to teachers how they can engage all students including Aboriginal students in the classroom. The research document provides information about seven themes that can help to improve student performance. The seven areas are; high expectations, explicit teaching, effective feedback, use of data to inform practice, classroom management, wellbeing and collaboration. The school executive will follow up with some professional discussions and develop strategies of practice that can be implemented using this document during Term 3.

### **NAPLAN Online**

Our school has been selected to participate in the NAPLAN Online readiness testing this term. All of Year 7 and 9 will be participating in the online testing which will occur on the August 4, 6 and 7. Students have been provided with information notes regarding NAPLAN Online readiness testing. The testing has been mandated and we are unable to choose not to participate. Further details have been provided in the note issued to students.



**Aunty Fran and Briannan Eggert**

### **Joanne Amos ( DP Years 8, 10 & 12)**

#### **Year 8 Elective Selection**

Year 8 participated in a subject selection presentation on Wednesday July 25. Students were issued a subject selection booklet informing them of elective choices for Year 9 2019. All subject selections are online; with the

instructions outlined in the subject selection booklet. Students have been encouraged to ask questions of their teachers if they have any queries about particular courses and also when making their selection to pick subjects based on their own preferences, rather than make decisions based on what their peers are selecting or on who could be the teacher of the subject. The final date for submitting their selections and handing in their printed copy signed by their parent is Wednesday 8 August.

### **Bus Travel – Bus 893 and Opal Cards**

As a result of our concerns with Busabout regarding the safety of our students crossing Camden Valley Way, bus 893 Elderslie will now stop in the school bus bay this will commence from 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018. This is the bus for students from Campbelltown, Narellan Vale and Spring Farm. We recently received a positive letter from Busabout recognising the great effort of our students in using their Opal cards. As we return for Term 3, we would like to encourage our students to keep up the great work by ensuring that they have a valid Opal card and have them out and ready, to tap on before boarding. The bus company has acknowledged that this significantly helps to improve loading times and provides excellent Opal data for future service planning. We would appreciate the support of parents to remind students of their responsibility as part of the SSTS Code of Conduct, to ensure that they have their valid Opal card to use (tap on/tap off) for each trip.

### **Year 10 Prefect Nominations**

Elderslie High School offers a wide range of leadership opportunities and it will not be long before Year 10 have the chance to put their hands up to be considered for Prefects in 2019. At EHS, our prefect body play an active leadership role in the school during their Year 11 academic year and it is from this group that our eventual school captains and vice captains will be chosen for Year 12 in 2020. There many amazing candidates in Year 10 who should really be considering roles like these and I would ask parents to be encouraging their children to nominate. Nominations will be collected by Mr Morse in the next few weeks.

### **PISA Testing**

Our school has been selected to participate in the PISA testing for 2018. It will involve 30 randomly selected students aged 15 to participate in a series of tests on Monday August 27. The students involved will be receiving an information package shortly to take home. The questions they will need to answer are multiple choice or require a short written response. These will be in the areas of mathematical literacy, reading literacy and science literacy. PISA is the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) study that compares and examines student performance in mathematical, reading and scientific literacy, conducted every three years. Rather than assessing students on particular school curricular, PISA attempts to measure the knowledge and skills that

students possess towards the end of their years in school which will enable them to participate fully in adult life.

### **Think U Know**

On Tuesday 14 August at 6:30pm in the school hall we will be hosting a parent information evening 'Think U Know' which was an internet safety initiative sponsored by the Australian Federal Police and Microsoft Australia. All parents are invited to attend. Parents will be given an information booklet which will contain valuable information to help them with topics such as how young people are using technology to have fun, online grooming, cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and esecurity. Students are often technologically ahead of many parents and this information evening will provide parents with avenues of support whilst improving their awareness of how to monitor their child's internet and mobile phone usage.

### **Year 12**

At the end of the Term Year 12 will have their graduation and picnic day to celebrate the end of their final year of school. Miss Roberts will be coordinating a series of events to ensure that your child's final weeks of school are celebrated appropriately and safely. Permission notes will be distributed shortly. It is important for Year 12 students to remain focused on learning over this remaining term with major projects to be submitted and some courses still to complete a final assessment task, so that they can achieve to their best potential in their final assessments and the HSC examinations.

### **SVA**

#### **Student Volunteering 2018**

Are you a volunteer?

That means doing something for others without getting paid.

In school: SRC, Animal Nursery, Peer Tutor Reading, being a referee for a Gala Day are a few examples.

Out of school: Youth group leader, Sporting coach or referee reading for Seniors' in a Home or mowing for elderly neighbours could be examples.

All students within the school have the opportunity to sign up for the Premier's Student Volunteering Awards 2018 which close late term3.

Nominations are invited for the following three student categories:

- students up to Year 9 who have completed a minimum of 13 hours of volunteering in 3 months
- students in Year 10 who have completed a minimum of 26 hours of volunteering in 6 months
- students in Years 11 and 12 who have completed a minimum of 52 hours volunteering in 12 months.

All that is required is to join the Google Classroom for our Volunteering recognition awards. See your Year Advisor, Mrs Shortt or Mrs Rouen for the logon information.

***Mrs Rouen & Mrs Shortt, Student Volunteer Coordinators***

### **WELFARE NEWS**

#### **Student Wellbeing Initiative - Year 7 Graffiti Education Presentation**

Year 7 participated in a graffiti education presentation, which aimed to increase student awareness of graffiti and their understanding of the difference between graffiti and street art. The interactive presentation encouraged students to think more deeply about the flow on effects of graffiti in the broader community and the detrimental effects this may cause. The presentation informed students about the legal, social and personal consequences of graffiti and encouraged them to be part of the solution by developing a sense of civic pride.

The presentation explored the following main points:

- Victims of graffiti (business, residential, transit and schools);
- Differences of graffiti versus legitimate art (street/urban art);
- Incidences of graffiti, where graffiti occurs, who writes graffiti and why, the criminal charges for graffiti and the cost of graffiti

Year 7 were also given the opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the presentation. Camden Council kindly funded this Graffiti Education Presentation to our Year 7 students.



#### **Year 10 Student Wellbeing Initiative - Cheap Thrills**

On Thursday June 14, Year 10 attended a Brainstorm Productions show called Cheap Thrills. This educational theatre production addressed the consequences of risk taking and substance abuse. The fast paced one man show addressed the concept that a split second decision when students reach a crossroad, make a choice, can possibly change their lives forever.

Year 10 went on an emotional roller coaster as the lead character experienced the consequences of drugs, alcohol and risky behaviour. Year 10 were presented with a scenario and were asked to think about making better decisions and how that one poor decision can result with negative consequences affecting many people around them.

The production concluded after a question and answer session, where Year 10 were asked a number of questions in group discussion and talked openly about the consequences and alternative/better decisions that could have been made. Year 10 left with an understanding of how their choice of friends and their ability to make good decisions has a dramatic and lasting effect on their lives.



**Cheap Thrills Student Wellbeing Program Covered the topics of:**

- Risk Taking
- Substance Abuse
- Alcohol
- Cigarettes
- Safe Partying
- Drugs
- Choices
- Consequences
- Student Wellbeing

Brainstorm Productions is certified to provide Online Safety Programs by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner. More information and reviews on the production can be found on the following link:

<https://www.brainstormproductions.edu.au/high-school-shows/cheap-thrills>

**SECONDARY STUDIES**

**Term 3 ELEVATE**

ELEVATE for Year 11 students will resume in Week 1 in the Library each Thursday at lunch. Students are encouraged to attend to receive valuable study tips and information on areas of interest as decided by the group at the end of last term.

TERM 3			
2	2/8	Scholarship Registration	Mrs Whitfield
3	9/8	Extension Courses	Current Year 12
4	16/8	NESA	Ms Samuels
5	23/8	ALARM	Ms Samuels
6	30/8	ALARM	Ms Samuels

**Please see page 9 for HSC Minimum Standard Dates**

*Ms Tracy Samuels Head Teacher Secondary Studies*

**Senior Learning**

We were fortunate in Term 2 to be involved with the YES Program at TAFE which enabled our students to attend TAFE and participate in Childcare and Floristry courses. The Year 10 students involved loved the experience and we hope this program will be offered to us again in Term 3. Year 12 students are reminded that Early Entry applications for Notre Dame close on July 31 and that Early Entry applications for the University of Wollongong open on August 1.

Year 12 students interested in pursuing teaching as a career should come to the Library on Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> to hear more about teaching courses, applications and scholarships. Remember that applications for teaching scholarships are now open at [www.teach.nsw.edu.au](http://www.teach.nsw.edu.au) A reminder to Year 12 that various universities will be visiting on Tuesdays at 12.15pm in the Library throughout Term 3. Please listen to the Daily Notice announcements for more information and further details.

Year 11 students are reminded to return their permission notes and pay \$10 at the front office for their excursion to BStreetSmart on August 28<sup>th</sup>. This is a compulsory excursion which is a mandatory part of the Year 11 Crossroads Program and it is expected that all Year 11 students will attend.

Year 10 students interested in Work Experience opportunities at Campbelltown Hospital or with Fire and Rescue NSW need to see me for more details on application procedures.

We will not be offering another White Card course at school until Term 4 this year. If students need to complete the course before then they are advised to call Forktalk at Campbelltown – Phone 46267091.

I am hoping to complete Year 12 interviews and Post School Destination Plans this term. These will be completed during lunch times, class time and on early finish days. Please encourage your child to come and see me to make a booking if they have a preferred time and date.

*R Whitfield*

## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data 2018

Will take place on Friday 3rd of August, 2018.

- The data collection by the Commonwealth Government will provide an annual national snapshot of all students with disability across all schools in Australia and the adjustments that they are receiving consistent with the obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*.
- The data will help education authorities and schools to better target programs and resourcing decisions.
- The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

Parent Information online can be found at the address below:

<https://docs.education.gov.au/node/32685>

## LIBRARY MATTERS

By this stage of the year we have spent most of our library budget on new books and resources for our students. We have a lot of new fiction including all the books shortlisted for the Children's Book Council Book of the Year Awards. We have added to our Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) booklist as well, and we urge you to involve your child in this challenge. It's not too late to start reading! The PRC requires students to read 20 books from the booklist, which you find on their website. PRC books in our library have stickers on them to help students find them, just like in the public libraries. PRC participants can achieve certificates and medals from the Premier's department, and these prizes are well-regarded by universities when they interview students for early entry.

A recent article from the publication Literacy Matters proves that children who read for pleasure do significantly better at school than their peers. The study by the Institute of Education found that children who read for pleasure made more progress in maths, vocabulary and spelling between the ages of 10-16 than those who rarely read.

In this era of mobile phones and digital texts, it is even more urgent to encourage children to read. Recent news articles are detailing the negative effects of a phone on concentration and comprehension. Reading for pleasure will counterbalance the negatives and will also create literate adults. This is important because children who are read to by parents perform significantly better in school than those with parents who do not read to them. So by encouraging your child to read, you are helping your grandchildren!

Encourage your child to visit the library and pick up a book for roll call. 15 minutes a day reading fiction is the best brain food you can buy!

**Librarian Karen White**

## SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations on the achievements of the following students.

### Australian All School Open Girls Softball Team

Samantha Glover- Year 12- Australian All School Open Girls softball team.

### CHS Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing the SSW Region at the CHS Cross Country Carnival on the July 27.

Girls 14yrs	Girls 15yrs	Girls 16yrs	Girls 17yrs
Bianca Chauvin	Erin Wooldridge	Ella Wooldridge	Jenna McGuire
Mackenzie Court	Shae Elguindy	Ellie Baer-Tomlinson	
	Estelle Hollinshead	Ahlana Sklenar	
	Erin Bloor		

### SSW Open Girls Touch Football Team

Tiarne McDonald represented SSW in Open Girls Touch Football.

### SSW Open Lawn Bowls Team

Rebekah Lord, Christopher Hill and Benjamin Cade have been selected to play in the SSW Open Lawn Bowls Team.

### CHS Lawn Bowls State Knockout

Rebekah Lord, Christopher Hill and Benjamin Cade competed at the CHS State Knockout and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state.

### SSW Gymnastics Team

Ella Stevenson, Emma Brooker, Telisha Trevithick and Olivia Drieman have made it into the SSW Gymnastics Team. They will be competing at the CHS Championships.

### Open Girls Touch Football Knockout Team

Congratulations to our Open Girls Touch Football Knockout Team who made it through to the final 16 in the state. The girls were undefeated at the regional central venue day, scoring a total of 21 tries and only having one scored against them on the day! Well done girls!

The team has since travelled to play against Orange High School, where unfortunately they were defeated. The girls represented Elderslie High School with an excellent display of sportsmanship and perseverance to finish well.

## Open Boys Touch Football

On Friday the 15th of July, 14 Boys from EHS competed in the Open Boys Touch Day. Whilst the boys did not make it to the semi-finals, their cooperation, dedication and sportsmanship were very admirable. EHS boys offered to help Liverpool Boys High School out on the day as they were short of players. Some boys were playing back to back games and their support was very much appreciated by the Liverpool Boys coaching staff and others. Well done boys! Better luck next year!

Miss Sakr

## Regional Orienteering Championships

Stephanie Taylor and Lachlan Taylor competed at the Regional Orienteering Championships. Stephanie placed 2nd in the Yr 7-8 girls and Lachlan placed 5th in the Yr 9-10 boys. We were the smallest school represented and there were large groups from Chevalier and Hurlstone. We did well considering the competition. Lachlan and Stephanie will both go on to the State Championships in September.

## Italian Oz Tag World Cup Team 2018

Emerson De Francesco has been selected to play on the Italian Oz Tag World Cup Team. The team will play against 25 different nations at Coffs Harbour in November.

## Zone Athletics

The Macarthur Zone Athletics Carnival was held on July 3 and 4. Elderslie High school finished 3rd overall from all the schools in Zone. A special congratulations goes to the following four students who were crowned as the Macarthur Zone Athletics Age Champions; 15 Years Girls Shae Elguindy, 16 Years Girls Ellie Baer-Tomlinson, 16 Years Boys Angus Powell and 17+ Boys Brock Chisholm.

The following students and teams have now qualified for the Sydney South West Regional Athletics Carnival and where they will be representing our school on the 7th and 8th August. Bree Barlow, Sophie Latimer, Noah Amos, Callan Phillips, Edward De La Mare, Connor Bell, Mackenzie Court, Laylah Faulkner, Bianca Chauvin, Ashley Vasquez, Bailey Morris, Jade Van der Saag, Shae Elguindy, Erin Bloor, Bailey Peacock, Matthew Green, Tia Keighran, Victoria Davis, Taani Fa'uao, Chloe Kordiak, Brontie Harvey-Marks, Ellie Baer-Tomlinson, Angus Powell, Jake Sidney, Brock Chisholm, Jenna McGuire, Ebony Palmer, Ella Stevenson, Tiarne McDonald, Karley Geaney, Nathan Baker, 13 Years Girls Relay team, 14 Years Girls Relay team and the 15 Years Girls Relay team.

*Mr Atterton*

## PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATING UPDATE

Congratulations to Blake Penfold from Year 11 on her fantastic effort in the **Quota Club of Macarthur Student of the Year** event held at the Camden Civic Centre on Monday, 18 June, 2018.

**The Speaking 4 The Planet** is an annual event held by the local council. The competition was held on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 Australian Botanical Gardens. This year Lachlan Taylor from Year 10 represented Elderslie High School in the competition. Thank you to Kirra Vandersteen from Year 9 and Cassandra McMurdo from Year 10 for attending the event.

**The Year 12 Debating Team**, consisting of Mitchell Oyston, Anneliese Munro, Dylan Maclou, Erica Sheather and Merralisa Wintzloff won their Quarter Final debate against Westfield Sports High School and their Semi Final against Hurlstone Agricultural High School. Unfortunately, they were defeated in the Regional Final by Sefton High School. Congratulations to our Regional Finalists!

**The Year 11 Debating Team**, consisting of Nancy Haggerty, Serena Chowna, Georgia Cunnion and Matthew Guthrie won their Round 1 Debate against Hurlstone Agricultural High School, their Round 2 Debate against Sarah Redfern High School and their Round 3 Debate against Prairiewood High School. Good luck to the team in the Regional Final!

**The Year 10 Team** consists of Breanna Craig, Cassandra McMurdo, Lachlan Taylor and Savannah Corcoran. **The Year 9 Team** consists of Zayne Lewis, Gemma Stiff, Briannan Eggert, Marshall Kickert, Alice Haggerty, Tiarne Phillips, Hayley McAllister, Kirra Vandersteen and Joel Panetta. Congratulations to both teams on their wins over Campbelltown Performing Arts High School. Congratulations to Year 10 on their win over Camden High School. The final round of the zone will see our Year 9 and Year 10 Teams battle it out to decide the zone. Stay tuned for the result of that encounter!

Year 7 & 8 Debating teams will be starting their 2018 campaign in the next few weeks. So stay tuned for updates on our progress! Best of luck to all of our teams in the coming weeks!!



*Ms Dennis*

## CAPA UPDATE

On Tuesday, 7 August 2018 the **Year 12 CAPA** students will present their HSC performances and projects to an audience of parents and friends. Tickets will be on sale

from the Student Office early in Term 3 and are \$ 7.00 for all. Doors open at 6.15 pm. See you there!

The **next CAPA Evening will be Year 7 & 8 on Tuesday, 25th September, 2018.** Please come along and support the Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Arts classes, as well as the Dance Ensemble and Junior Drama Ensemble.

The **CAPA Calendar Photo Day** was on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 and all of the dancers who participated had a great time having their photo taken for this year's calendar.

**Elderslie High School's Dance Spectacular** will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018 in the School Hall from 7.00 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Our Partner Primary Schools will be invited to see the show during Period 3 on that day and the whole school will be invited to attend during Period 4. This is an event not to miss!

Late in June, the Dance Ensemble, Ballroom Dance Ensemble and Dance Company represented Elderslie High School at the **In The Spotlight Dance Festival** at the Seymour Centre. All groups performed extremely well and enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Ms Grimston-Eason and Mrs Carusi for their support of the groups. Congratulations to Lilibeth Dell from Year 12 and Savannah Nenadik from Year 7 on their beautiful performances as part of the State Dance Ensembles.

On Sunday, June 17, 2018 the Dance Ensemble and Dance Company performed in the **Sydney Eisteddfod** at the Science Theatre, University of NSW. Both groups performed exceptionally well in NSW's number one eisteddfod.



Also, on Sunday, June 17, 2018 the Ballroom Dance Ensemble performed at the **Winterfest Ballroom Dance** event. All the students had an amazing day and performed very well. We came home with lots of medals and trophies.

Congratulations to the Macarthur Schools Year 11 Drama class on their selection for the **In The Spotlight Drama Festival**. The students are very excited to present their piece titled "The Daily Grind" on the evening.

The **HSC CAPA Practical Examinations** are approaching. Good luck to all the students involved.

#### **CAPA Faculty**



**Blake Penfold**



**Ballroom Dancing Students**



## CATCHING UP WITH OUR ALUMNI

Isabella Wisniewska, Class of 2013



### **Achievements at Elderslie High School** **Elderslie High School, School Captain**

I was honoured to act as School Captain of Elderslie High School with Co-Captain Joel Berrell.

### **NSW State Student Representative Delegate (2011)**

In 2011 I was elected as one of twenty-two representatives from all over New South Wales to represent the peak Student Representative Council group in Sydney. I was trained by the Department of Education and Training and alumni NSW State SRC delegates about student leadership and youth empowerment.

### **Macarthur Inter-School Group (ISG) Student Representative Council President (2011-2013)**

I was elected to act as President of the Macarthur ISG group within the first meeting I attended. I was honoured to facilitate local student representatives and allow them to learn about the importance of advocacy, upskilling other student leaders, liaising with school communities and facilitating and planning for project management.

### **South West Sydney State Debater (2011)**

In 2011 I was recruited to represent the South Western Sydney area as a debater to compete at the NSW State Debating Competition. I was one of the 4 representatives chosen from the region and enjoyed the opportunity to work with a skilled and talented debating team.

### **YMCA NSW Youth Parliament Representative (2012 & 2013)**

In 2012 I was chosen to represent the Campbelltown Electorate within the Lower House of the NSW Parliament with the Women's Affairs Committee in Youth Parliament. In 2013 I was further chosen to represent Wollondilly within the Multicultural Affairs Committee within the NSW Upper House.

YMCA NSW Youth Parliament allowed me the opportunity to make life-long friendships, learn more about student advocacy and ultimately led me to volunteer for the organisation for the next five years to ensure future participants have the same opportunities I was afforded.

### **Achievements Post-Elderslie High School** **Electorate Officer for NSW and Federal Members of Parliament**

For the past three years I have worked in the capacity as an electorate officer and political advisor for NSW and Federal Members of Parliament.

In doing so, my role includes acting as a media and public relations advisor, strategist, campaign organiser, advancer, policy writer, legal researcher, constituent case manager, event organiser and community liaison. Working as a public servant is a great honour and I am thrilled to be working in my dream environment.

### **YMCA NSW Youth & Government Taskforce Member**

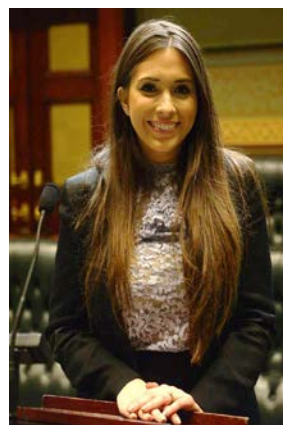
Between the years of 2014 and 2018, I have volunteered in the capacity as a taskforce member for the YMCA NSW Youth and Government programs, namely Parliament Primary Schools, Junior Parliament and Youth Parliament. In doing so, my roles have included overseeing all media and public relations associated with YMCA Youth and Government programs, developing media and public relations strategies, liaising with YMCA NSW brand and engagement representatives, overseeing a team of four volunteers and training 100 students about the Parliamentary process at a time.

### **Intern to His Honour Judge Hatzistergos at Department of Justice NSW**

I undertook an internship with His Honour, previously Attorney General of NSW Hatzistergos. I experienced the processes and administrative work involved in the District Court. I was also required to assist His Honour with legal research and writing judgements.

I was greatly honoured to experience the judicial system from the angle of a Judge as it provided me with a different perspective as a law student.

### **Media and Public Relations Advisor at Melbourne Grand Prix (Motorsport)**



As a nationally accredited Formula One Journalist with Talking Torque Journalism, I have been afforded the opportunity to represent female journalists at the 2018 Rolex Australian Grand Prix. This role allowed me to meet with Formula One drivers, interview them, gain backstage access to races and pre-race events and undertake photography and videography at the events. I

was also able to liaise and network with major sporting providers, television and journalism networks and racing teams.



# HSC Minimum Standards

## Dear Parents

If your child is sitting HSC exams in or after 2020 they will need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive a Higher School Certificate.

Literacy and numeracy skills are key for success in everyday life. Achieving the HSC minimum standard means they will have a level of skills necessary for success after school.

Students show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills needed for everyday tasks. The minimum standard online tests are not based on NAPLAN.

### Elderslie High School Test Dates

#### Term 3, 2018

- Practice: Wednesday 8 August
- Formal Testing: Wednesday 29 August

#### Term 4 2018

- Practice: Wednesday 17 October
- Formal Testing: Wednesday 14 November

Link to information presented:

Minimum Standards: <https://youtu.be/Wt0LGejs0CY>

If you would like your child to complete practice and/or formal testing this year, please complete the slip below and return to Ms Samuels in the Library by the end of Week 2.

Ms T Samuels  
Head Teacher Secondary Studies

Mrs J Lawrence  
Principal

I would like to enrol my child, \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Class \_\_\_\_\_  
in the following Minimum Standards tests:

<b>TEST</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Practice test	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading <input type="checkbox"/> writing <input type="checkbox"/> numeracy
	<input type="checkbox"/> Actual test	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading <input type="checkbox"/> writing <input type="checkbox"/> numeracy

Term 3, 2018

Term 4, 2018

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



## 23ACU

### **Australian Army Cadet Unit Camden**

Both **Boys** and **Girls** are encouraged  
to join Parade every Thursday Night  
at Camden Airport 7pm-9.30pm

For further information contact:

**Mobile: 0420 72 2931 or Email:  
23acu@cadetnet.gov.au**

You must be between the ages of:  
13 in calendar years - 17 years

**PROPOSED CALENDAR – More detailed Calendar events can be found on our school website**

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	<b>Jul 30</b> Knock Out Netball	<b>Jul 31</b>	Aug 1 CAPA Photos	<b>Aug 2</b> Drama Day Eagle Vale High School	<b>Aug 3</b> Cobbitty Markets (Saturday)
3		<b>Aug 7</b> Dance Calendar Photos Yr12 CAPA 7pmP&C Meeting	<b>Aug 8</b> Science Transition Program	<b>Aug 9</b> 7-11 Recognition Assemblies	<b>Aug 10</b> 7-11 Recognition Assemblies Primary Schools Gala Day - Backup
4	<b>Aug 13</b> Science Week Year 10 and 11 Immunisation	<b>Aug 14</b> Science Week Year 8 Police Questions & Answers	<b>Aug 15</b> Science Week Drama Festival Ultimo	<b>Aug 16</b> Science Week Drama Festival Ultimo	<b>Aug 17</b> Science Week
5	<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>Aug 21</b> 3:30pm Dance Transition	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Aug 23</b>	<b>Aug 24</b>
6	<b>Aug 27</b> YearNAPLAN Online Readiness Testing Year 10 PISA Testing	<b>Aug 28</b> NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing	<b>Aug 29</b> NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing Minimum Standards Testing Year 10	<b>Aug 30</b> NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing	<b>Aug 31</b> Cobbitty Markets (Saturday) Primary Schools Gala Day NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing

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## P & C MEETINGS 2018

**ALL** parents of students and interested members of the Elderslie community are invited to attend these meetings.

Our Meeting for 2018 will be:

Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm