



PARENT BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2018

Upcoming Events

30 Aug	HSC Drama Practical Exams
31 Aug	Cobbitty Markets (Saturday)
31 Aug	Primary Schools Gala Day
3 Sept	NAPLAN Online Readiness
4 Sept	NAPLAN Online Readiness
4 Sept	Dance Transition 3:30 pm
4 Sept	P & C Meeting 7:00 pm
6 Sept	NAPLAN Online Readiness
7 Sept	NAPLAN Online Readiness
14 Sept	Dance Spectacular
14 Sept	Primary Schools Gala Day
18 Sept	Year 7 Immunisation
21 Sept	Zone Netball Gala Day
27 Sept	Year 12 Graduation Evening
27 Sept	Year 12 Showcase Concert
28 Sept	Year 12 Picnic Day

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Success

I am delighted to announce that Elderslie High School has been successful in five areas of the Public Education Foundation Awards for 2018. Dylan Maclou and Hannah Jenkins of Year 12 have both been recognised as winners of the Minister's Award for Student Excellence. This highly prestigious award is only awarded to around 35 students state wide and yet Elderslie has had 7 students across the last six years recognised. Ms Zoe Crossingham has been recognised as the winner of a Minister's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the school has been also commended with a Secretary's Award for an Outstanding School Initiative for the work that we have done with our common writing platform across the last couple of years. Finally, Mr Mick Hovey, the President of our Parents & Citizens Association has been recognised with Public School Parent of the Year award. These awards were presented at Sydney Town Hall on Wednesday, August 29 at a reception attended by the Minister for Education, Mr Rob Stokes. Photographs will be included in the next edition of Parent Bulletin.

In the last few weeks, it has certainly been a time for showcasing student excellence at Elderslie High School. Ms Martin, Mrs Amos and I attended the Drama Festival, "In the Spotlight", held at NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Arts) in which our students performed and also Lucy Mottram and Jaide Gardner compered. Our students did an outstanding job, as did Ms Dennis who was the main organiser of the event. We were also thrilled to see four of our amazing Year 12 students nominated for major awards in Vocational Education at the reception at Bankstown Sports Club on Monday, August 20. These students were:

- Zachary Costlow** – Construction
- Elynn Brown** - Hospitality (Food & Beverage)
- Isabella French** - Hospitality (Commercial Cookery)
- Tiarne McDonald** - Sports Coaching

Staffing Changes

We have had a few additional staff changes in recent weeks including the departure of Ms Samuels as Head Teacher Secondary Studies. Ms Samuel's role will be taken up in a relieving capacity once again by Mr Marshall. We also welcome Ms Gomes and Mr Leng into the HSIE faculty and also Ms Morely into the Mathematics faculty.

Renovation Update

We are eagerly awaiting the green light to move back into the newly renovated front office and remove the scaffolding around the new exterior spaces. Most of the work is now complete and we are simply waiting for final building defects to be addressed and permission granted to start making use of this new space. I am hoping to have a timeframe laid out for me by the builders soon and will advise in a subsequent issue of Parent Bulletin and by Skoolbag App notification when the time arrives.

Stage 5 and 6 Scholarships

Each year, Elderslie High School offers a small number of scholarships to students in Years 7, 9 and 11. These scholarships are for a two year period and last the student right through either Stage 4, 5 or 6 of their schooling. Applications for Year 7 scholarships in 2019 are now closed but we are now opening applications for Stage 5 (Year 9) and Stage 6 (Year 11) in areas including Sport, Academic, Creative and Performing Arts and Leadership (Stage 5 only). Interested parents or students can see the office or Year Advisers for details and an application form. Forms are also located on the school's website.

Kind regards, Mrs Jenny Lawrence

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Natalie Martin (DP Years 7, 9 & 11)

Joanne Amos (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)

Recognition Assemblies

In Week 3, our school held Recognition Assemblies for Years 7-11. Elderslie High School's Recognition Assemblies are a key celebration event in our calendar biannually and allow us to acknowledge student success in a range of areas; from academic awards to Exemplary Attendance awards and also PBL (Positive Behaviour Learning) Awards in which students are recognised for behaviour that is congruent with our behaviour expectations. We thank all the families who attended to support their children and the school as a part of Education Week. The next set of Recognition Assemblies will occur at the end of Term 4. As always, these are announced via Parent Bulletin and Skoolbag app.

We would like to apologise for an incorrect name printed in the last edition of Parent Bulletin in recognition of Taneisha Fitzhenry. Taneisha performed beautifully on the grand piano in the NAIDOC Assembly and we look forward to hearing her do so many times in the future.

External Testing

On Monday, 27 August, a range of Year 10 students were required to complete International PISA testing. These tests are conducted world wide to measure student skills in Reading, Mathematics and Science and help to determine where Australian students sit in relation to students from other countries. Only 15 year old students

are subject to the testing and of those 15 year olds enrolled, only 30) are randomly selected

Additionally, all non-exempt students in Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN online will be completing NAPLAN Online Trial testing in Week 7. These tests will help the school collect data for ACARA on the readiness of schools to move to the online platform and provide test administrators with advice about any impediments still in place. NAPLAN online testing will occur Monday, September 3 through to Friday September 7 (excepting Wednesday).

Year 12 Final Weeks

It is hard to believe that our Year 12 Class of 2018 are nearly finished their studies! A great many students are at the stage of completing any practical major works and this has sure taken some of the pressure off their shoulders! With only five weeks left of school before the School Holidays and then the HSC examinations, students are reaching the end. Along with their study programs, the school has planned many fun and memory creating events to round out the last year of school, including the Year 12 Formal, Picnic Day, Graduation Supper and several other events. Notes have gone home already for the Graduation Supper and the Picnic Day so all students are asked to please ensure these are returned and paid for as soon as possible.

Year 11 B Street Smart

On Tuesday, August 28, Ms Whitfield and a number of other teachers took Year 11 students to B Street Smart at Qudos Arena. This outstanding program aimed at promoting safe driving and reducing road fatalities and is an initiative of the Westmead Hospital Trauma Service. All students in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the day and found it very moving. Thank you to Ms Whitfield for her organisation.

Positive Behaviour

At EHS, we actively and explicitly promote our core behaviour values of being Responsible, Reflective and Respectful. Once per week, we teach a specific lesson around these themes during roll call and yet there are occasionally students who need to be reminded by staff of their obligations. Pushing and shoving games that are meant to be just in "fun" are not appropriate for the school context and students who persist with these actions will face disciplinary consequences. We ask all our families to support us by explaining what respectful, responsible and reflective behaviour is and reminding their children why it is inappropriate.

Ms Natalie Martin & Mrs Joanne Amos

WELFARE NEWS

Screen Time vs Activity Time

In recent times, the use of mobile phones and technology has infiltrated our lives to a point where we now probably can't imagine how we lived without them. For young people, technology and smartphones have been around all their lives are they do not know a world without them. If you can answer yes to one of these questions, then this article is worth a read.

1. Are you worried about your teenager's dependence on their screen?
2. Do you want to inspire your teenager to be more active?
3. Do you want to help your teenager to take up more activities?

It's likely that your teen is a bit obsessed with their device and may even be head down looking at a screen right now. But to be fair parents can be very reliant on their phones too. Screen time gets a bad rap but isn't bad if it's balanced with activity. And being active is a feel-good habit that, once you get into it, can remain a habit for life. Here are different ways to help get them into it.

Start playing sport

Playing a team sport has heaps of benefits; learning to work towards a shared goal, having other's backs, and camaraderie that forges lifelong friendships. You can find teams to join in lots of sports. Check out what's on at the local community centre and at school.

Alternatively, your teen might prefer a solo sport like martial arts, swimming or running. You can join a club or class with these ones or just wing it, remember YouTube has tutorials for everything!

Playing a casual game with friends

Rather than sitting around on the weekend inside encourage your teen and their friends to have a game of backyard cricket, throw a Frisbee around, go for a kick around in the park, or play a game of handball in the street. Having a basket of relevant equipment at the front or back door might encourage your teenagers to grab one when they head out with friends.

Getting into personal fitness

Some people prefer solo active time and there's plenty of options for that. Get them on to the 7 minute work out, couch to 10K, or find out about concession rates at local gym classes. There are different levels that are doable, even for beginners and teens on a tight budget. Look for the free apps and outdoor gyms in your area.

Gaming with active apps

Not all screen time is sedentary time! VR and AR technology is exploding and bringing with it some creative, and active, takes on gaming. From Wii Fit and Pokemon

GO to Zombies, Run! and Just Dance your teen can get both their mind and their body moving.

Enjoying active leisure

From parkour to ultimate frisbee, biking to snorkeling there's a world of active fun stuff out there. Whether you live in the town, country or by the sea, check out the indoor and outdoor activities nearby that are cheap to do or free.

Going places under their own steam

Walking and cycling is better for the brain than being stuck in traffic or waiting for the bus. If it's practical encourage them to pick up this healthy habit.

Remind them of things they used to like

It's really natural for teenagers to chop and change what they're interested in. In fact, we all do it! Try and remember active things your teenager liked when they were younger and find ways to remind them they had this interest or help them get into things that fulfill a similar interest.

Make family time active

Instead of always spending family time in front of the television make a point to get outside or away from screens for the time that you spend together. Things like hiking, camping, card games or heading to the beach may seem a little old school, but you'd be surprised how many teenagers still enjoy these sorts of activities.

Feeling a little overwhelmed with how to make all this happen for your teenager? Here are three tips to help you along the way!

1. **Car pool:** Connect with the parents of your teenager's mates and suggest a roster that shares the lifts to venues around. You'll feel a little less like a taxi driver plus it's better for the environment.
2. **Watch out for bargains:** Some of the active hobbies we've suggested require money. However, often there's an initial cost for some kit and then that's it. Use eBay, Gumtree, op shops and council pickups in your area to search for things like bikes, balls and boots. These sorts of things don't have to break the bank.
3. **Lead by example:** Role modelling can be pretty powerful so make sure you're not glued to a screen 24/7. You can even admit to your teen that it's a problem for you too and suggest you tackle it together. That way they won't feel like they're being singled out for their screen use.

This article has been sourced from

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/skills-to-build/wellbeing/things-to-try-technology/help-your-teenager-enjoy-active-time-as-much-as-screen-time> (26/07/2018)

More articles about how to support teenagers through their developmental years can be found at <https://parents.au.reachout.com/>

Senior Learning

On Thursday 23 August we went to Richmond Air Base for a Try A Trade Day with students from Years 9 -12 and the students loved it. They were given many hands on opportunities and loved the experience with many of them determined to join the ADF after school.

I hope Year 12 have taken the opportunity to attend the many university open days in August. It really is important to get a "feel" for where you will be studying.

A reminder to Year 12 students to make their UAC choices before September 28 to avoid a late fee. Please ask your child to come and see me if they have any questions.

Year 11 exams are in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. Students should be allocating time each night at home to prepare for these exams. Please ask your children to come and see me if they need help with study timetables and note taking.

Congratulations to Georgia Cunnion and Serena Chowna who were chosen to attend and participate in the Secretary For A Day program which gave them the opportunity to shadow a minister and increase their leadership and public speaking skills.

Olivia Bradwell and Aleksandria Ilic were great ambassadors for our school when they attended the Youth Employment Forum. They participated in experiential tasks to enhance learning and promote the importance of emotional intelligence.

We have had a group of students this term participating in the Guys and Gals Getting Out There Program which has focussed on work readiness skills, resume writing and interview techniques.

TVET applications for current Year 10 students – EOI forms are available now from Careers for TVET 2019. Applications close at the end of this term.

SBAT Information Night -Year 10 Students and Parents – School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship Information Evening, Bankstown Sports, Tues 28 Aug 018, 5-7pm <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sbat-information-evening-for-year-10-students-and-parents-tickets-48546503900>

My Gateway – 40 plus jobs available – Apprenticeship and Traineeship opportunities for 2018 School Leavers – Administration, Boilermaker, Business, Childcare, Carpentry, Electrical, Finance, Fitter Machinist, Greenkeeping, Horticulture, Heavy and Light Vehicle Mechanical, Human Resources, Information Technology, Landscaping, Plant Mechanic, Reception, Warehousing, Painting and Decorating. Interview Days Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 8 2018. APPOINTMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL. Register your

interest: 0246271388. www.mygateway.org.au Resumes to jobs@mygateway.org.au

Indigenous Students – Year 12 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry Program – Apply directly to study at Western Sydney University through the Alternative Entry Program. This is a pathway to WSU, which does not require an ATAR. Register your interest or apply now www.westernsydney.edu.au/alternativeentry1300897669 study@westernsydney.edu.au

University of Wollongong, South Western Sydney Campus – 2019 Course Guide www.southwesternsydney.uow.edu.au

Year 12 – Western Sydney University – Bachelor of Music – Auditions <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/musicauditions>

Year 12 – TAFE Summer School – Certificate III in Fitness – Commencing Nov 23 018. Contact Jodie Brassil 0477042091 jodie.brassil1@tafensw.edu.au

R Whitfield

Student Wellbeing Initiative

John Coutis Presentation

As part of Elderslie High School's wellbeing initiatives, John Coutis presented to all of our students on Tuesday 7 August 2018.



John is an exceptional presenter and person who was born with a severe disability that rendered his legs useless. At the age of 17, John decided to have his legs amputated, he defied medical opinion and fought to survive.

John shared many personal stories about his life, including situations he faced while being a teenager at school. His personable and engaging approach left students captivated by his stories. Students were given the opportunity to ask John questions at the end of his presentation. Students asked thought provoking and insightful questions illustrating their attentiveness and engagement to John's message. His overall message was that each one of us are priceless.

John covered topics including:

- His inspiration and where/how to find it
- Dealing with disability

- **Overcoming adversity**
- **Overcoming challenges**
- **Resilience**
- **Bullying**

If you would like to read more about John's inspirational story please access the following website:
<http://www.johncoutis.com>

RATION CHALLENGE EXPERIENCES!

This year, students and staff of Elderslie High School undertook the Ration Challenge. It involved receiving a ration pack for a week and eating the same food as a Syrian refugee in Jordan. We raised a total of \$7274.69 for the Act for Peace Organisation to provide food, medicine and education for refugees.



Here are some experiences from some of our students:

My Ration Challenge Experience

On Monday I ate flatbread, rice and I swapped sardines out for a can of tuna. The flatbread didn't have much taste as I hadn't earned any spices but it filled me up and did the job. I didn't struggle too much on the first day as I was just adjusting to the challenge. Although, it was hard to sit and watch other people eat lots of yummy food. On Tuesday, I woke up very hungry and tired. My mum made falafel balls to eat which filled me up and I also ate rice with tuna again. By the end of the second day I didn't have much energy and was very exhausted. On Wednesday, the last day of the challenge, I really started to appreciate how lucky we are to be able to eat such a big variety of foods all the time. I ate the same foods again and because I dance every night I really struggled to have energy but pushed through to the end of the challenge. Overall the challenge was a good experience and helped me to understand what refugees go through and appreciate how lucky I really am.

Briannan Eggert - Year 9

My Ration Challenge Experience

On Sunday night I started the ration challenge. I did the ration challenge for all 3 days and didn't cheat one. Throughout the 3 days, I ate:
Sunday Night: Fried rice
Monday Morning: Boiled rice and tuna
Monday Lunch: Flatbread with hummus
Monday Night: Fried rice (again)
Tuesday morning: flatbread with hummus (once again)
Tuesday lunch: cold boiled rice

Tuesday night: falafel and flat bread
Wednesday morning almost done: I had some more tuna
Wednesday lunch: cold boiled rice (for the last time)
After school on Wednesday, mum took me to a kebab shop for afternoon tea. I had meat with chips it was so good to finally be having that kind of food again!

Adam Cox - Year 8

The Ration Challenge

When my Mum and I started, on Tuesday, we were both feeling quite energetic. Having experimented with our ration pack, we were excited as to what we could make. However, that excitement began to plummet down on the second day. Both of us were feeling really tired and lost. I know that during class, my attention span was shorter than usual. I was not as fast in maths either (which was particularly frustrating). Luckily, the third, and final (thankfully) day was not as bad. We were used to the new diet and saved our tuna (which replaced the sardines) for today. Towards the end of the day, and after dinner, we both felt really accomplished. We also opened our eyes as to the terrible conditions and meals refugees in Syria have to live with. Overall, I believe this challenge is a great way to broaden people's understandings of those suffering in the world, and how we can help them. Some of our meals included, fried rice with kidney beans and flatbread, lentil and tomato soup and falafels wrapped in flatbread. We also made hummus to go with the flatbread.

Leah Maglis - Year 8

I am very proud of the students and staff who got on board with this challenge! It was a gruelling week of food rationing but it really opened our eyes, showing the conditions faced by refugees around the world!

Linda Le, SRC Coordinator

MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Competition Wrap Up

Just a quick message to congratulate the Mock Trial Team on their successes in the competition this year. The team progressed quite far in the competition, managing to make it through the round robin section of the competition and proceeding all the way to the second elimination round. Despite their fantastic efforts, the team was knocked out in the second elimination round by St Gregory's College. Elderslie High School was significantly outnumbered by private schools in the competition, so the team should be proud of themselves and their tremendous efforts.



Well done team! *Ms Farrar, HSIE*

RUOK? Day

R U OK Day is a national day to raise awareness for mental health and wellbeing. The day is dedicated to reminding people to ask family, friends and peers R U OK, in a meaningful way, because connecting regularly and meaningfully is one thing everyone can do to make a difference. This year Elderslie High School held this event on the 16 and 17 August. The SRC held a bake sale, lolly bag sale, collected generous donations in roll call and handed out yellow "R U OK" wristband to all donators. Jessica Erskine, Year 12 Student is doing a major project for this amazing event. Her goal was to raise over \$1000 to donate to the 'Beyond Blue Foundation'. The SRC are pleased to announce that we raised over \$1000. We would like to thank everyone who came along to donate and support such a wonderful cause.



SUPPORT UNIT REPORT



"Girls & Guys Getting Out There" program.

Students within the Support Unit in Year 10 got the opportunity to participate in the "Girls & Guys Getting Out There" program. Its aim is to assist young people, with a disability, with the transition from school to work and provide them with the knowledge needed to be active and successful members of society.

Who Dunit

This term, students in the Support Unit are looking at the topic "Who Dunit" where students will learn to understand the nature of science as a human activity, within Forensic Science.

Year 9 & 10 transition planning meeting

In the coming days students in Year 9 and 10 will bring home a parent invite to attend an ITP meeting with Mrs Robinson and Jennifer Harris - Itinerant transition teacher. Please look out for this invite in your child's diary.

S. Mitchell

SPORT NEWS

CHS Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the CHS Cross Country Carnival;

14yrs Girls Bianca Chauvin 22nd, Mackenzie Court 23rd, Shae Elguindy

15yrs Girls Erin Wooldridge 2nd, Estelle Hollinshead 4th, Erin Bloor 66th

16yrs Girls Ella Wooldridge 5th, Ellie Baer-Tomlinson 26th, Ahlana Sklenar 49th

17yrs Girls Jenna McGuire

Regional Athletics

The following students qualified for the Regional Athletics Carnival. Their achievements are as follows;

Notable mentions include:

15 year Girls 1st 4 x 100m Relay

13 year Girls 3rd 4 x 100m Relay Team

14 year Girls 3rd 4 x 100 Relay Team

Bianca Chauvin 1st 14 year Girls 800m, 3rd 400m, 3rd 1500m **Mackenzie Court** 14 year Girls 2nd 400m, 2nd 1500m, 2nd 3000m, **Erin Bloor** 15 year Girls 1st 400m, 2nd 200m, 3rd 100m

Shae Elguindy SSW Regional Age Champion, 15 year Girls 1st Hurdles, 2nd 800m, 2nd 1500m, 2nd Javelin, 4th High Jump

Tia Keighran 15 year Girls – 2nd High Jump

Brontie Harvey-Marks 16 year Girls 2nd Triple Jump

Jenna McGuire 17+ Girls 2nd 1500m

Ella Stevenson 17 year Girls equal 3rd Long Jump

Connor Bell 12 year Boys 3rd Discus

Bailey Morris 14 year Boys 1st High Jump, 1st Long Jump

Angus Powell 16 year Boys 1st Triple Jump, 3rd Hurdles

Brock Chisholm 17+ Boys 1st Hurdles

Nathan Baker 17 + Boys 1st Javelin

Mr Atterton, Athletics Organiser

Gymnastics

Telisha Trevithick, Olivia Drieman and Emma Brocker were part of the SSW Gymnastics team who competed at the CHS Gymnastics Competition.

Telisha placed 2nd on Floor and 2nd overall and the SSW team placed 3rd overall.

Rugby League

U15'S Wests cup

The under 15's Elderslie High School rugby league side played a tough game against Bowral High School for the semi-finals of the Wests Cup competition. Although the boys played a tough game on the day, they came out second best. Tries from Alivereti Ratu and Lawrence Mark brought the boys back into the game, however Bowral pulled away in the second half. Great work from the team making it to this stage of the competition. The boys made both themselves and the school proud.

Mr Mani

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to Jaiden Gardner from Year 8 and Lucy Mottram from Year 11 on their stylish hosting of the In The Spotlight Drama Festival 2018 at NIDA Parade Theatre on the 15th and 16th August 2018.

The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award is an annual event held by The Arts Unit. The competition was held on Monday, 13 August 13, 2018 at Elderslie High School. This year Breanna Craig from Year 10 and Hayley McAllister from Year 9 represented Elderslie High School in the competition. Thank you to Scarlett Corcoran and Claire Stanley from Year 7 and Tiarne Phillips from Year 9 who chaired the event. Hayley won her way through to the Regional Final and will compete at this level in early September. Good luck Hayley!



Lachlan Taylor from Year 10 was the Runner up in The Speaking 4 the Planet Prepared Speaking competition in May. He will now represent Elderslie High School at the Eco Summit at Homebush on the 4th September 2018. Good luck, Lachlan.

DEBATING UPDATE

The Year 11 Debating Team, consisting of Nancy Haggerty, Serena Chowna, Georgia Cunnion and Matthew Guthrie won the State Quarter Final against East Hills Girls High School. Unfortunately, they were defeated in the State Semi Final by Sydney Girls High School. Congratulations on this amazing achievement, as they finished in the top four teams in NSW.



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 the Year 10 team for winning their zone. They are now awaiting a Regional Quarter Final opponent. Stay tuned for the result of that encounter!

Year 7 & 8 Debating Team A consists of Scarlett Corcoran, Claire Stanley, Feini Zhang and Chloe Pasterfield, whilst Team B consists of Heath Cardona, Lucas McLeod, Rory Munro and Ashlea McGee-Uren. Team A won their Round 1 debate against Airds High School. So stay tuned for updates on our progress!



Best of luck to all of our teams in the coming weeks!!

Ms Dennis

CAPA UPDATE

Congratulations to all of the Year 12 CAPA students who performed or presented their HSC projects, major works or performance at the HSC CAPA Evening on Tuesday August 7, 2018. Well done, all!

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.

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!

The CAPA Calendar 2019 will be on sale at Dance Spectacular on the September 14 and from the Office after that date. Calendars will be \$ 20.00. Please purchase one in support of our amazing CAPA students.

God luck to the Ballroom Dance Ensemble at the **Spring Ballroom Dance Competition** on Sunday, September 9 2018. Hopefully we will come home with lots of medals and trophies.

Congratulations to the Camden Network Ensemble on their performance at the **In The Spotlight Drama Festival at NIDA Parade Theatre on August 16 2018**. Mikayla Pasterfield, Lutrishia Okamura-Joy, Aliyah Okamura-Joy, Lucy Mottram and Blake Penfold, from Year 11, were very excited to present their piece titled “The Daily Grind” on the evening.



Congratulations to the **HSC Dance students on surviving their Practical Examinations** on the August 15, 2018. Well done to all of the students involved.

The **HSC Drama Practical Examinations** are approaching. Drama Practical Examinations will be on the August 30, 2018. Good luck to all of the students involved.

The **HSC Music Practical Examinations** are approaching. Music Practical Examinations will be on Monday, September 10, 2018. Good luck to all of the students involved.

The **HSC Visual Arts students** will submit their Major Works on September 3, 2018. Good luck to all of the students involved.

CAPA Faculty

CATCHING UP WITH OUR ALUMNI

James Craven, Class of 2014



Achievements at Elderslie High School

During my time at Elderslie High I achieved a lot of great things that I believe set me up to be the person I am today. I always enjoyed being involved in as many aspects of the school as I could. If it was early morning starts feeding cattle in the Ag Plot to late nights operating the sound desk for school functions it was great way to build my ‘life skills’. Yes, education is important but turning these into skills is fundamental. To this day I still use these skills day in day out to complete my daily tasks.

Whilst I was at Elderslie High I must say that becoming Vice Captain was my biggest achievement. I enjoyed the role and it gave my skills that allow me to be a better person, employee and community member. Community is a big

part of my life our support networks are built out of communities and family. Living in Camden now and walking through the main street seeing current students wearing EHS uniforms fills me with a great sense of pride. I was a key member of the Stage Crew for as long as I can remember. I learnt skills there that I now use in my job as a Broadcast Engineer. From Sound, Lighting to Vision these skills are something I cherish day in day out.

Achievements since 2014

I completed my Bachelor of Stage and Screen (TV Production) in 2017. I completed this at Charles Sturt University Wagga Wagga. Moving to Wagga was of the biggest challenges I have faced thus far. After graduating Elderslie High in 2014 and being 18 moving to a Regional Town in NSW was a big challenge however I had learnt a lot of personal and Leadership skills from my time at Elderslie.

What I do now?

I work for the major outside broadcast company in



Australia as a Trainee Broadcast Engineer. It is actually a really hard job to explain to people because there is not many of us in Australia I would say there is probably 50 people. The easiest way for me to explain what I do is simply I make television. You’re probably reading this watch the footy

and I’m probably making sure it gets to your lounge room. My job is never boring and I have achieved a lot in a very small time. I have worked on The Voice Series 7, State of Origin, The NRL Bunker, NRL, AFL, BBL, A league and probably the coolest is the 2018 TV Week Logies as the Red Carpet Floor Engineer. I love my job and part of the reason I am so passionate is because of Mr Burke who introduced me to the Entertainment world whilst I was at Elderslie High School.

As part of the Alumni for Elderslie I feel very privileged to be able to share my story thus far with you.

PBL REPORT 

R U OK?

On Friday August 17 students and staff were asked to wear a yellow accessory to school for R U OK? Day. The PBL focus for the week examined what it means to be ok and how we can look out for each other. Often the simple gesture of asking a person if they are ok? can make a big difference in how a person feels and responds to a challenging situation in their life. Students discussed how they can support friends in need. We can all play a role in supporting each other, remember these four steps;

- 1. Ask 2. Listen 3. Support 4. Follow up**

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

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29 Minimum Standards Testing Year 10 Under 15 Boys Knock Out Basketball	Aug 30 HSC Drama Practical Exams	Aug 31 Cobbitty Markets (Saturday) Primary Schools Gala Day
7	Sep 3 NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing Year 8 Debate – Round 3	Sep 4 NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing 3:30pm Dance Transition 7pm P&C Meeting	Sep 5	Sep 6 NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing	Sep 7 NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing
8	Sep 10	Sep 11 CHS Opens Netball	Sep 12 CHS Opens Netball Science Transition Program	Sep 13	Sep 14 Dance Spectacular Primary Schools Gala Day
9	Sep 17	Sep 18 Year 7 Immunisation	Sep 19	Sep 20 Under 15's Netball	Sep 21 Zone Netball Gala Day Boys and Girls
10	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27 Year 12 Graduation Evening Final Assembly for Year 12 Year 12 Showcase Concert	Sep 28 Year 12 Picnic Day

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

Our Meeting for September 2018 will be:

Tuesday 4 September at 7pm