



PARENT BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2019

Upcoming Events

Nov 25	Yr 9 Christmas CAPA Evening Rehearsal
Nov 26	P&C Meeting
Nov 27	Macarthur Zone Blues Presentation
Nov 28	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Trip
Nov 28	Yr 9 Christmas CAPA Evening Performance
Nov 29	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Trip
Nov 29	Support Unit Transition Program
Dec 3	Yr 6 into 7 Orientation Day
Dec 3	Yr 9 Generation STEM Community Partnerships Program Showcase
Dec 4-6	Yr 9 PASS Surf Camp
Dec 5	Yr 10 End of Year Function
Dec 6	Pathways to Dreaming End of Year Conference
Dec 11	Jamberoo Rewards Day
Dec 12-13	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Test
Dec 13	Yr 7-10 Recognition Assemblies
Dec 16	Yr 7-10 Reports Issued
Dec 17	Presentation Evening
Feb 7	School Swimming Carnival

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staffing News

Term 4 is always a busy time of year in which new staff are being sought for any vacancies in the school for the 2020 school year. Ahead of time, we have been fortunate to secure the services of Mr Nathan Dean who is joining our Technological & Applied Studies faculty next year on a permanent basis. Mr Dean has been able to join our staff ahead of his official start date to fill the vacancy created by Mr Rob Hall's departure. Mr Dean comes to us with a wealth of background knowledge from industry.

At the time of writing, we are also eagerly awaiting the appointment of a new music teacher. We will have more news on this position in the coming weeks.

We would like to farewell Ms Lisa Bartlett from our office staff who has accepted a transfer to another school. Ms Bartlett has been with us for seven years and will be sorely missed.

End of Year Wrap Up

Just a reminder to our school community that the final day of lessons for the year will be Wednesday, December 18. The school office will be open on Thursday, December 19 but not on December 20. Please take a look at our school calendar for the expected date of report distribution and for Year 7-10 Recognition Assemblies.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and their families a wonderful festive season and a restful holiday.

Student Successes

I am delighted to announce that Vanya Kamenjas of Year 12 has been confirmed as the recipient of a NSWCHSSA (NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association) Sporting Blue as well as a Sporting Blue from the Sydney South West Sports Association. These prestigious accolades have been awarded to Vanya for his achievements in Swimming. I will be attending Vanya's ceremony in coming weeks and as such, I will include a photograph in the next edition of Parent Bulletin.

Another outstanding student that was recently acknowledged is Poppy La Hay of Year 9 who received an award for outstanding achievement in numeracy at the recent Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards. Ms Martin and I were delighted to attend the ceremony at the Event Cinema

Complex at Campbelltown on October 28. Poppy certainly deserves this commendation.

Finally, on Monday, November 18, Mrs Ferris was very pleased to attend Camden Council Chambers to support three of our outstanding Year 11 Science students, David Truong, Nathan Ravello and Danielle Di Girolamo who were named as our recipients of the Victor Chang Awards. Congratulations to these students.

Does your child have an area in which they are excelling outside of school? I would love to hear about it. From time to time, parents do email me to let me know about their children's extra-curricular successes. Some of our students do indeed lead very well rounded and balanced lives with great achievements in outside of school sports, cadets and voluntary work. I do indeed encourage parents to reach out and inform us of these fantastic feats.

School Celebrations

The Year 12 Formal was held very recently on November 14 and this year, the students chose to keep it local and go to Belgenny Farm instead of Wollongong. It was a lovely evening in which we joined together to celebrate the conclusion of the HSC exams as well as all the achievements of our graduating students. The venue certainly provided a beautiful backdrop for the multitude of photographs that were taken on the night. The management of Belgenny Farm congratulated our students on their good behaviour. Of course, these events would not be possible without the hard work of our teachers and staff so I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Year Adviser and Assistant Year Adviser, Ms Golden and Mrs Chanter for all their efforts in making this event happen.

Our Year 10 End of Year Function is also fast approaching on Thursday, December 5 and will be held at Campbelltown Catholic Club. It should be noted that students receive their invitations to such events if they have met a range of criteria throughout the year and that as such, their inclusion in the event is not automatic.

*Kind regards,
Mrs Jenny Lawrence*

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Joanne Amos (DP Years 9 & 11)

Year 7 2020 Transition Lessons and Orientation Day

Over the past few Tuesdays, we have had visits from students participating in our Extended Transition Program with a number of activities hosted by our Learning Support Team. These have been a great opportunity for the incoming Year 7 students to experience taster lessons and begin their orientation to high school.

On Tuesday 4 December, we will formally welcome our Year 7 students for 2020 to our school to participate in the Orientation Day program. This will be a very exciting day for the children and their parents as the day will feature an opportunity to get to know key staff such as our Year Adviser

and Assistant Year Adviser, School Counsellor, Learning & Support Teachers and many more. Students will be led by our new 2020 Prefect Team who will work with small groups to accompany students to mini lessons, socialisation activities and sporting activities. These prefects will continue to work with the same groups of Year 7 students in 2020 and are key to our school's strategy in supporting the transition to high school. I would like to thank, in advance, Miss Gillian Sproule whose work on this event has been tireless. It promises to be a fun-filled day for the students.

New Enrolments

We have had a number of enquiries for new enrolments this term with families moving into our drawing area. If you are aware of any family or neighbours who intend seeking enrolment for 2020, we would appreciate them contacting our school office before close of business on Thursday 19 December. This will help us formulate classes and ensure that their details are submitted ready for the year ahead.

Year 12 2020

Our Year 12 students are currently working towards their first round of HSC assessments and now is the perfect time to be implementing good routines for study. Students should reflect on their achievements in Year 11 and work with their teachers to seek and respond to their feedback.

Kind regards

Joanne Amos

Jennifer Villanueva (DP Years 7 & 10)

Yearly Examinations

The examination period has come to a close and staff are now busily preparing Yearly Reports for all areas. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate students for the diligence they displayed in their preparations for and the sitting of, their yearly examinations. It is not easy to juggle the requirements of multiple courses at once and you should all feel very proud that you survived this process without melt downs (well, I hope not many melt downs) and that you build on the skills you have acquired this year to move in to 2020 confident in your abilities.

Year 7

Congratulations to all Year 7 students for successfully transitioning into high school. You have no doubt found the rigors of high school life with multiple subjects, each with assignments, homework and assessment tasks quite a challenge. If you found the challenge difficult, keep in mind that you have learnt a lot of time management skills over the course of this year and will be better prepared to manage your studies for Year 8 in 2020.

On 23 October, students received their vaccinations and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for the maturity which they displayed during this time. It is very important that as a school we adhere to mandatory health regulations, however, needles at school are never a nice thing. Students were all very positive and engaged with this program in a

manner which allowed smooth organisation and successful results.

Year 10

On 30 October, I had the pleasure of being in the audience for the Year 10 CAPA evening. I was quite amazed by the obvious talent and confidence displayed by many of these Year 10 students. Musical pieces, dance routines and theatrical performances all rolled up into one event made for a wonderful night and displayed the effort of these hard working students to the local community. Well done to you all and to the CAPA faculty for a brilliant performance!

On Monday 25 November, Year 10 students will no longer exist at Elderslie High School and you will embark on your Year 11 Transition Program. There will be a meeting during the usual roll call time of 8:55am where timetables and instructions will be disseminated. I am very pleased to be a part of this innovative program in 2019 and hope that you all take a hold of this opportunity and make the most of it. To those of you transitioning into the workforce, I wish you well and hope that you find every success.

The Year 10 Formal is coming up fast, being held on 5 December. Notes to invited students have been handed out and I am looking forward to celebrating the successes of Year 10, 2019 with you at this event.

End of Year

I hope that you all enjoy this end of year time and lead up to the holiday break. Please remember that classes are still covering mandatory content and that adequate completion of courses and appropriate behaviour is an expectation of all staff.

This time of year does bring with it a joy of the soon to come holidays, we join with you in this joyful anticipation and may introduce some festivities into our classrooms, however, it is to be understood that the core business of teaching and learning is the top priority and it is an expectation that all students complete classwork and homework with diligence and sustained effort.

Hope you have a wonderful last few weeks of 2019.

Mrs Villanueva

Natalie Martin (DP Years 8 & 12)

Change to End of Day Organisation

In Week 6 the Senior Executive have decided to trial a change to the end of day organisation for the school. The following changes have been implemented to ensure the safe exit of all students from the school.

- All walkers should leave the grounds by either the Hilder St Pedestrian Gate or the Basketball Courts.
- Students catching buses should be waiting in the Oak Grove and no other part of the school.
- Any students waiting for parental pick up are reminded that they must wait INSIDE the gates and exit via the pedestrian gates.

- This revised school procedure is not intended as a punishment but rather, is all about promoting student safety and responsibility.

The school will be reviewing the procedures throughout the term so that they can be improved and refined to provide a safe environment for every student.

Year 12

Year 12 have now finished their HSC Examinations for 2020 and I'm sure they are eagerly awaiting their HSC results which will be released by NESA on 17 December. All Year 12 students are invited to attend a celebration morning tea which will be held in the school Library on Wednesday 18 December.

On 14 November, Year 12 students enjoyed their formal which was held at Belgenny Farm. I would like to thank Mrs Penfold for generously providing the ceremonial cake. Staff and students enjoyed it immensely. Finally, I would like to wish all of Year 12 a bright and successful future.

PUBLIC SPEAKING UPDATE

Congratulations to Giovanna Potrus and San-Huy Hoang from Year 10 on their selection to present a speech at Currans Hill Public School's Belonging Day Ceremony on Tuesday 19 November, 2019. The students talked about their experiences as young people coming to live in a new country, learning a new language and new customs. The girls represented Elderslie High school with pride.

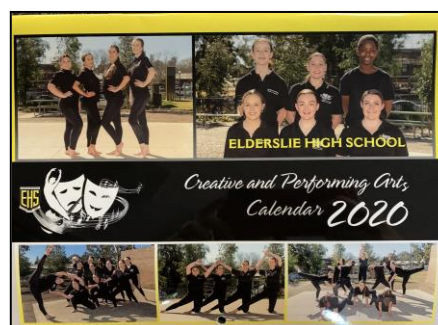
Ms Dennis

CAPA UPDATE

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in making **Year 10 CAPA Evening** a fun and successful evening. Well done to all!

The next **CAPA Evening will be Year 9 Christmas CAPA on Thursday 28 November, 2019** from 7.00 pm in the School Hall. Please come along and support the Year 9 Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Arts classes. As well as the Orchestra, Vocal Ensemble, Dance Ensembles and much more. Tickets are on sale from the Student Office and are \$7.00 for all. Doors open at 6.45 pm. See you there!

There are still a few **CAPA Calendars, 2020** available for purchase from the Student Office. Calendars are on sale for \$20.00. The calendar would make a great Christmas present and is an excellent memory of this year's routines, ensembles and personalities.



Savannah Nenadic from Year 8 and Kayla Jancovich from Year 11 represented Elderslie High School at **Schools Spectacular, 2019** on Friday 22 November and Saturday 23 November. This year's theme was 'STARS'. Congratulations to both girls on their involvement in this fantastic showcase!

Congratulations to all of the CAPA students who performed at the **Jacaranda Festival 2019** on Saturday 23 November, 2019. You helped to bring the Christmas spirit to Camden in 2019.

CAPA Stocktaking will be taking place on Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 December, 2019. Students who are interested in helping on the day need to see their CAPA teacher or Ms Dennis in the Studio to get a permission note.

CAPA Faculty

PRESENTATION EVENING 2019

The annual **Presentation Evening** is on **Tuesday 17 December, 2019 at Camden Civic Centre from 7.15 pm**. This is shaping up to be a wonderful evening with over 250 students receiving awards for leadership, academic, agricultural, cultural and sporting achievements at Regional and State level during 2019. **Students receiving awards will be given a letter by the end of Week 8 that details the organisation for the evening.** There will also be some dance and music performances on the evening. Please come along and celebrate the achievements of the wonderful students from Elderslie High School.

Ms S Dennis

SPORT REPORT

BMX NSW State Championships

Kayden Murphy rode in the BMX NSW State Championships on the October long weekend and managed to better his position to now, #4 in NSW as he had hoped to achieve.



Rotax Max Karting World Championships

From 19 to 26 October, 2019 Ryan Mills of Year 11 was given the opportunity to race for Team Australia at the Rotax Max Karting World Championships in Sarno Italy. This was Ryan's first opportunity to participate on the International Stage which turned out to be a great success. After 8 days of practise, qualifying and racing, he finished in the final in 7th position and was invited back to participate in 2020.



Senior Student Leadership News

Halogen National Young Leaders Day 2019

On 4 November 2019, the incoming 2020 Prefect Team and the 2020 Captaincy Team along with Ms Farrar attended the Halogen National Young Leaders Day at the International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour. The day primarily consisted of four inspirational speakers passing on their leadership insights. These speakers included John Coutis, Bianca Chatfield, Erin Molan and Lachlan Smart. Their insights helped our Senior Student Leadership Team to identify important factors that lead to effective leadership. This will help the team in the coming weeks to collaborate and devise initiatives to work towards throughout 2019-2020.

Estelle Hollinshead and Kara Small had the pleasure of meeting Erin Molan and having their photograph taken.

Keep an eye out for updates on the Senior Student Leadership Team initiatives.

Ms Farrar

Senior Leadership Coordinator





Catching Up With Our Alumni – Elizabeth Knowles Class of 2014

Achievements at Elderslie High School

- ATAR: 82.75
- Prefect 2013
- Participated in Public Speaking and a member of the Debating team 2009 to 2014
- Competed in the Theatresports Challenge 2013
- Shakespeare Festival 2012
- Peer Tutor Reading Program 2010



Achievements since 2014

- I have graduated from University of Wollongong with a Bachelor of Arts and Creative Arts, Majoring in Theatre and History with a Minor in English Literature and Ancient History. I am now completing my Masters of Teaching and in 2021 I should be a fully qualified History and Drama teacher. This has been my dream profession since I started high school and I am excited that I was able to go on this path.
- I have been the Assistant Manager at QBD Books for 3 years and love spreading the joy and excitement that comes with working with books and sharing stories with so many different people.
- I travelled around Europe in 2015 and was a participant in the Bicentennial Battle of Waterloo in Belgium amongst thousands of other historical reenactors.
- I am an Adjudicator for High School debates and love watching the students have such a passion for Debating.
- Next year I will be going to America with my partner and family and will complete my degree. Yeah!!!

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P & C MEETINGS 2019

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

Our Meeting for 2019 will be:

Tuesday 26 November 2019 at 7pm



ELDERSLIE HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS
**CHRISTMAS CAPA
EVENING**

PRESENTED BY
YEAR 9 CAPA STUDENTS & FRIENDS

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2019

DOORS OPEN 6:45 PM

CURTAIN 7:00 PM

ELDERSLIE HIGH SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS \$7.00 FOR ALL



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

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7B	November 25 3.25-5.30pm: Year 9 Christmas CAPA Evening Rehearsal	November 26 P&C Meeting	November 27 Macarthur Zone Blues Presentation	November 28 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Trip Year 9 Christmas CAPA Evening Performance	November 29 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Trip 9.30am-3.25pm: Support Unit Transition Program
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1A	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31
2B	February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6	February 7 School Swimming Carnival - Camden Pool



