



PARENT BULLETIN

MAY 2019

Upcoming Events

May 13	Year 11 & 12 Debates – Round 2
May 13	UWS Year 12 Presentation
May 14	NAPLAN Online
May 14	P&C Meeting
May 14	Girls Knock Out Soccer
May 15	NAPLAN Online
May 16	U Turn the Wheel
May 16	NAPLAN Online
May 17	NAPLAN Online
May 17	Year 11 Ancient History Excursion
May 17	Year 8 Pathways to Dreaming Workshop
May 17	Year 12 Debate – Round 2
May 20-24	NAPLAN Online
May 24	Sorry Day Excursion
May 27	All Day Musical Rehearsal
May 28	Rehearsal Act 1
May 28	Pathways to Dreaming Mentor Visits
May 29	Rehearsal Act 2
May 29	Year 11 Reports Issued
May 29	U14's FUTSAL
May 30	Musical Matinee & Evening Performance
May 30	Zone Cross Country Carnival
May 30	U16's FUTSAL
May 31	Musical Evening Performance
May 31	Opens FUTSAL
June 1	Musical Evening Performance
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June 6	Diversity Day
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June 7	Year 11 Recognition Assembly
June 7	Speaking for the Planet

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 2! It is certainly hard to believe that we are one quarter of the way through the 2019 academic year already.

Staffing News

I would like to welcome Ms Michelle Christopher, our new School Counsellor to Elderslie High School. Michelle will be working with us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will be supplementing the services already provided by Mr Paul O'Reilly. The school will now have a qualified counsellor for nine days out of each fortnight.

In terms of our executive staff, Ms Samantha Dennis will be continuing in the role of Relieving Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts following the departure of Mr Michael Burke who leaves us to take up a position at Murrumbidgee Regional High School.

Finally, I would like to introduce a number of casual and temporary staff to our student and parental community including Ms Daisy Luo who will be joining the Mathematics faculty as well as Ms Joanne Pimentel and Ms Samantha Caruana to the HSIE faculty and Careers Office, respectively. We also have been very fortunate to acquire the services of a local expert teacher, Ms Suzy Brandstater who will be teaching Entertainment to our current VET students along with Ms Ros Bailey who will be teaching Visual Arts. In the new few weeks, we should also have a new permanent appointment to announce in the HSIE faculty as the merit selection process is currently underway.

Student Success

As always, I like to share with you a few specific student successes in each edition of Parent Bulletin. The first of these is about Lachlan Taylor and Mahnoor Imran from Year 11. Lachlan and Mahnoor have recently been selected from a vast field of applicants to participate in the Term 2 holiday workshop at the UBS Finance and Innovation Academy. This is a very prestigious program for students who are interested in a career in finance in the future. Lachlan and Mahnoor's amazing learning experience will see them develop financial ideas to present to a panel at the end of the course. We wish Lachlan and Mahnoor well and congratulate them for being chosen.

I would also like to sing the praises of our Captaincy Team who participated in the Western Sydney University Youth Leadership Masterclass recently. The students were accompanied by Ms Farrar to this special workshop in which

students were encouraged to think critically and creatively to solve community issues. We were delighted to hear that one of our Captaincy Team groups won \$1000 for their solution to the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle theme. What a great effort! I have included a photograph here of Georgia Cunnion, Callum Gowing, Max Sopha and Victoria Ascaino from the captaincy team as they received their award.



Finally, it was my very great pleasure to attend the Textstyle Exhibition at Ultimo TAFE in Sydney on March 13. The exhibition showcases the very best Textiles and Design major works from across the state from the 2018 HSC. The amazing gown created by Elderslie High School student Natalie Finlay was selected to be one of only around 40 works exhibited. Mrs Saunders, Ms Golden and I were very proud indeed when we attended to support Natalie. A photograph is also included.



Athletics Carnival Success

On April 2, our school held our annual Athletics Carnival at the Campbelltown Athletics Stadium. It was the first time our carnival had been held at this impressive venue. The participation rate for students certainly increased this year and we can only put that down to the fact that our students loved the professional facilities including the track and the field activities. I thoroughly enjoyed watching our amazing students participating in the events and I look forward to hearing of many of their successes in the zone and regional competitions. Of course, to take this event off site and so much further away was no easy feat so I would like to thank Mr Atterton, Ms George and the entire PDHPE staff for their efforts. As parents would appreciate, the stadium is not in

our local government area and as such, we can only select from dates that are left over after schools within the Campbelltown local government area have been allocated their dates. We thank all our students and parents for their flexibility whilst we have developed new procedures to make this day happen.

Ongoing School Improvements

In the recent school holidays, our Year 9 and 10 toilet blocks commenced their renovations. This project should be finished within the first two to three weeks of Term 2. In the interim, alternate facilities will be made available to students in the affected year groups.

Parent & Citizens Association

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 7pm in the Library. At this meeting, we will be reviewing the current mobile phone procedures so we welcome any parents who would like to consult with us on an area of key importance.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jenny Lawrence

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S

Joanne Amos (DP Years 7, 9 & 11)

Year 7 and 9 – NAPLAN Online 2019

As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, our school will be completing NAPLAN Online this year. The trial tests took place last term and except for a few minor issues at the start, we successfully trialled all Year 7 and 9 students.

The official National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy will be held in Weeks 3 and 4. Over the two-week window, all students in Year 7 and 9 will complete tests in Writing, Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy.

Throughout the testing window, there will be times where we endeavour to catch up students who may have been absent on the testing date, but we would encourage all students to be present for each test.

Year 7	Year 9
Wednesday 15 May - Writing	Tuesday 14 May - Writing
Friday 17 May - Reading	Thursday 16 May - Reading
Monday 20 May – Conventions of Language	Tuesday 21 May – Conventions of Language
Thursday 23 May – Numeracy	Friday 24 May - Numeracy

The results of the NAPLAN tests provide our school with valuable information about what each student can do which is used to support teaching and learning programs. The following link provides information for parents about the NAPLAN program: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carersupport/parent-carer-support.html>

All parents can support their child's readiness to complete the NAPLAN tests by ensuring they have a set of headphones

with them for each day of the test. The above website can also be used for parents who wish to see a sample of the Online NAPLAN tests as a means of familiarising students with the tests.

ANZAC Day

Each year, the Camden RSL sub-branch invites local school students to participate in its Anzac Day services. I was very proud to be able to accompany our Year 12 Captaincy Team to the Dawn Service at Equestrian Park in Camden. Our students laid a wreath to pay their respects to past servicemen and women and to acknowledge the 104th landing at Gallipoli. Following this service, we then reconvened alongside a larger Elderslie High School contingent of around 30 students who participated in the annual Anzac Day March down Argyle St in Camden. The students who attended were outstanding ambassadors for our school and exuded a respectful and responsible attitude, which was very admirable.



Year 7 Showcase

Year 7 students did an outstanding job at the Showcase event on Monday 6 May. There were a great range of work samples, power points presentations, poems and science experiments to highlight the diverse learning experiences that Year 7 have participated in during their first term of high school. I would like to thank all of the teachers who supervised the class groups: Mrs Arki, Mr Brassington, Mr Buckley, Mrs Buist, Ms Dokmanovic, Mr Sambuco, Mr Spencer and Mr Tan. They helped calm any nervous students during the rehearsal and provided the technical support to ensure the event ran smoothly. At the conclusion of the Showcase the Year 7 students enjoyed the BBQ hosted by the SRC under the guidance of Ms Le.

*Kind Regards,
Joanne Amos*

Natalie Martin (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)

Year 10

This term I will be meeting with students who were issued with multiple N-Warning letters. Students who are not

applying diligence and sustained effort to their course work, including failure to submit assignments will place them at risk of not achieving their RoSA. A further consequence of not achieving the RoSA is the possibility of repeating Year 10 in 2020. Attendance is another factor that can affect academic achievement. It is a requirement of the Department of Education that all students attend school above 85 per cent of the time.

Year 12

This term all of Year 12 participated in a workshop that focused on the importance of using feedback from their teachers to improve their academic performance. Feedback is the overall interaction between a teacher and student. Educational research conducted by John Hattie indicates that feedback has the greatest impact on improving student achievement. Feedback is essential for maximising student potential, raising awareness and improving strengths. Good feedback practice helps students take control of their own learning by becoming self-regulated learners. Self-regulated learning emphasises autonomy and control over the learning process: students who ask questions, take notes, and allocate their time and resources effectively are self-regulated learners. They create 'internal feedback' and 'cognitive routines' in their learning.

Feedback is an essential part of student learning. It helps students understand the subject being studied and gives them clear guidance on how to improve their learning. Students, who engage with feedback, should enhance learning and improve assessment performance. During the workshop students learned the importance of feedback and had the opportunity to read over the feedback provided to them in their recent English assessment task. Students completed a worksheet where they identified the useful feedback and how and when they intended to implement the feedback.

The aim of this activity is to improve student ability to take responsibility for their own learning and achieve their own personal best results. The school focus on student use of feedback has significantly contributed to our school's HSC performance over the last two years where our overall HSC results were above State and Statistically Similar School group averages.

Parent Teacher Night

Parent teacher night was held on Monday 6 May for students in Year 7, 11 and 12. This year the interview times were increased to seven minutes per student to allow for longer conversations with teachers about student academic, welfare and behaviour concerns. The evening was very successful with over 750 individual bookings. The next parent teacher night will be for all students from Years 7-12 on Monday 29 July after the half-yearly reports are distributed.

Aboriginal Education

Miss George is now leading Aboriginal Education at Elderslie High School. In Term 1, six of our Aboriginal student leaders

participated in the junior Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group (AECG) meeting at Spring Farm Public School. The junior AECG meets once a term and meetings are rotated between Elderslie High School, Spring Farm Public School, Cobbitty Public School and Mawarra Public School. At the meetings students participate in cultural activities and are involved in consultation regarding school and Department of Education Policy implementation.

Our school also participates in Pathways to Dreaming, which is a partnership with Western Sydney University. The program provides mentoring and regular excursions for each participating student. The program is available to all Aboriginal students from Years 8-12 and aims to increase student aspiration to achieve higher levels of education.

Q&A with the Office of the eSafety Commissioner

For the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, the Department of Education will be launching an interview they have recorded with **Kellie Britnell from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner on cyber safety.**

From **4pm on Thursday 14 March** the interview will be available as a featured video on the department's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/NSWDepartmentofEducation/>

Kellie answers questions submitted by parents and carers on keeping their children and young people safe online, and addresses key information on preventing and addressing online bullying.

Elderslie High School is sharing this interview so that our families are aware and can watch the interview at your leisure. The interview will be added as a resource to the [NSW Anti-bullying website](#) in April.

Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination Program

Information from the Ministry of Health about Meningococcal ACWY is provided below. Meningococcal ACWY is a vaccine for students 15 years and over. A vaccine that protects against four strains of meningococcal disease will again be provided to secondary students in NSW via the NSW School Vaccination Program in 2019.

Elderslie High School will soon be issuing consent forms for Meningococcal ACWY vaccinations as part of the School Vaccination Program in 2019. The vaccination consent card will be issued to all students in Year 10, allowing them to receive the meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccine later in the year.

This vaccine is different to the meningococcal C (MenC) vaccine that children born between 2003 and 2018 were offered at the age of 12 months under the National Immunisation Program, as the MenACWY vaccine protects against an additional three strains of meningococcal disease).

The NSW School Vaccination Program has provided MenACWY vaccine to older adolescents - who are at increased risk of meningococcal disease – since 2017, which Elderslie High School took part in.

To ensure all older adolescents have the opportunity to protect themselves against meningococcal disease caused by strains A,C,W and Y, anyone between the ages of 15 and 19 years who missed the vaccine at school can access free vaccine from their GP.

This vaccine does not protect against all strains of meningococcal, so all people should be aware of the signs and symptoms of meningococcal disease, even if they are vaccinated.

For more information on meningococcal disease and the NSW school vaccination program see the [NSW Health website](#)

(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/Pages/default.aspx>).

You can also find out about other important infectious disease alerts by visiting the [alerts page](#)(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/default.aspx>).

Alert by the NSW Department of Education Keep coughing kids at home and see your GP

Whooping Cough (also called Pertussis) began increasing across NSW towards the end of 2018, especially in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. NSW Health anticipates that this increase will continue into 2019.

School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, but they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

1. Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members
1. Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough
2. Keep coughing kids home, to prevent them spreading the infection to others, and see your GP to get them tested for whooping cough

For more information on Whooping Cough and vaccination

visit the [NSW Health Website](#)

(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>)

You can also find out about other important infectious

disease alerts by visiting the [alerts page](#)

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Senior Student Leadership News Term 1

Overview of Term 1

This year's senior leadership team consisting of the Year 12 Captaincy Team and the Year 11 Prefects, have been hard at work developing exciting and worthwhile initiatives to implement within the school to really make a difference. They have coordinated themselves into four separate, but sometimes interrelated, initiative teams. These teams are focused on things like litter and waste management, community engagement and the introduction of school teams/houses. The Prefects and Captaincy members are highly motivated students, who want to do their very best to leave a positive mark on Elderslie High School. Stay tuned for further developments throughout the year!

Prefects at Year 7 Camp

During Week 6 of Term 1, Year 7 attended a three-day camp. Our Year 11 Prefects were given the opportunity to attend for one of the day sessions, to help foster collaborative relationships between the school's most junior students and our senior leadership team. Most of the activities on the day involved some sort of team building or confidence building, and our Year 11 Prefects revelled in the opportunity to support the Year 7's and get involved themselves. Activities on the day included: canoeing, raft building, an adventure ropes course, archery, gorge swing, zorb balls, quick jump free fall and initiative exercises. The Year 11 Prefects walked away from the experience with smiles on their faces, remarking that the day had been a fun experience and a fantastic opportunity to connect with the junior cohort.



Youth Leadership Masterclass Day

On Friday 5 April, the Year 12 Captaincy Team attended The Academy at Western Sydney University, Parramatta Campus for a leadership day. The day aimed to support student leaders in brainstorming solutions to common issues within communities. The two key issues that our students targeted were Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine and Reconnect (People, Nature, Community). I am delighted to announce that the team that focused on Reduce, Reuse, Reimagine, won their category and has been awarded with \$1000 in seed funding, and one on one mentoring support from the university. Their initiative involves implementing a recycling system into the school, with a focus on cans and bottles. The Captaincy Team are also keen to create a 'War on Waste' style video that allows them to highlight to students how much recyclable/reusable waste we send to landfill as a school. They hope to make an impactful difference with their initiative. Well done team!!



Ms Farrar
Prefect Coordinator

Debating Update

The Year 11 & 12 Debating Team A, consisting of Ashleigh Abboud, Cassandra McMurdo, Lachlan Taylor and Breanna Craig competed strongly in Round 1. The Year 12 Debating Team B, consisting of Nancy Haggerty, Serena Chowna, Georgia Cunnion and Matthew Guthrie won their Round 1 debate against Elizabeth Macarthur High School. Both teams will be debating frantically in the next few weeks. We wish you well!

The Year 11 Debating Team, consisting of Breanna Craig, Lachlan Taylor and Cassandra McMurdo, will also be debating manically over the next month. Good luck!

Year 9 & 10 Debating will be starting their 2019 campaign in the next few weeks. So stay tuned for updates on our progress!

Ms Dennis



Grease is coming to Elderslie High School

Come along and join in all the fun as Elderslie High School presents **GREASE**. A much-loved musical capturing the spirit of the Rock n' Roll era. You will meet Rydell High's senior class of 1959: duck-tailed, hot-rodding "Burger Palace Boys" and their gum-snapping, hip-shaking "Pink Ladies" in bobby socks and pedal pushers, evoking the look and sound of the 1950's in this rollicking musical. Featuring some of Elderslie High School's best young talent, **GREASE** is a performance not to be missed!

If there are any members of the School Community who would be happy to advertise their business in the Musical Program for a small fee, please contact the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty for more information.

So stay tuned for regular updates on our progress. Tickets are now on sale through www.trybooking.com/BCGCZ. **Grease** will be presented to the school community on the 30 May, 31 May and 1 June, 2019 at the School Hall.



Creative and Performing Arts Faculty

CAPA Update

The CAPA faculty wishes to thank all the local businesses who sponsored the **Talent Quest** in 2019. Many thanks to The MAC, Narellan Town Centre, Show Oz and Macarthur Physi for their support of the event. We would also like to thank members of the CAPA alumni who judged and performed on the evening. Many thanks to Mr Webb and Madeleine Newcombe. We loved having you both back to be involved in this annual event. Congratulations to all the students who performed on the evening, you were all fabulous! Start preparing for next year!

On Tuesday 9 April 2019 the **Year 11 CAPA students presented their CAPA Evening** to an audience of parents and friends. Congratulations to the students from Elderslie High, Camden High and Elizabeth Macarthur High who performed

on the evening. The evening combined Music, Drama, Dance items and a Visual Arts display. Well done, Year 11!

Dance Transition Program is back for 2019. Three of our partner primary schools, Mawarra Public School, Elderslie Public School and Cobbitty Public School are very excited about participating. The third rehearsal for this program will be on Tuesday, 11 June 2019 from 3.25 pm – 5.00 pm in the School Hall.

On Thursday 28 March 2019 the Year 9 Drama students hosted the **Drama Transition Program** in our School Hall. For two periods, the Year 9 Drama students tutored the Year 5 and 6 students from Spring Farm Public School, Mawarra Public School, Elderslie Public School and Cobbitty Public School in all things Drama! It was a great afternoon and the Primary school students had an 'awesome' time. Well done, Year 9 Drama!



Congratulations to Hannah Penfold from Year 10 on her selection to the **State Drama Ensemble**.

Congratulations to all of the performers who went to **Camden Show** to perform on Friday 5 April 2019 as part of the NAB Schools Entertainment stage and Battle of the Schools Talent Quest. Congratulations to the students who won the Talent Quest on behalf of Elderslie High School. Well done to all!





Congratulations to the Dance Company and Dance Ensemble on their selection for the **Dance Festival, 2019** to be held at the Seymour Theatre Centre in late June. A permission note and information about the event is to be issued in the next couple of weeks.

Vocal Ensemble and Orchestra uniforms have arrived. Once students have made their payment to the Office they need to bring their receipt to the Studio to pick up their uniform. We are looking forward to seeing the ensembles all dressed up and ready to perform.

CAPA Faculty

SPORT REPORT

Open Girls Knockout Basketball

On Friday the 15th of March, our very own Elderslie girls strived to progress through to the next level of Knockout Basketball. The first match was against Sefton who had a strong team, however we proved to have superior fitness and skills with our ability to move the ball around the court quickly to tire the opponent. Our girls pushed through and dominated on the scoreboard to defeat them by 24 points! Kiara Bloor was outstanding, sinking around 20 points and was well supported by Ryley who was also clinical when shooting for goal. Shae had springs in her shoes, out jumping much taller opposition players to win rebounds for the team. The girls made it through to the second round and came up against East Hills who were stacked with representative players. We got off to a rough start conceding the first 7 points before clicking into gear and edging our way back into contention. The girls were passing the ball around and moving up the court with ease, however, East Hills were able to steal the ball at key moments to stunt our progress. When Georgia Nies, the late addition to the team wasn't committing fouls, she was hitting threes from outside the arc. Unfortunately the girls were defeated on the buzzer. Congratulations to the girls for representing Elderslie High School with great team play and sportsmanship.



Australian Mountain Biking Interschools 14 – 17 March 2019

Taj Carter-Smith competed at the Australian Mountain Biking Interschools on the 14 – 17 March 2019

Taj is a flow rider and placed 4th (out of 160 competitors). Taj also competed in the Cannonball downhill, which is straight downhill over massive rocks. He came 34th out of 91. In his first race in the Cross Country (Commonwealth games type race), Taj finished 9th.

Baseball NSW 2019 Junior State Championships

Connor Bell represented Macarthur at the Baseball NSW 2019 Junior State Championships over the Easter break.

Playing against teams from all over NSW, Macarthur was victorious in the Gold Medal game against Newcastle with a score of 12-7. This is the first Macarthur team to ever win a Grand Final in this event. Connor will now represent NSW in the National Championships in Adelaide at the end of May. The team to win the National Champs will represent Australia in the Little League World Series to be held in Michigan, USA in August.



NSW Interschool Championship- Show Jumping

Nicola Raiti represented Elderslie High School at the NSW Interschool Championships - Show Jumping 80cm. Nicola came 10th/ 40 riders on her horse Rocket.



Open Boys Soccer

A group of dedicated soccer players from Years 10 – 12 have now completed their first round of the knockout competition. The following students from Year 10; Sebastian Axisa, Nicholas Bono, Campbell Durbridge, Braydan Morgan, Domenico Pollicina and Baedyn Silbery. From Year 11; Chad Landouw, Marko Papak, Sebastiano Pollicina, Nicholas Pumer and David Warda. Lastly from

Year 12; Jarrod Green, Joseph Patten, Luke Patten, Mitchell Scaria and Zarko Zoric all played on the day. We competed against Casula High School at Lynwood Park and it was a tough game. By half time we were still in a nail-biting draw. With skill and finesse our boys received a penalty and Mitchell Scaria scored a magnificent goal. The remainder of the half was touch and go until Domenico Pollicina scored the second goal of the game and ensured our win.

Our next game is Week 2 of Term 2 vs. Mount Annan High School. It is sure to be another great game. Good Luck Boys!

Miss Roberts

Agriculture News

It's been a busy first term for our Agriculture students and by working together, they have had some great success.

Camden Show

Our alpaca team, Chloe Gardner, Breanna Craig, Mikayla Craig, Angel Greener, Caitlin Green, Caitlyn Greenland, Eva Kramer, Jade Cox, Kaitlin Furchtman, Winnie Hsu and Bree Barlow have been training our 6 alpacas to work through a series of obstacles that they may be faced with in a farm situation. They took these animals to the show to compete in the stockmanship and showmanship competitions and came home with several ribbons. Chloe Gardner was also a finalist in the Junior Rural Ambassador program at the show so, in between showing alpacas, she was involved in a range of stewarding and organisational activities for various events around the show. This was a great experience for her and she represented the school proudly.

This year Our Paddock to Plate Display in the School's Tent was on coffee. It showed the stages involved in the production of coffee as well as many of the alternate uses of coffee and methods for utilising coffee waste such as the production of coffee cups, use as a biofuel and even as a road base. There were lots of activities for the young spectators who were guided by our students manning the display throughout the 2 days of the show. Thanks to the dedicated students who gave up many hours of their time to help with the display and who encouraged the young visitors to use the interactive components of the display.

Students from Years 7 – 9 assisted with the preparation of our poultry and of our display for this year's **Camden Show** and it was pleasing to see the older students guiding the younger ones in such a positive manner. As Camden Show is only a few days before we need to take our poultry into Sydney Royal we only enter a small team in the School's Section at Camden. We were very pleased to learn that our team came 1st in this section.

A team of very enthusiastic students, Breanna Craig, Summer Jeffries, Jaiden Gardner and Mikayla Craig competed in the Young Farmers Challenge, racing through a range of tasks that a farmer may be faced with during a day on the farm. This has become a bit of a tradition for Elderslie High School and the team are always encouraged by a very vocal cheer squad. We

were very excited to see them become the Champion school team.



Sydney Royal Show

On the day before the Easter break, 140 of our Agriculture students attended an excursion to the **Sydney Royal Show** where they were able to see firsthand a large selection of the different breeds of livestock involved in Australian Agriculture.

Poultry

Each year we load up our trailer and take a large team of poultry into Sydney Royal. One of the highlights is rearing our meat birds for the Meat Bird Pairs Competition. We receive 12 day old meat birds 6 weeks before the show and a team of dedicated students rear them, record their growth rate and feed intake as well as monitoring climatic conditions. This year the competition had entries from 82 schools around NSW. Our Meat Bird Female Pair was awarded first place and the males fifth place. The birds then go onto the next stage of the competition where they are processed and the carcasses are judged. Our male carcasses came 2nd and our female carcasses came 3rd. We also received several ribbons for our pure breed birds in the schools classes, including Champion Hard Feather Bantam.

Two of our very keen poultry experts, Logan Ockers and Jacob Evans competed in the Poultry Showmanship Competition where they present their chosen bird, discuss its features and answer any questions that the judge may ask. This is a fantastic opportunity for students with a passion for poultry to demonstrate their skills. Both of the students spoke with knowledge and confidence and Jacob was awarded 5th place.



Alpacas

Chloe Gardner gave up most of her holidays working in the Little Hands on the Land helping young children lead alpacas around the “farm”. On Easter Monday the Alpaca Team, Chloe Gardner, Breanna Craig, Mikayla Craig, Angel Greener, Caitlin Green, Caitlyn Greenland, Eva Kramer, Jade Cox, Kaitlin Furchtman and Bree Barlow took 6 alpacas to Sydney Royal to compete in the Alpaca Showmanship and Stockmanship classes. The team have spent many hours patiently training the animals for this event. All girls came away with ribbons for the various events and deserve congratulations for the excellent work they have done with these animals.



Animal Nursery News

Our Animal Nursery at Cobbitty Markets continues to be popular with both our students, who generously volunteer their time to help, and with the young visitors to the markets. It is a pleasure to hear so many positive comments about our students from the parents who bring their children to visit. Thanks to all of our amazing student helpers Logan Ockers, Summer Jeffries, Kaitlin Furchtman, Winnie Hsu, Bree Barlow, Jaiden Gardner, Eva Kramer, Kye Morgan, Ellie Thomas, Ashley Mills, Hannah Stootman, Emma Evans, Jesse Sheehan, Joshua Charlton, Jordan Hayes, Caitlyn Brazier, Ava Cappello and Shayla Hayes who gave up their time to help with our first nursery in March. Thanks also to those wonderful parents who assist with set-up and pack-up.



Year 7 Camp

In March, Year 7 bravely headed off on the BIG CAMP ADVENTURE! We boarded the buses ready for a loong trip but within minutes we were at Douglas Park at the most awesome camp ever! The staff knew we would be starving after a long trip so they fed us right away!

Then it was cabin time. A big cheer went up when the boys discovered “the mansion” up the hill. They didn’t take long to spread their gear all over the place. It looked like a bomb had hit! Mrs White still has all the shoes and towels they left behind and even a few pillows!

A good time was had by all running in and out of cabins and slamming doors, then it was down to business. We were put into groups and headed off to our activities. These included the giant swing, the water balls, canoeing, high ropes and more.

It was amazing to see people face their fears and attempt things way out of their comfort zone. Jess was a hero on the long drop, Landon gave everything his best shot and Aiva tried absolutely everything! It was fantastic to see kids cheering on their peers and really bonding. They even cheered when the scaredy-cat teachers had a go!

We had a great time when the prefects showed up for the day. We loved showing off our skills, and they were a great support to us.

The food was way above standard camp fare and some kids had a great time drinking as much cordial as they could fit in. There was heaps to eat and we could have seconds which was great for the starving guys. The home-made donuts were a big hit.

Night time was a bit special. A lot of us couldn’t stop talking and we were soooooo tired the next day. The camp commandants stood some of us outside our cabins till we calmed down. It was great.

After three action-packed days we packed up and dragged our weary bodies back to school. It was a great experience and one we will be talking about for a long time!

If you lost sleeping bags, shoes, mess kits, pillows etc, see Mrs White before she takes them to Lifeline!!





Year 8 Geography Excursion

Our Year 8 students were given an opportunity to put their Geography skills into practice and experience the Wattamolla coast line in the Royal National Park. The students arrived at Wattamolla and met their Royal National Park Leaders on a beautiful Thursday and Friday morning. These leaders guided the students through the wonders of the coastal area and discussed the range of flora and fauna in the region. The students were also exposed to a range of geography fieldwork equipment that could be used to find out particular details about their study, such as a hygrometer and barometer. Most students were also able to complete a sketch map of the region. Overall, the students developed their knowledge in the importance of maintaining and preserving our coastal landscapes and had a great day out in the field.

Ms Cavaleri
HSIE Head Teacher



HISE Faculty Report

UBS Awards

Congratulations to Lachlan Taylor and Mahnoor Imran of Year 11 Economic, Business Studies and Legal Studies. Both students were successful in gaining acceptance into the UBS Finance and Innovation Academy program to be delivered during the July holiday period at Dunmore Lang College. This program develops a students' understanding of financial services and banking by giving students examples of innovative companies and practices whilst gaining an understanding of potential future opportunities. These students are well deserving of entry into the program and we look forward to hearing of their adventure later in the year.

Ms Cavaleri
HSIE Head Teacher



Mathematics Report

Term 2 marks a busy period for many of our students. Stage 4 and 5 Mathematics classes will be completing their Half-Yearly Examinations in Weeks 2 and 3. They will also be required to have completed their ongoing Mathletics tasks and will have their work books assessed as we prepare to write reports. Year 7 and 9 students will also be completing the online NAPLAN testing for the very first time. Students and parents are reminded to ensure that regular study is completed in conjunction with their ongoing homework tasks as each student strives to be their best. This is most crucial for our Year 12 students who will be sitting their Trial HSC Examination at the end of term.

As the newly appointed Head Teacher of Mathematics at EHS, I have been extremely impressed with the calibre of students and their positive attitude toward their studies. The school has a rich history of attaining outstanding results and these can only be attained through hard work and study by our students. The Mathematics staff provide students with expert teaching and generous support to help guide them through their respective courses. I place a very high importance on students and staff alike having a strong work ethic, ensuring we all set and meet the highest possible standards.

Students are reminded to ensure they are equipped and prepared for every lesson and to also complete all work to the best of their ability. I wish all Year 7 and 9 students the best of luck for their upcoming NAPLAN testing.

M. Sambuco

Head Teacher Mathematics

Message From the ARCO

“I’m offended!”

Being offended is subjective; it has everything to do with us as individuals, as a society, or a collective, and is often dependent on moral conditioning and/or religious beliefs. What offends one person may not offend another. However it is up to us to ensure positivity and respect is present in all aspects of school life at Elderslie High School. The notion of ‘sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never harm me’ is a much too simplistic way of viewing the world. By normalising hate speech, such as claiming “there are two sides to every story” and minimising the effect it has on victims we are indirectly saying that it is acceptable. With many topics it is important to have a balanced argument, but it is equally as important that the argument is based on fact. Topics such as refugees, Indigenous people, the LGBTQI+ community, religion, migrants, mental illness and politics can become heated very quickly. Before taking part in such a discussion, it is important to consider whether your words can cause harm. If they can cause harm, then they are not welcome. Free speech is not absolute, and like any human right, free speech carries with it responsibilities. We have to speak in ways that don’t harm people, and this a critical limitation of freedom of speech in Australia. This limitation is of absolute importance to ensure discriminatory legislation is upheld and that hate crimes, and physical violence do not occur. Even if people are adamant in their views, consideration of the feelings of others is paramount. As staff, we would all like to think that no one in our school community would willingly want to hurt another person, be it emotionally or physically. If someone prefers to be addressed in a certain way, or wears clothing different to what may be expected, what does it matter? Even if people cannot understand *why* another person is the way they are, they can still show empathy and relate on a more human level. To quote another: **“T.H.I.N.K before you speak: Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it inspiring? Is it necessary? Is it kind”.**

Miss Jan

ARCO

Careers Report

Welcome back to Term 2. I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Samantha Caruana and I am the relieving Careers Advisor. I am at the school Monday to Friday and looking forward to working with the students and parents at Elderslie High School.

There is a lot happening this term in Careers. Year 10 will be meeting with me in preparation for subject selection night in week 10 this term (1 July). I am hoping that in these sessions

we can find out their current career aspirations and with their parents’ support, help guide them in choosing subjects for their Higher School Certificate.

NESA released the 2019 Higher School Certificate examination timetable on Wednesday 1 May. All current Year 12 students can view their timetable online. If you are having any issues accessing this, please let me know.

Western Sydney Careers Expo is taking place at The Dome, Sydney Showground at Sydney Olympic Park from Thursday 27 June until Sunday 30 June. This is a great expedition for students in Years 10 to 12. It also includes HSC seminars for a wide range of subjects. Timetables are available online at westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au or a few are available from the Careers Office in the Library.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to meeting as many students as I can over the coming weeks.

Samantha Caruana

Jack The Ripper

On Thursday of Week 5 Term 1, Year 10 Elective History students engaged in recreating the Crime Scene of Jack the Ripper. Despite it not being 1888 in London, Ms Mulligan did her best to recreate an investigation like scenario in the amphitheatre. Students had to showcase their knowledge of the night of murder, by researching each victim in detail. To recreate the actions of Jack the Ripper, students had to annotate, using fake blood, the silhouette of Mary Anne “Polly” Nichols, Annie Chapman, Elizabeth Stride, Catherine Eddowes and Mary-Jane Kelly. The red paint highlighted the severity of each murder. Students showcased their knowledge and became teachers in their own right. To finish, students had to stamp their finger print on a collage to show their respect and commemorate women who have suffered violence, aligning with the national International Women’s Week. Students also pretended to showcase such actions as shown in the class photo below:





Students' War on Waste!

Cameron Erskine, of Year 9 has taken on his own War on Waste. Cameron noticed a major issue of pollution in a local waterway, rather than ignoring the issue he has taken it upon himself to participate in several clean ups to ensure that the waterways were free of plastic pollution and other types of rubbish. He has spent his own time to look after the local environment and has set a great example for others. We hope that other students are inspired to do the same. Well done Cameron!

This rubbish was collected in one afternoon clean up!



Catching Up With Our Alumni – Rhys Webb Class of 2010

Achievements at Elderslie High School

- 2010 School Captain
- Tin Man in the *Wizard of Oz*,
- Coach Bolton in *High School Musical*
- Terry D in *Disco Inferno*
- Competed in the *Theatresports Challenge*

Achievements since 2010

Undergraduate degree: Bachelor of Music

- After achieving great results in Music in high school I decided to enrol in a music degree at university to further my knowledge in composition, sound design and performance. If I received two marks less in my Music HSC Exam, I would have completed a degree in Drama and possibly become a Drama teacher!

UWS End of Year Music Festival

- I composed and performed a 20-minute piece of music titled *Kaiju Rising* that was played along to an edited version of the film *Cloverfield*. I played multiple instruments at the same time such as drums with my hands and guitar with my feet along with a bamboo flute and a loop pedal. It was a weird and interesting performance that was a lot of fun. I also performed a large-scale group piece of music that covered the music of an extremely explicit Kanye West song with a dystopian 'Man Vs Machine' theme. This involved me playing guitar with a TV on my head and looking like a robot.

Recorded vocals for two Devin Townsend albums

- In 2013, Canadian heavy metal band the Devin Townsend Project were recording the albums *Sky Blue* and *Dark Matters*. I was a member of the 'Universal Choir' where musicians from around the world would record choir parts for multiple songs to be included on the album.

CAPA Teacher Elderslie High School

- Who would have thought I would end up be back where it all started!!



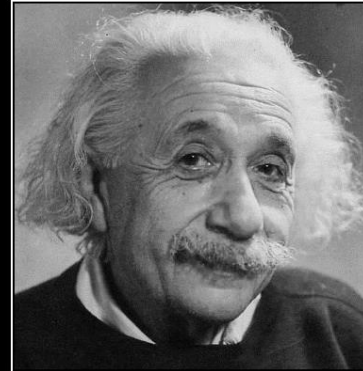
EARN & LEARN STICKERS



Elderslie High is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn scheme to purchase resources for the school. Please help by shopping and collecting stickers from Woolworths – Narellan Town Centre, Springfarm, Camden and Mt Annan between the 1st May to 25th June.

Students have been provided with a sticker sheet. Please bring completed sheets or streams to the boxes located in the student or Science offices.

Thank you for supporting this initiative.



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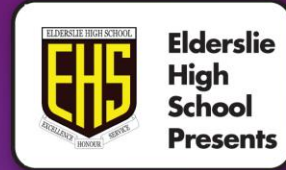
ALL parents of students and interested members of the Elderslie community are invited to attend these meetings.

Our Meeting for 2019 will be:

Tuesday 14 May 2019 at 7pm

THU 30th May
FRI 31st May
SAT 1st June

Doors open at 7.15 pm
Curtain at 7.30 pm
In the School Hall



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Adults	\$18.00
Concession/student	\$12.00

At the Student Office or the
Box Office on the evening

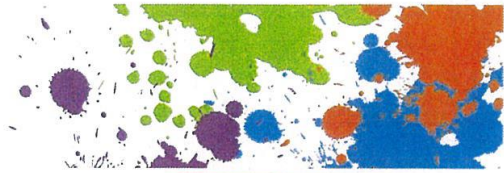
Adults	\$20.00
Concession/student	\$15.00

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

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3B	May 13 Year 11 & 12 Round 2 Debate 8:40 - 12:30 9:30am: University of Western Sydney Year 12 Presentation	May 14 NAPLAN Online P&C Meeting K/O Girls Soccer	May 15 NAPLAN Online	May 16 U Turn the Wheel NAPLAN Online	May 17 NAPLAN Online Year 11 Ancient History Excursion Year 8 Pathways to Dreaming Workshop Year 12 Round 2 Debate 12:15 - 4:00pm
4A	May 20 NAPLAN Online	May 21 NAPLAN Online Extended Musical Rehearsal	May 22 NAPLAN Online	May 23 NAPLAN Online	May 24 NAPLAN Online Sorry Day Excursion
5B	May 27 All Day Musical Rehearsal	May 28 Rehearsal Act 1 Pathways to Dreaming Mentor Visits	May 29 Rehearsal Act 2 Year 11 Reports issued U14's FUTSAL	May 30 Musical Matinee and Evening Performance Zone Cross Country Carnival U16's FUTSAL	May 31 Musical Evening Performance and 1/6/19 Opens FUTSAL
6A	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6 HSC History Study Days (Friday & Saturday) Diversity Day - SRC	June 7 HSC History Study Days (Friday & Saturday) Year 11 Recognition Assembly Speaking 4 the Planet - All Day



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Dear Parents/Carers,

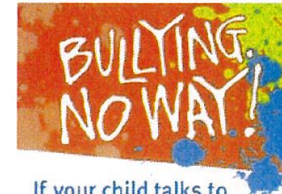
At Elderslie High School, we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

We are sending you a pocket card from Bullying. No Way! with tips on what to do if your child talks to you about bullying. Parents know their children best and know the best way to tailor communication to their needs. Adapt these tips to what works for you and your child.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.
2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's Year Adviser and, if you need to, ask to talk with the Deputy Principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.
6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

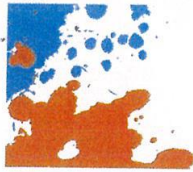


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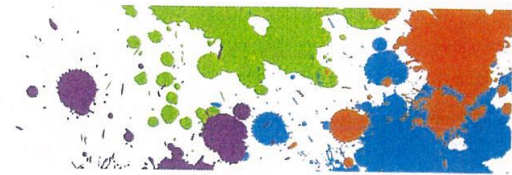
At Elderslie High School, we have a number of strategies and communication topics that are presented to students to help prevent bullying and also address it when it arises. These include the following:

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Dates	Communication topics
All Year	Behaviour code for students – printed in school diary, used in return from suspension interviews
All Year	Anti-Bullying Plan/Overview – Printed in school diary. Information covers the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What to do if you are experiencing bullying • Definition of bullying • Types of bullying • Student responsibilities • Parent responsibilities
Term 1	Being an Upstander - PBL lesson during DEAR
Term 2/3	Cyber bullying and Cyber Safety – Police liaison Officer
March	Understanding, Preventing, Responding to Bullying - National Day of Action Against Bullying PBL lesson during DEAR (Bullying - No Way website)
Term 1	Definition, Types of Bullying and where/how to seek help – Delivered by Year Advisers during year meetings
Term 2/3	Psychology of bullies – PBL/YA delivery
Term 2/3	Scenarios for ways of resolving disputes – PBL lesson
Term 2	Bullying, Respectful Relationships, Resilience, Family Violence – Sticks and Stones* (Brainstorm Productions)
Term 2	Cyber Bullying, Social Media, Cyber Safety, Texting, Bystanders, Exclusion - Verbal Combat* (Brainstorm Productions)
Term 2	Cyber Bullying, Social Websites , Digital Citizenship, Cyber Safety – Cyberia* (Brainstorm Productions)
Term 2	Cyber Bullying, Online Ethics, Cyber Safety, Bystanders, Consequences – The Flipside* (Brainstorm Productions)
Term 3	Social exclusion, peer pressure and resilience, empowering students to deal with the bullying issues – The Yard Production, Shaun Parker & Company
Term 1	Behaviour code for students – Presentation to students
Term 1	Presentation of Merit Scheme – inclusive of PBL certificate and criteria that needs to be met for this
Term 2	Peer Mediation Presentations – to each year group on how to access this service and what it aims to achieve
Term 1	Prefect Presentations for Year 7 on anti-bullying and student expectations – Bullying 'No Way', buddy system
Terms 1,2,3,4	Students reminded about appropriate behaviour and being 'respectful' to each other – Year meetings
ongoing	Promotion of the Anti-Bullying Box for students to report bullying anonymously
ongoing	How to report bullying and how to start a conversation to report an incident of bullying

If you need to report any form of bullying, please speak to your child's Year Adviser, Deputy Principal or Head Teacher of Welfare.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please feel free to contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make Elderslie High School a great school for everyone.

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Traxside Youth Health Service Youth Clinic

Youth Health Nursing

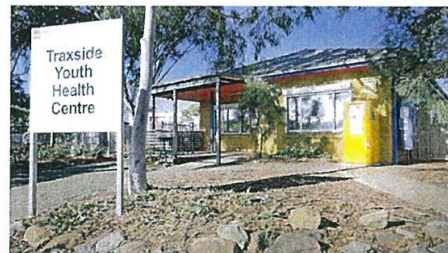
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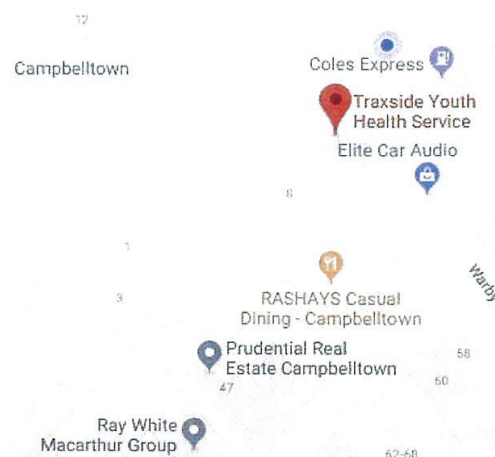
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Other Services Available: Free counselling with untimed and unlimited sessions (no Medicare card required), health promotion workshops and programs, group activities

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