



PARENT BULLETIN

MARCH 2020

Upcoming Events

March 9	SSWSSA Swimming Carnival
March 9	Year 8 Jamberoo Excursion
March 10	P&C Meeting
March 11	EHS Public Speaking Competition
March 12	Music Transition Workshop
March 12	Year 9 History - ANZAC Memorial Excursion
March 17	Year 10 History Excursion – Sydney Jewish Museum
March 17	Dance Transition Rehearsal
March 18	Year 7 Vaccinations – Visit 1
March 19	Year 9 History Elective Excursion – ANZAC Memorial Hyde Park
March 20	Talent Quest
March 23	National Day of Action Against Bullying
March 24	Year 12 – State Library Excursion
March 24	Extended Musical Rehearsal
March 27	Camden Show Performance
March 30	Year 10 Geography Excursion – Warilla Beach
March 31	Extended Musical Rehearsal
April 1 - 3	CHS Swimming Carnival
April 3	All Day Musical Rehearsal
April 7	Year 11 CAPA Evening
April 8	Cross Country Carnival
April 9	Year 7 Easter Show Excursion
May 1	School Athletics Carnival
May 4	Parent Teacher Night

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Enrolment Policy

Following the release of the Department's new Enrolment Policy in Term 4 2019, Elderslie High School has now released its adjoining procedure document. This document provides advice to parents who may be considering an application for non-local enrolment to our school and stipulates the criteria that must be met for the school to consider any non-local enrolment. Interested parents can find the new Enrolment Procedures document on our website. To further support parents in their understanding of the changes, I have also included a copy of the Department's guide to the enrolment policy in this edition of Parent Bulletin.

On Tuesday, February 25 we hosted our annual Year 6 into Year 7 Information Evening to commence the process of familiarising our potential Year 7 cohort of 2021 with their future school environment. We would like to thank all the families who came along on the night. All families are reminded of the need to complete the Expression of Interest form for 2021 and return it to your primary school for processing by March 20. Please note, the outcome of these applications will not be announced until approximately June.

Student Successes

At Elderslie High School, we are always so blessed to have so many high achievers and we take a great deal of pride in supporting our students and their varied successes. On February 28, I was delighted to attend the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney to be with Year 12 student of 2019, Rocco Laria and his family for the opening of the SHAPE exhibition. SHAPE is an annual exhibition of the very best major projects from the HSC in the subjects of Design & Technology, Industrial Technology (Timber) and also in Textiles & Design. Rocco's work was one of only 35 works chosen from right across the state and was selected from 800 works that were shortlisted for this exhibition. Rocco developed a device that helps prevent wild animals from ending up as roadkill by detecting movement and using flashing lights to alert motorists. Featuring computer coding, Rocco's design was evaluated By Wollondilly Council and deemed to be so unique that it fell into its own niche market. Mrs Johnson, Head Teacher Technological & Applied Studies and I were honoured to be with Rocco for this special occasion. I have included some photographs for your reference.



We were also extremely pleased to see that our very own School Captain, Lachlan Taylor was selected to be one of only 120 Australian students to attend the National Schools Constitution Convention a little later in March. Lachlan will be travelling to Canberra for this event which will allow senior school students to explore Australia's constitution as a democratic framework while supporting them to learn more about government structures and operations. We look forward to hearing more about Lachlan's trip in the next edition of Parent Bulletin.

Financial Assistance

Elderslie High School is sometimes able to provide financial support to families for educational expenses. Our resources are finite, and we ask that any requests are put in writing to the principal for consideration.

From time to time, we also receive requests to hold fundraisers to provide financial support for students who may be taking on an elite level of participation in sport or creative and performing arts. While we are always excited to hear of these amazing opportunities that our students have been offered, our capacity to get behind any one individual student is limited. Since I commenced at Elderslie High School, I been astounded by the number of our students who represent at a state, national and even at an international level. There are simply dozens of students in all three of these categories and because of this sheer volume, we cannot run fundraisers for them all. In fact, to give readers of Parent Bulletin a rough idea, in 2019 we had approximately 40 students representing at state level in sport alone. Instead of providing personalised support, we run 4 mufti days per year, of which some proceeds are set aside to disperse amongst applicants by our Student Representative Council (SRC). We know that our fund raising only helps to a degree but we do encourage any interested families to apply to the SRC using the form available for this purpose. Any families who would like to do so should see Ms Mulligan in the HSIE faculty.

Parent & Citizens Meetings

A reminder that our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

*Kind regards,
Mrs Jenny Lawrence
Principal*

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Jennifer Villanueva (DP Years 8 & 11)

Departure from school

Late in 2019, the school initiated a structured process for the departure of all students from our school grounds of an afternoon. This process was designed to ensure the increased safety of our students as they exit the school and embark on their journey home.

Students catching buses, are expected to remain in the supervised, lower COLA area until their bus is called over the loud speaker system. When their bus is called, they move towards the bus bay and line up at the teacher on duty. With their Opal cards in hand, students are then led by the teacher on duty to ascend the bus, one at a time in a safe and respectful manner.

Students who walk home, will move directly through the gate near the Basketball courts or the front school gate depending upon which direction they live. They will not loiter around the school and will move of in a settled manner.

Students waiting to be picked up will remain inside the front school gates, under the direct supervision of a staff member. No student should sit on the retaining wall at the front of the school or loiter out the front waiting to be picked up. There is no supervision along the front of the school and we have a duty of care to supervise all students until they embark on their journey home. If your child is in need of support in the afternoon, please remember that there are staff members at the COLA, bus bay and inside the front gate who are willing and able to help your child.

Anti-Racism Contact Officer

I would like to welcome Ms Woo, who has been appointed as Elderslie High School's second ARCO, working alongside Ms Jan. Both of these capable staff members are Science teachers and may be found in the Science Staffroom during breaks, should students want to talk to them.

In line with NSW DoE policy, all forms of racism are unacceptable at Elderslie High School. No student, employee, parent, caregiver or community member should experience racism, including direct or indirect harassment within the learning and working environments of the department. A member of staff in all public schools must undergo training to become the school's ARCO (Anti-Racism Contact Officer).

The ARCO's role has four main aspects as follows: mediator role, procedural role, educational role and monitoring role.

Most importantly, Elderslie High School staff will continue to promote acceptance of and respect for Australia's cultural, linguistic and religious diversity. Anti-racism education is

taught in our classrooms directly and indirectly and we make every effort to ensure our school is free from discrimination. It is the Anti-Racism Contact Officer's role to support staff, students and any member of the school community who wishes to raise a complaint of racism or just talk about their experiences of racism as a target or bystander.

Year 11 Review Panel meetings

This week Ms Le and I started conducting Review Panel meetings with the students of Year 11 who need to improve in certain areas. We interviewed these students and outlined the areas in which they are in jeopardy of not meeting course requirements. Students were given a detailed sheet of what needs to be completed and must see their teachers to have this sheet signed off and returned to me once the task is resolved. Areas for which students have been reviewed are – those who have received N Warning notifications; those not working with diligence and sustained effort; those who have not completed course components (e.g. in class booklets), including non-completion of classwork due to lack of attendance and those with multiple negative behaviours, as referred by staff which result in lower learning outcomes for themselves and others.

Students were reminded that it is a requirement that they complete all assessment tasks to the best of their ability; they must also work in class with diligence and sustained effort, adequately covering the course content. If students do not do this, they are in jeopardy of receiving an N Warning, which means a warning of Non Completion of the course. If two N Warnings are issued for any one subject, the student may be N Determined in that subject. Please refer to my January Deputy Principal's Report for more comprehensive information on N Determinations.

I will be making phone calls to discuss these concerns with all parents of students who have (or are soon to be) reviewed. Thank you for taking the time to read this valuable information.

Mrs Jennifer Villanueva

Natalie Martin (DP Years 9 & 12)

Year 6 into 7 Night

On Tuesday 25th February Elderslie High School held a Year 6 into 7 information evening for the incoming 2021 students. I would like to thank all of the teachers who remained at school to conduct faculty presentations. The evening commenced with tours of the faculty areas followed by an information session in the hall. We had a large number of prospective students and parents on the evening and it was an overall success.

Year 12

In Week 4 of this term, a panel consisting of myself, Mrs Shortt and Ms Wilson met with Year 12 students who are at risk of not meeting HSC requirements in terms of attendance and not completing course work or assessment tasks. In the meetings we clearly communicate to the students the N-Warnings they have received and we go over the work that is required to be completed in order for the N-Warning to be

cleared. In addition to this we provide support by helping the students to plan their time effectively and we offer assistance to the student if it is needed. I then rang all of the parents so that we can continue to work together so that the children at risk have every opportunity to meet HSC requirements. I will repeat this process again in Term 2 and 3.

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day fell on Friday this year and our Year 12 students were prepared for this annual fundraiser. Students from any year group can purchase roses or songs for people they care about at school. During roll call on the day, Year 12 students deliver the songs and roses to the recipients. It is an absolute delight to see our Year 12 students dressed up and singing love songs with no inhibitions. This event is unique to Elderslie High School and it certainly spreads a message of positivity throughout the school.



Joanne Amos (DP Years 7 & 10)

Year 10 – End of Year Function

Recently all Year 10 students were issued with a note regarding the End of Year Function which will be held at the Campbelltown Catholic Club on Thursday, 3rd December 2020. Students were reminded of the criteria required to receive their invitation to the evening and that it will be attended by students who have earned the right to attend through their hard work, dedication, co-operation and the upholding of Elderslie High School's high standards. Any student who has not returned the reply slip needs to submit it at the Student Office.

Day of Action Against Bullying

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, is an opportunity for Australian schools to highlight their everyday work to counter bullying and violence. Elderslie High School are holding our Day of Action on Monday 23rd March 2020 for all students in Years 7 to 10. (Approx 750 students). Throughout this term we have been working with our Student Leadership team and Year Advisers to plan a series of presentations, activities and events for the day. The focus of the events will include how to take action against bullying, how bullying can affect your mental health, acts of kindness towards others and how to be an upstander.

Year 7 and 9 – NAPLAN Online 2020

Our school has been selected to conduct NAPLAN Online for 2020 between Tuesday 12 May and Friday 22 May. There are four tests that include Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. As preparation for the online test, our school will be conducting a 45-minute practice test for all Years 7 and 9 students towards the end of this term. This activity will provide an opportunity for every student to experience the NAPLAN online assessment platform as well as the functionality and tools within the locked down browser. It will also provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience in NAPLAN Online.

Regards, Joanne Amos

Message from the ARCO:

What's In a Name?

What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet.

Shakespeare fans will recognise this quote from Romeo and Juliet. Deeply in love with Romeo, Juliet is in despair because of her family's rivalry with Romeo's family. His name isn't relevant; she would still love him if he had another name. As romantic as that idea is, it suggests that names themselves do not hold worth nor meaning, and they simply act as labels to distinguish one person from another.

But our names do hold meaning. Whether it be the name of an ancestor, have cultural significance, or represent our country of heritage. Our parents *chose* our name for us. They *know* how they want their child's name to be pronounced. However this is Australia, and sometimes it can be hard to produce a sound unfamiliar to the Australian accent. Some people (and I'm one of them!) choose to anglicise their name for those outside their linguistic heritage. Sometimes it's just easier to tweak a few consonants and vowels than have to explain and go through the frustration of repeating yourself to get the correct pronunciation.

Other people may just quietly accept the pronunciation someone may proffer. But how many Siobhan's, Ciaran's, Eoin's, or Seamus's stay silent if their name is mispronounced? People of language backgrounds other than English should also not be embarrassed to set the record straight and let others know how their name should be pronounced.

There are others (and I absolutely applaud them!) that will insist on the correct pronunciation of their name. When he made his appearance on 'Ellen', Hasan Minhaj openly corrected her pronunciation of his name. Later when he was questioned about it, Hasan explained he did it because he saw his mother cringe in the audience (though his father told him to let it go because it's Ellen DeGeneres!). I'm often reminded of the quote by US actress Uzo Aduba's mother when, as a child, Uzo asked her mother if she could change her name to Zoe: "If they can learn to say Tchaikovsky and Michelangelo and Dostoyevsky, they can learn to say Uzoamaka".

As teachers, we never want our students to feel ashamed or embarrassed about their name. All students are valued and we all do our best to say names in a manner that promotes respect. If a mispronunciation occurs please have a quiet word in our ear and let us know!

Ms Jan and Ms Woo

ARCO

CAREERS REPORT

We have many activities organised for Years 10 to 12 students in Careers. Our industry visits have started for Year 11 and 12 students with some fantastic opportunities happening in the upcoming holidays. Design and Textiles students have an amazing opportunity to take their major works to a free workshop in Sydney CBD to get industry assistance and critique to help students get a good head start on their major works assessment which are worth 70% of their HSC component. There is also an extraordinary opportunity for students interested in sports management to spend time with top managers for Western Sydney Wanderers and Greater Western Sydney Giants to spend a day in the life with them and gain valuable insight into this career path. Business Studies students will have an opportunity to spend time

with Naomi Simpson, creator of Red Balloon to learn more about entrepreneurial experiences. All these workshops will be available for registration soon, it is important students have regular access to their school emails.

Year 10 will have the opportunity in June to attend the MACE careers expo. This will be at Menangle Park Raceway and will be at a cost of \$5 for students. We will have a maximum of 100 places, so it is important that students return their notes and pay the money at the office as soon as possible to secure their position. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to start looking into their career pathways and start asking questions to industry experts and allow them to have a good idea of what subjects they will choose for their Higher School Certificate starting in 2021. It will also be a good opportunity for students thinking of leaving school to talk to TAFE and trade schools about what is involved in those pathways.

University open days should be uploaded onto the Careers website shortly. This will also be emailed to students in Year 12 as information becomes available along with early entry dates. In the meantime, it is important students start working on their resume or keeping track of their extracurricular activities which may assist them in their early entry process. It is also a good idea to check the University guides to make sure the university offers the course they wish to seek early entry for as not all universities offer all courses. It is always good to have plan B, C and D ready for when UAC opens at the beginning of August.

If there are any questions or queries, students can find me in the Careers Office which is located upstairs in the library behind the senior study area.

Samantha Caruana
Careers Adviser

Support Unit Report

Student Diaries

It is important that you continue to check your child's diary as we have many upcoming events happening in the school in Term 1. Students need to check their timetables everyday so they are prepared and bring the required clothing and equipment for the next day.

Ancient Rome

This term, students are exploring the topic of Ancient Rome. The Integrated Studies will be looking at the Roman civilization which lasted for more than 1000 years. At the centre of its vast and powerful empire was the city of Rome. Students will look at many topics including emperors, entertainment, mass slavery, wars and gladiators within the Roman Empire.

World's Greatest Shave

We would like to congratulate Benjamin Garcia (Year 11) and Noah Amos (Year 9) from the Support Unit for their upcoming participation in the World's Greatest Shave. The donations raised by all students will be much appreciated for those who are affected by cancer.

Work Experience

All students who are participating in Work Experience programs need to follow the guidelines of their workplace and remember that they are not only representing themselves but their school.

S. Mitchell

SRC Representatives 2020

I would like to introduce our schooling community to the students who have been nominated for various roles across SRC this year. As part of their role, they are responsible for co-organising events, supporting and advertising events run by SRC, leading messages at Whole School and Year Assemblies, conversing with the EHS Leadership and Captaincy Team and leading our Monday meetings.

President – Charlotte Inglis (Year 10)

Vice President – Will Cullen (Year 10)

Chairperson – Adam Cox (Year 10)

Secretary – Hayley O'Brien & Makayla Crick (Year 8)

Treasurer – Peta Young (Year 10)

Publicity Officer – Claire Stanley (Year 9)

Year 10 Representative – America Soubra

Year 9 Representatives – Edward De La Mare & Taj Carter-Smith

Year 8 Representatives – Emma Inglis & Wil Daley

Our SRC have been prominent figures in school events already, presenting at the P&C meeting in Week 3, designing a video and presenting this at the Year 6 into 7 Information Evening and promoting World's Greatest Shave with their peers. Thank you to those students who have already shown their commitment to the EHS student body, representing our school values with diligence and honour.

Mrs Mulligan

World's Greatest Shave at EHS

Elderslie High School is SHAVING, COLOURING and BRAIDING!

On Friday the 13th of March, Week 7, students can get involved to help support Australians suffering from Leukaemia and other blood related diseases by shaving, colouring or braiding their hair. As a school, we hope to raise \$2000, enough to aid future breakthroughs by funding a major blood cancer research project for one week.

SRC students are collecting donations during DEAR up until the day, with donations of \$5 receiving a sugar

cookie and donations of \$10 with a sugar cookie and cupcake. A mystery teacher is also shaving. Students can have a guess based upon the clues provided. Correct guesses will be in the prize draw for the lucky door prize on the day.

If your child is interested in shaving or cutting their hair, parental consent will be needed. Other options to get involved include colouring and/or braiding. Colouring = \$3, Braiding = \$3, with the option of both to be \$5. Students are encouraged to donate and bring extra money for the day. Please see Mrs Mulligan in History if your child is interested.

All donations collected in sponsorship of those cutting or shaving their hair and monies raised from the purchase of braids/hair colouring, cupcakes and sugar cookies will go directly to the World's Greatest Shave Fundraiser.

To get involved, or support our school, donate at: <http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/eldersliehighschoo12020>

March Sport Report

Upcoming Carnivals

The EHS Cross Country Carnival is on Wednesday 8th April at the Camden Equestrian Centre. Students are to arrive at school and the buses will leave for the carnival after roll call.

All notes for this carnival need to be returned before Monday the 30th March whether your child plans on attending the day or not.

Go Karting

Ryan Tomsett won the NSW Karting Championships. Ryan has also won two other Australian Karting Championships and many more regional and club championships. Ryan is the youngest Australian Champion in the history of the sport and this sport has had drivers like Daniel Riccardo, Jamie Whincup and Mark Webber. Ryan has been interviewed on Channel 9 twice and also made the front page of the paper twice due to his achievements.

This year Ryan will again be racing in the Australian Karting Championship and trying to become a three time Australian Champion!

Australian MTB Interschool's Competition

Taj Carter- Smith and Kayden Murphy, of Year 9, will be competing in the Australian MTB Interschool's Competition in Division 2 representing Elderslie High School. Good luck to these students.

Swimming

The SSW Swimming Championships will be held on Monday 9th March at the Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, Bradbury.

Softball

Hannah Trevena (Yr11) captained the U16 NSW Softball team to the grand final (coming in 2nd) in the National Championships in Melbourne along with Abbey Hart (yr11) as the Vice-Captain.

Teina Leung (yr9) was selected by ACT in the National Championship in Melbourne.

Isabella Trevena (Yr8) and Breeanna Luc (Yr9) were also representatives in the U14 Australian Regional Championships in Perth. They managed to take home the gold medal.

Isabella Trevena has now been selected in the Australian Aussie Diamond Team to compete in USA in June 2020.

Big result shows future potential

The Open Boys Soccer team has got off to a flying start in this year's CHS knockout competition. In their Round 1 match played on February 25, the boys played Airs High School at Lynwood Park. The team consists of captain Marko Papak, Milad Albadawi, Luke Berrios, Nicholas Bono, Campbell Durbidge, Kobi Elguindy, Chad Landouw, Braydan Morgan, Domenic Pollicina, Sebastiano Pollicina, Harrison Walker, Nicholas Pumer, Owen Roberts, Baedyn Silbury, Adam Tomsett, David Warda as well as the team's assistant coach Rikki Boys. In what was an utterly dominant performance, the team made a statement to their future completion with a 17 – nil win. The team is buoyed further by the knowledge that they are still gelling as a team and have identified numerous areas for additional improvements to be made for future matches. The team will be full of confidence heading into their Round 2 match to be held in late March.

Mr Atterton



Faces of EHS

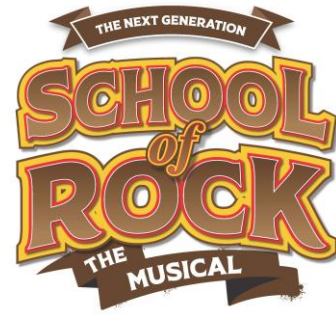
What is your greatest sporting achievement?

I've been racing Go-karts for the last 6 years and after winning numerous events and series here in Australia, in October 2019 I was invited to race in the Rotax Max World Championships in Sarno in the south of Italy. After months of training and preparation, I arrived with my family a week before the event to meet with my team and learn the new kart and track. The week went well with its usual ups and downs and after qualifying 6th, I had some good close heat races but after receiving a penalty for some loose bodywork, I had to start rear of the field for the final.

In the final I drove through to 7th by the end of the race which I was absolutely stoked with as it was my first time racing overseas in brand new equipment I had never driven and a track that I had never seen. I see this as my greatest sporting achievement as I was the youngest driver in the field racing against some of the world's best drivers. It was an awesome experience and I was invited to come back and race the whole European season for 2020 but unfortunately as I am doing my HSC this year, I've had to put that on hold, but I'm still racing locally this year and plans are underway to go back to Europe in 2021.

I'm just an average kid from Western Sydney who has got to do an extraordinary thing. It just goes to show, don't give up on your dreams because they can come true!

Ryan Mills- Year 12



SCHOOL OF ROCK is coming to Elderslie High School

This year Elderslie High School will see the return of a Musical Performance. Come along and join in all of the fun as Elderslie High School presents **SCHOOL OF ROCK**. **SCHOOL OF ROCK** with its sensational live kids' rock band, is a loving testimony to the transforming power of music. May the spirit of rock be with the musical cast as they pledge their allegiance to Andrew Lloyd Webber's newest hit! Featuring some of Elderslie High School's best young talent, **SCHOOL OF ROCK** is a performance not to be missed!

Auditions for all roles and the chorus are now finalised and rehearsals are going strong. Everyone is very excited and nervous about the upcoming event. So, stay tuned for regular updates on our progress. **SCHOOL OF ROCK** will be presented to the school community on the 28th, 29th and 30th June 2020 in the School Hall.

If there are any members of the School Community who would be happy to make a donation towards the School Musical your business name will be advertised in the Program for the evening. Please contact the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty, as any help would be much appreciated.

So, stay tuned for regular updates on our progress.

CAPA Update

Already it is the middle of Term One and CAPA students are working tirelessly to improve their skills, plan performance items and participate in as many experiences as they can during 2020.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the **CAPA Information Evening** on Tuesday, 11th February 2020 in the School Hall, we hope you gained some valuable information.

The **Dance-a-thon, 2020** was a great success, with the Elderslie High School students teaming up with students from Mawarra Public School to dance the afternoon away under the direction of our Alumni of Dance. Sponsorship money is now due to the Student Office.



The **Vocal Ensemble** has begun during DEAR time. All students who would like to audition for the Vocal Ensemble please see Ms Prigg. Hurry! The Vocal Ensemble fills up quickly.

Musicians are needed for the **Orchestra** for all students who enjoy playing ANY instrument. Please see Mr Webb if you are interested.

The **Visual Arts Club** is back for 2020! The Club meets on Wednesdays from 2.30 – 3.25 pm in Art Room 2 and 3. The students will be experimenting with some fun art making skills and students will have individual help to work on their artworks. The club is open to all year groups. See Ms Gulley or Miss Reece for a permission note.

Ms Dennis, Miss Rysko and Ms Grimston-Eason are proud to announce the 2020 members of **Dance Ensemble, Ballroom Dance Ensemble, Dance Company and Transition Dance Ensemble**. After a week of tough auditions and decisions the following students have been selected:

Dance Ensemble: Ruby Cullen, Kaliska Nenadic, Lilly Ockers, Stephanie Shakespeare, Elle Tooala-Murray, Qiana Touma-Luke, Emma Young, Carlee Bell, Angelina Buakao, Azariya Burford, Mia Pocock, Caterina Webber, Bree Barlow, Jade Cox, Taylor Hodge and Georgia Phillips. These students rehearse on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 – 4.00 pm with Ms Grimston-Eason. Congratulations to the students selected and to all who auditioned.

Dance Company: Caitlin Kubisch, Savannah Nenadic, Summer Jeffrey, Stephanie Taylor, Isabella Amos, Liv Carter-Smith, Rylea Coleman, Taya King, Hannah Penfold,

Zoe Stanley, Hannah Bachner, Savannah Corcoran, Montana Freeman, Kayla Jancovich, Cassandra McMurdo and Naomi Wyatt. These students rehearse on Thursday mornings from 7.50 am – 8.40 am with Miss Rysko. Congratulations to the students selected and to all who auditioned.

Ballroom Dance Ensemble: Callumb Jenner, Kaliska Nenadic, Elle Tooala-Murray, Emma Young, Jasper Browne, Noah Gibson, Tyler Lloyd, Jessica Biondi, Hannah Penfold, Tyler Smith and Amy Thomas. These students rehearse on Friday mornings from 7.50 am – 8.40 am with Ms Dennis. Congratulations to the students selected and to all who auditioned.

Transition Dance Ensemble: Nel Aitken, Alisa Nguyen, Amarlie Wilson and Jessica Biondi. Congratulations to the students selected and to all who auditioned. **Dance Transition Program** is back for 2020! The first rehearsal for this program is on Tuesday, 17th March 2020 from 3.25 pm – 5.00 pm in the School Hall. Our dancers are looking forward to working with students from our Partner Primary Schools to prepare another fun dance item.

Congratulations to Kayla Jancovich from Year 12, Savannah Nenadic from Year 9 and Kaliska Nenadic from Year 7 on their selection to the **State Dance Ensemble**.

Congratulations to all the students who attended **ONSTAGE and CALLBACK**. You represented Elderslie High School admirably.



Year 11 CAPA Evening is coming up at the end of Term 1 on Tuesday, 7th April 2020 in the School Hall from 6.45 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the Student Office from Week 9. Please come along and support our talented Year 11 CAPA students.

Once again, Elderslie High School is offering the students in Year 7 & 8 the opportunity to participate in the **Junior Drama Ensemble**. This group meets on Wednesday mornings from 8.00 am to 8.55 am. Classes have already started, so you need to hurry if you would still like to be involved. You just need to see Ms Dennis in the Studio for a permission note.

The **Event Management Team** has reformed for 2020. The operation of the school's events is a very challenging task and 25 students with talent in this area have signed up to

be part of this team. Their roles will include lighting set-up and operation, sound operation, front of house, stage managing and much more. If there are any students who have not signed up for this team there is still time. You just need to see Ms Dennis in the CAPA Staffroom ASAP.

Talent Quest, 2020

The **Elderslie High School Talent Quest** is back for 2020! The Heats are now complete, and our finalists have been decided. The Final of the Talent Quest is on Friday, 20th March 2020 in the School Hall from 6.45 pm. If you are interested in attending tickets will be on sale in the Student Office from Monday of Week 7, \$7.00 for all, or at the door on the evening. The evening will also be featuring performances from some of our performing arts alumni and students from our Partner Primary Schools. This is a night not to be missed!!

Elderslie High School Public Speaking Competition, 2020

The **Elderslie High Public Speaking Competition** is back for 2020! The Final of the competition is on Wednesday, 11th March 2020 in the Studio from 6.15 pm. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Who will be awarded the title of the overall school winner? This is a night not to be missed!!

CAPA Faculty

Catching Up With Our Alumni – Maddie Newcombe - Class of 2014

Achievements at school:

HSC results: 7x Band 5 or E3 (Advanced English, Mathematics, Mathematics Extension 1, Ancient History, Biology, Dance and Drama). First in class for Dance.

- Year 11 Prefect 2013
- Member of the EHS Dance Ensemble and Dance Company from Year 7 to 12
- Member of the Debating Team from Year 8 to 12
- Performed at Schools Spectacular from Year 9 to Year 11
- Performed at the SWS Drama Festival in Year 10 and Year 11, as well as the Fast and Fresh Drama competition in Year 12
- Recipient of the Commitment to Dance Award in Year 12
- Received Early Entry to UOW
- Received a teachNSW scholarship to study Maths teaching
- Received a teachNSW GTIL Cadetship to work in a school part-time while studying Maths teaching

After School

- Attended UOW to complete a Bachelor of Mathematics Education
- Joined Campbelltown Theatre Group and performed in various musicals over the years, including *The Producers* (2015), *Spamalot* (2015), *Legally Blonde* (2016), *Rock of Ages* (2018), *Shrek*

the Musical (2018) and *Mamma Mia!* (2020). Also performed in Strathfield Musical Society's production of *The Producers* (2017)

- Worked at ShowOz Studios in Camden as Musicals Manager from (2016-2018), teaching all styles of dance, musical theatre and drama. Directed and choreographed four productions including *High School Musical JR*, *Peter Pan JR*, *Alice in Wonderland JR* and *Camp Rock: The Musical*.
- Choreographed the first youth production at Campbelltown Theatre Group in over 10 years, *Beauty and the Beast JR* (this broke records by being a complete sell out, and made nearly \$20000 for the group).
- Worked at Elizabeth Macarthur High School as a cadet, helping in Maths classrooms and learning the administrative side of teaching. Worked as a casual teacher for 2019, while I finished my degree.
- Nominated for an Outstanding Pre-Service Teacher award in 2018
- Graduated from UOW with a Bachelor of Mathematics Education in 2019.

Now

- Currently in my first year of teaching at Lurnea High School.
- Involved in the school's musical production of *Aladdin JR* and helping out with CAPA (which I was always destined to do)



Five of Elderslie High School's Alumni were performing and stage managing in Campbelltown Theatre Group's production of *Mamma Mia* in recent weeks. Congratulations to all!

From right to left: Maya Ascaino, Erica Sheather, Blake Penfold, Maddie Newcombe and Lucy Mottram.



Capa Faculty

Student Volunteering 2020

Are you a volunteer?

That means doing something for others without getting paid.

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

Out of school: Youth group leader, Sporting coach or referee reading for seniors in a nursing home or mowing for elderly neighbours could be examples.

All students within the school have the opportunity to sign up for the DEC Student Volunteering Awards 2020 which close late term3.

Student nominations are invited for the following three student categories:

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

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

Mrs Rouen and Mrs Shortt
Student Volunteer Coordinators

P & C MEETINGS 2020

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

Our next Meeting for 2020 will be:

Tuesday, 10th March

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Enrolment policy

Information for parents

The Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools policy is in place to assist schools to meet their obligations under the *Education Act 1990* - to ensure that every student has a place at their local school. The policy also communicates to staff and the community a transparent enrolment process.

Why was the enrolment policy revised?

Across the state, many communities are changing. Some are growing at rates never seen before. Some schools that used to be able to accept out-of-area enrolments, no longer have the room to do so.

The revised policy is designed to support schools to manage all enrolment applications, encourage greater consistency in decision-making and make sure the enrolment choices are clear for parents.

What are the changes?

The enrolment cap

The enrolment cap is the number of students that can be enrolled at a school based on the school's permanent accommodation. The enrolment cap tells us whether the school may or may not have the capacity to accept non-local enrolments. It is not a target or limit on the number of local enrolments a school can take.

Each school with a local intake area will have a cap set by the department from Term 4 2019.

Within the enrolment cap, a number of enrolment places (the buffer) must be kept aside for the likely number of local students who will need to enrol during the year. For this reason, a school will not take non-local students once they reach their buffer, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

100-point residential address check

Parents planning to enrol their child at a school that is near or at its buffer or cap will be asked to complete the 100-point residential address check to confirm they live within the school's designated intake area. This means parents will need to provide documents to verify the child's current address.

So that schools only seek information relevant to the child's enrolment, a list of approved documents for the residential address check is available from the school or the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>.

Selection criteria for non-local enrolment

Sibling enrolments are now clearly prioritised (where possible) and selection criteria for non-local enrolment will not include student ability, performance or achievement.

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What has not changed?

Schools will continue to enrol students who live in their local intake area, regardless of the school's cap status.

Enrolment procedures for students accessing particular education settings (for example selective schools, distance education, specialist support classes for students with disability, Intensive English Centres) are not affected by the revised policy.

In schools with available places, there are no changes to enrolment rights of siblings of non-local students. Each enrolment application is considered on its merits, including if siblings currently attend the school. If the school is below capacity, out-of-area applications for siblings of current students will be given enrolment priority.

Schools will continue to provide families with support and advice during the enrolment process, including assessment of exceptional and compelling circumstances particularly for vulnerable students and their families.

Schools will also continue to apply the policy fairly and consistently using transparent and accountable processes when making decisions about enrolment applications. Parents have a right of appeal to determine whether the stated processes have been applied in a procedurally fair manner.

But what do the changes mean for me?

What if my child is already enrolled but we do not live in that school's intake area?

Your child will remain enrolled at the school as the revised policy does not affect students already enrolled in NSW Government schools.

We were in area when my child was enrolled in the school. The department has since changed the school's boundary and our residence is now out of area. I have other children and I want them all to go to the same school. What are my options?

At times it is necessary for the department to make adjustments to a school's local enrolment intake area. This could mean a family with a child/children already enrolled is then outside the local intake area. When this happens, the family will still be able to enrol siblings together at the school, regardless of whether the school is over the buffer or cap.

I already have a child enrolled as an out-of-area student in a NSW Government school. Can I enrol my other children at that school too?

This will depend on the capacity of the school:

- If the school is **not near its buffer**, then siblings should be able to be enrolled at the school. In fact, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **nearing its buffer**, then the school will form a non-local enrolment panel. The panel considers non-local enrolment applications when the number of non-local applications received exceeds the number of places available below the buffer. Again, in this instance, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **at capacity**, it will not accept non-local enrolment applications unless there are exceptional circumstances.

I have already accepted an offer for my child to attend a school in 2020 that is not my local school. What happens now?

The enrolment will proceed. Non-local enrolments accepted before Term 4 2019 for students starting in 2020 should not be affected.

What is the criteria for enrolment in a school that is not my local school?

Schools that are able to accept non-local enrolment applications establish a non-local enrolment selection panel, if demand exceeds the number of places below the school's buffer.

Schools are required to make the selection criteria available to the school community.

My circumstances are challenging and I think this school is best for my child. We live outside the school's intake area. What should I do?

We understand that not everyone's circumstances are the same, and that there are instances where exceptional and compelling circumstances will need to be considered.

If this is the case, you should talk to the principal of your local school.

Contact

For general enquiries contact: 1300 679 332 or email: DoEInfo@det.nsw.edu.au

For enrolment enquiries, speak to your local school. Find school contact details at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/finding-a-public-school>



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

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7A	March 9 SSWSSA Swimming Carnival Year 8 Jamberoo Excursion - R Ferris	March 10 P&C Meeting	March 11 EHS Public Speaking Competition	March 12 Music Transition Workshop Year 9 History ANZAC Memorial Excursion	March 13
8B	March 16	March 17 Year 10 History Excursion - Sydney Jewish Museum Dance Transition Rehearsal	March 18 Year 7 Vaccinations - Visit 1	March 19 Year 9 History Elective Excursion - ANZAC Memorial Hyde Park	March 20 Talent Quest
9A	March 23 National Day of Action Against Bullying	March 24 Year 12 Society & Culture / History Extension Excursion - State Library Extended Musical Rehearsal	March 25	March 26	Mar 27 Camden Show Performance
10B	March 30 Executive Meeting Year 10 Geography Excursion - Warilla Beach	March 31 Extended Musical Rehearsal	April 1 CHS Swimming Carnival	April 2 CHS Swimming Carnival	April 3 CHS Swimming Carnival All Day Musical Rehearsal
11A	April 6	April 7 Year 11 CAPA Evening	April 8 Cross Country Carnival	Apr 9 Year 7 Easter Show Excursion	April 10
1B	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30	May 1 School Athletics Carnival
2A	May 4 Parent Teacher Night	May 5 Extended Musical Rehearsal	May 6	May 7 Musical Production Meeting	May 8

