



PARENT BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2022

Upcoming Events

November 22 P&C Meeting 7pm November 25 **Check In Assessment Closes** November 29 Year 7 Orientation Day December 1 **CAPA Evening Performance** December 5 Yr 9 Surf Camp December 6 Yr 10 Formal 6.30pm December 14 Jamberoo Excursion December 16 Last Day of School January 31 Yr 7, 11 & 12 First Day of School 2023 Yr 8, 9 & 10 First Day of February 1

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School 2023

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This is the last edition of Parent Bulletin for 2022.

Transitions and Changes

In recent weeks, there has been a significant amount of change as we support our students through many new transition points. We have farewelled our Year 12 students, the class of 2022 at the last of their official school functions – the Year 12 formal. This year, the event was held at Panorama House, Wollongong and it was lovely to join the students to close the chapter on their high school lives. We also have seen the commencement of the HSC year for our incoming Year 12 students. In Week 7, our current Year 10 students will be excited to commence our Stage 6 Transition program in which they will be able to wear their senior uniforms should they wish to do so. We have also been working hard to alleviate the nerves of a great many of our transitioning Year 6 students as they ready themselves for high school life in 2023 through our primary school visits and taster workshops for Support Unit and some mainstream students. We look forward to our full Orientation Day on November 29. Finally, we held our tech Elect Information Evening for our 2023 students on Tuesday, 15 November.

Student Successes

Our Year 11 Prefects for 2023 were announced in Week 5 and it was my very great pleasure to showcase an amazing group of young people to the student body on assembly. These students will wear their Prefect badges with pride and experience first rate mentorship from our Captaincy Team. We hope many members of our parent body saw the latest photographs of these students on our school social media channels.

It was also my pleasure to support a group of outstanding First Nations students from Elderslie High School at the recent Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards. These students were presented with their awards at the evening ceremony at Oran Park High School on Monday, 14 November. I would like to thank Ms Crossingham and her team of dedicated staff who wrote these applications for our students and ensured that they were in the running in the first place.

School Improvements

After a long wait, the newly renovated entrance to the Support Unit and back car park is now complete. The previous space was in quite a bad state of repair and our school was very lucky to be able to access some central funds from the Department to make these improvements. The final result is much safer and will stand up much more effectively to wet weather. Taxi drop offs for approved support unit students will now take place once more from this school entrance.



In the coming months, we look forward to commencing the next stage of our playground renovation which will include an extension for "The Grove" including a substantial increase in seating for our students.

P&C Thanks

As the year draws to a close, there are a few key parents who have served for many years as a part of the Elderslie High School Parents and Citizens Association. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the efforts of these parents in fund raising, consultation and also through their support on merit selection panels to select new staff. Three of the stalwarts of the P&C have their youngest children finishing this year so we say a fond farewell to Lyn Gardner, Rob Craig and Emma Mottram. These wonderful community minded parents have been so supportive in their time on the P&C and we would like to express our gratitude to them for their efforts.

Kind regards, Mrs Jenny Lawrence Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Natalie Martin (DP Years 8 & 11)

Year 8

Year 8 participated in Check Assessment in Week 3 of this term. Check In Assessments are online tests that are mapped to NSW Syllabus and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. The school will analyse the data from these tests to help teachers tailor their learning to teach more specifically to meet student needs.

We also use the information to identify areas that need improvement and implement school wide practices to improve reading comprehension. For example, this year teachers in all Key Learning Areas are teaching two lessons on how to identify and explain the purpose of a text. Students have had multiple opportunities to demonstrate their understanding of text purpose as applied to a variety of texts this year. This learning continues into Year 9 and will assist students with answering reading comprehension NAPLAN questions in 2023.

The school is currently finalising yearly assessments in preparation for the Semester 2 Reports. Reports will be issued at the conclusion of the recognition assembly in the final week of this term.

Year 12

Earlier this term I presented the school assessment policy information to students at a year meeting. During the meeting the rules and guidelines around meeting assessment task requirements were explained. All students were given a copy of this information along with the 2023 HSC Rules and Guidelines booklet. It is essential that students understand and follow the guidelines as they are strictly adhered to in the HSC year.

In Year 12 students are able to drop to 10 units and can collect an application to revise their study pattern from me. This term I will meet with all students who wish to drop a subject ensuring their decision is educationally sound and aligns to their future career goals. Students are expected to remain in their current study pattern for the remainder of Term 4. At these meetings, I check to see if the student wished to be eligible for an ATAR. All students in Year 12 will need to sign their Confirmation of Entry form to verify that the school entries to NESA are correct for each student.

Year 12 are approaching their first assessment period which will contribute towards their HSC results. I encourage students to achieve their personal best and prepare adequately for every subject. Parents can support this by ensuring students have a quiet place at home to complete assessments and check in with their child to make sure they are on top of all of the due dates for each task. Students who have placed first in their subjects in Year 11 will be eligible for an award at the Presentation Evening on 15th December.

Ms N Martin
Deputy Principal
Years 8 & 11

Joanne Amos (DP Years 9 & 12)

Parent Information - Early Leave Notes

From time to time students have appointments to attend and we do aways encourage these to be made outside of school hours. We understand that there are times when this is unavoidable and would like to remind our families that the process for applying for early leave is to write a note that details the reason for the leave and the time the student will be collected from school. Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during the day to walk home or travel by public transport. The person collecting the student needs to be one of the adults listed as a contact. We appreciate your support in this matter as it makes our attendance administration more efficient.

Year 7 2023 - Orientation Day

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

On Tuesday 29th November, we will formally welcome our Year 7 students for 2023 to our school to participate in the Orientation Day program. This will be a very exciting day for the children and their parents as the day will feature an opportunity to get to know key staff such as their Year Adviser, Mrs Bright. Students will be led by our new 2023 Prefect Team who will work with small groups to accompany students to mini lessons, socialisation activities and sporting activities. I would like to thank, in advance, Mrs Bright and Miss Harding whose work on this event has been tireless. It promises to be a fun-filled day for the students.

Year 9

Year 9 are now finalising their last aspects in their formal assessments for the successful completion of their coursework. For some students in Year 9, the successful completion of Year 9



opens doors that will allow students to explore options such as apprenticeships or traineeships at the start of Year 10. If any students or families need assistance in finalising the paperwork or procedures, please reach out to the school careers adviser or myself.

Year 12

Glitz, glamour and a whole lot of fun is the best way to describe the Year 12 Formal celebration that was held at Panorama House on Thursday 10th November. The students were impeccably dressed and took full advantage of the spectacular views for their photos before enjoying themselves with in the function centre with lots of dancing and plenty of memories being made. A special thank you must go to Ms Buist and Ms Mulligan for their tireless work to make the evening such an amazing success.

The very last opportunity for the class of 2022 to come together will be on Friday 16th December when the HSC and ATAR results have been released. On this day the school will be hosting a morning tea event and issuing the Year 12 Yearbook. We hope all Year 12 students will be able to attend.

Mrs Amos Deputy Principal Years 9 & 12

Dale White (DP Years 7 & 10)

A parent is their child's first teacher- Thank you for your efforts this year

Students in Year 7 have almost completed their first year of high school. The vast majority of students have been able to settle into high school life as the year has progressed and the new rules and routines that comes with starting any new school. Students will receive their reports in the coming weeks and I hope that they achieve the results indicative to the efforts they have put in. We thank all parents and community members for their assistance with their children during this transition period into high school. We know that a parent is their child's first and longest lasting teacher and your support is invaluable in the education of your child as they progress through these difficult teenage years.

Year 10 students have had a successful year preparing for their senior studies. The impact that COVID is now behind us in many ways so learning to live in a post COVID world and navigating its challenges is a new skill, students have had to learn. The yearly examinations have been completed and I was impressed about the attitude and behaviour students displayed as we start our formal practices preparing for life as a senior student. The transition program from Year 10 to 11 starts in Week 7 and this is the time where students will get the opportunity to get a taste of their new subjects for next year. The students will not be starting the courses but investing in the skills required for success. Please start working with your child on patterns and routines that can be established now so greater success can occur over the next few years. For a number of students this will be their last year at high school. The transition into the workforce is an important life step and can be challenging for some but rewarding in many many ways. Over the years, many parents have indicated how

this has allowed their child to finally 'grow up' and mature very quickly. Congratulations to all those students who have been able to gain an apprenticeship or traineeship this year. There has been a large number of students which is pleasing and a great start for those students in today's world. I'm sure as the last few weeks proceed there will be more students joining them in the world of work. For those students not returning in 2023, this is a great opportunity to do some work experience. Please see Mrs Whitfield (Careers Advisor) for further details. Finally, the Year 10 End of Year Event will be held at Ottimo House on December 6. I just want to remind students and parents that as this is a school event, the same regular school expectations will apply in regard to behaviour, attitude, responsibility and respect on the night. We wish all students a wonderful evening and a memory to last a lifetime.

From across the school, we are constantly promoting attendance at the moment with our students. We hope parents can assist by setting targets for their children in regards to attendance. We know students are unwell and have some time off school, however there are many students who come to school every day even when its hard. In the classroom over the next few weeks, we are undertaking our Teacher Learning Cycle. Like the students, we require all of the teachers to grow and continue learning. Staff will be observing each others practices and reflecting upon their own. The strength of your child's teacher has a big impact on their learning and we are constantly investing in our staff to be the best professionals they can be.

Lastly, I wish all my students and their families a safe, restful break over the summer and hope all students return in 2023 ready to achieve their best results by displaying their best efforts in the classroom and playground.

Mr White Deputy Principal Years 7 & 10

Senior Student Leadership News Congratulations to Our 2023 Prefects

During the Week 5 assembly, Mrs Lawrence and myself had the absolute pleasure of announcing our 2023 Prefects. These students join the eight Captaincy Team members to form the 2023 Senior Leadership Team.

Congratulations to: Aasiya, Abbey, Angelina, Arabella, Brayden, Caitlin, Carlee, Caterina, Cruz, Dylan, Emma, Georgina, Haley, Hannah, Isabella, Jasper, Jay, Jeremy, Joshua, Kathy, Leah, Luka, Matthew B, Matthew T, Mia, Noah, Nobert, Ryan, Savannah, Tyler and Xavier.

I look forward to working with and supporting these fantastic leaders.

Ms Farrar

Senior Student Leadership Coordinator

2023 Senior Leadership Team





First Nations Education

2022 Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards

The Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards is an annual event that acknowledges the achievements of Aboriginal students in the SWS region. This year we have five students receiving awards in a variety of categories. Students will be presented their awards at a regional ceremony in Week 6.

Kiarah Francis- Year 11- Culture, Courage and Commitment Award

Lennox Geiger- Year 10- Leadership, Citizenship and Community Service Award

Miah-Bella D'Amato- Year 8- Literacy Award

Poppy La Hay- Year 12- Numeracy Award

Cooper Wade- Year 7- Sporting Achievements Award

This is a fantastic achievement and students should be proud of their success.

Pathways to Dreaming

Students have participated in our final school workshop for 2022. Tania from UWS visited the school and had a yarn with students

about traditional items. Students got to hold the items and discuss the purpose of each one.

Year 8 will be head out to UWS for their campus visit in the next week. Year 7 will be attending in Week 7 and notes have already been emailed home. Campus visits are a great way to give students a taste of university life whilst participating in academic and cultural workshops.

A big thank you to UWS for allowing EHS to be involved in the program this year. We are looking forward to being involved again in 2023.



Library Matters

As the 2022 school year begins to wrap up I'd like to thank everyone who has helped make the library a welcoming and inclusive space. We've had an incredible response to our lunchtime clubs, such as the Dungeons and Dragons Club and Ms Bun's Anime Club, and it's been wonderful to see so many positive conversations around our various displays this year! A very special congratulations should also go to Mikayla M in Year 7 and Thomas W in Year 10, who successfully finished this year's Premier's Reading Challenge.

With the end of the year coming up soon we'd really love to see all books, laptops, and internet dongles returned so we can prepare them for our students next year. Please help us out by returning these resources as soon as you can. If you're looking for something to read over the holidays, you're welcome to borrow one of the thousands of free ebooks and audiobooks we have available at our online library: https://eldersliehs.eplatform.co/

Finally, I'd like to give a special thank you to the students who volunteer for the Student Media Team. It's been a very disrupted year, but they've made the most of their time and published a variety of works throughout the year. A sample of their most recent work is below.

What is NAIDOC Week about?

NAIDOC week is about educating our students on Aboriginal culture. It celebrates the history and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an educational week where everyone can learn about and appreciate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures in a respectful way. NAIDOC Week makes people and their culture feel appreciated, while also being inclusive for non-First Nations whom it educates.

What did you like about EHS's NAIDOC Week activities?

According to Student Media Team representative Georgina, the activities were great because of how they taught people the culture and brought people together.

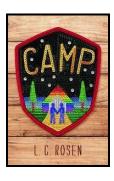
By Jason H, Tanah A, Leonor S and Georgina C (Student Media Team)



Book Review

Camp is a Y/A self-discovery and romance novel. It is the story of Randy, a gay teenager, attending a queer camp and follows the changes he undergoes for his summer crush. It has themes of self-discovery, romance, internalized homophobia and the possible making or breaking of years-long friendships. It truly and honestly depicts changing yourself for those you love and the struggles those who deal with certain pre-emptive expectations and self-hatred have to go through and how to work through such issues in a healthy manner. Its bubbly, cheerful story covers serious topics and raises attention to important issues. Overall Camp is a wonderful read with a great variety of characters and is incredibly important to those who struggle with their identities.

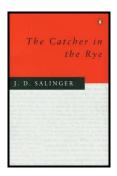
Felix E (Student Media Team)



Book Review

The Catcher in the Rye is a novel written by J.D. Salinger that was published in 1951. It follows a 16 year old boy named Holden Caulfield after he is expelled from the boarding school he was attending. The story takes place over the next three days as Holden questions his purpose, whether anything is real or if it's all 'phoney', and how to protect children from the harms of the world to retain their innocence. To this day, The Catcher in the Rye remains one of the most important novels of all time because it always manages to remind us that not only are teenagers people, they are flawed and have problems too. I believe that every teenager should read this great novel because despite being over 70 years old, the messages that Salinger conveys are timeless.

Review by T. L. (Student Media Team)

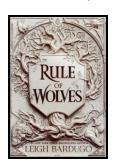




Book Review

Rule of Wolves is the excellent conclusion to the King of Scars duology. It provides interesting plot twists and blossoming romance. The book follows the journey of Nikolai Lantsov, Zoya Nazylensky and Nina Zenik as they face the worst. It's a very exciting book with a great storyline. I definitely recommend you read this!

Review by A. P. (Student Media Team)



Year 7 Camp Report

The 2022 Year 7 camp was a fun opportunity for all the fresh faces of Elderslie High School. It included numerous entertaining activities promoting cooperation and teamwork. Many enjoyed plunging into the sky on the giant swing where fellow students were tasked with pulling the rope to lift their schoolmates, challenging them to cooperate with one another. Other exciting activities included archery, the flying fox, artificial cave mazes, alpine rescue and orienteering. Students also spent both evenings dancing to upbeat music and watching a movie in their comfortable sleeping bags. Overall, the Year 7 camp was an unforgettable experience for teachers and students alike, and a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

By Alicia P (Student Media Team)

CAPA Update

Last update we spoke about how proud we were of our dancers for the awards we received for our **Wakakirri Story Dance Video titled The Hunger Games of High School**. We are also thrilled to announce that we also won the National Festival Award: Mental Health Story Award!

Congratulations to Savannah Nenadic, Year 11 and Kaliska Nenadic, Year 9 on their amazing efforts in *Schools Spectacular* 2022. The girls are representing Elderslie High School in a number of the Dance Ensembles. Well done, girls!

Fisher's Ghost Art Award

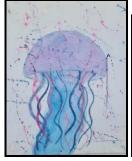
Eight students in Year 8 participated in the Fisher's Ghost Art Award and produced amazing artworks which are on display in the Campbelltown Art Centre. The Fisher's Ghost Art Award Exhibition is currently on now until the 2nd of December. If you would like to see some amazing talent from our students, I encourage you to go to Campbelltown Art Centre and view the artworks.





Evie Hay Year 8

Emily Charles Year 8





Rabi Bah Year 8

Jess Lee Year 8

Our **CAPA Calendar for 2023** is nearly complete and will arrive at school in the next couple of weeks. The Calendar will be \$22.00 and on sale at Year 7, 8 & 9 CAPA Evening, as well as online through the school website. Students can show their Online Receipt and then pick up their copy from the Student Office.



Last week we announced that our Musical for 2023 will be *Strictly Ballroom, The Musical*. Auditions are coming up and the first rehearsal will be later in the term.

Year 7, 8 & 9 CAPA Evening is on Thursday 1st December in the School Hall from 6.45 pm. Mark this date in your diary. Tickets will go on sale in a few weeks. It would be lovely to see the school community come along to support our younger performers.

Creative and Performing Arts Faculty



Public Speaking and Debating Update

The Year 9 and 10 Debating Team, consisting of Carlie Bell, Jasper Browne, Callumb Jenner, Tyler Lloyd, Abbey Reed and Jeremy White were defeated in their finals debate against Glenmore Park High School. However this still means they are in the top 16 teams in the state. Well done Team!

Congratulations to Bradley Clapham from Year 7 Benkennie on the fabulous job he did hosting the **Shining Stars Showcase** at Campbelltown Arts Centre on Friday 11th November 2022. Bradley looked extremely stylish and spoke with confidence as he introduced each of the items in the two performances held on the day. Well done, Bradley!



Ms Dennis

Catching Up With Our Alumni

When Bradley was at the *Shining Stars Showcase* he met Zoe Morgan, Alumni from the class of 2011. Zoe was one of the Dance Tutors working on the event. It was lovely to see current students working alongside past students on such a wonderful Department of Education event. It was great to catch up with Zoe and hear about all of the exciting things she has been doing since leaving Elderslie High School. She has not changed a bit since leaving school.



Ms Dennis

Presentation Evening 2022

The annual *Presentation Evening* is on Thursday, 15th December 2022 at Camden Civic Centre from 7.15 pm. This is shaping up to be a wonderful evening with over 250 students receiving awards for leadership, academic, agricultural, cultural and sporting achievements at Regional and State level during 2022. Students receiving awards will be given a letter by early Week 9 that details the organisation for the evening. There will also be some dance and music performances on the evening. Please come along and celebrate the achievements of the wonderful students from Elderslie High School.

Ms S Dennis





Elderslie High School UNIFORM SHOP Order Sheet

PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
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Monday 8:00-11:30am Wednesday 2:30-5:00pm Thursday 1:30-4:00pm

Purchase online: https://www.daylightsportswear.com/elderslie - pick up from uniform shop

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NO CHEQUE PAYMENTS

* Prices are subject to change without notice

January 2023 School Holidays Trading Hours

By Appointment only

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https://calendly.com/elderslie

Orders placed online can be collected once notified via text message or email







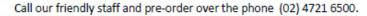
How to Order Your Year 7 Book Packs

Elderslie High School Year 7 Book Packs are now available to pre-order from Torstar's Online Parent Ordering Portal.

How to Order:

You can pre-order your pack in any of the following ways:







Visiting us in-store at 19/26-32 Abel St, Penrith (M-F 9-5, Sat 9-1) to pre-order full packs

Pre-order online using the following instructions:

- Step 1: Go to the following website on your browser using your phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer: www.torstar.net.au
- Step 2: Register as a user on our website using the "Register" button on the top right hand corner
- Step 3: Once you have registered, locate the Booklists tab on the home page in our Main Menu
- Step 4: Type in your school name in the "Search by School Name" field
- Step 5: Log in using your school password DYNA211
- Step 6: Enter your child's name and select the pre-loaded Year 7 Equipment List from the dropdown menu where the Year 7 Equipment List is pre-filled for you. Select the packs you would like to order by making sure it has a quantity of 1
- Step 7: Select "Add to order". To avoid multiple delivery fees, please add all children on the one order
- Step 8: Select "Go to Checkout"
- Step 9: Complete the Payment Details using our secure payment portal.
- Step 10: Select "Submit Order"

Pack Prices

Year 7 Pack Price: \$83.49 (inc gst)

Delivery Fee: \$12.00 (inc gst) OR Free pick up in store

Payment & Delivery

Payment is required at the time of ordering. The packs are not available to pick up in store without pre-order. The packs are pre-order only.

Place your order before 14th December 2022 to ensure delivery on the dates below. Packs can still be ordered after this date, however delivery may not occur before the start of the school year.

When ordering, you will have the option of home delivery or click and collect between the dates set out below. Pre-ordered packs will be available for pick up or delivery between: 4th January – 21st January 2023 to the address nominated at the time of ordering. An sms will be sent to let you know when packs are being delivered or that the packs are available to collect. Extended trading hours (including Saturday and Sunday trading hours) apply during this time, so please check our Facebook page for updates.

Delivery is contactless. By ordering, you are providing an authority to leave the parcel at your nominated address. If we are delivering to a Unit/Apartment, we must be able to access the front door. If we are unable to access your front door or there is no street parking you may incur additional delivery fees.



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

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	November 21	November 22 Pathways to Dreaming Workshop P&C Meeting 7pm	November 23	November 24	November 25 Check In Assessment closes
8	November 28	November 29 Yr 7 Orientation Day	November 30	December 1 CAPA Evening Performance	December 2 West Tigers League Tag Day
9	December 5 Yr 9 Surf Camp	December 6 Yr 9 Surf Camp Yr 10 Formal 6.30pm	December 7 Yr 9 Surf Camp	December 8	December 9 Multicultural Day
10	December 12 Recognition Assemblies	December 13 Recognition Assemblies	December 14 Jamberoo Excursion	December 15 Presentation Evening	December 16 Last day of school

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P & C MEETINGS 2022

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

Our final meeting for 2022 will be:

Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at 7pm in the School Library