



# PARENT BULLETIN

MAY 2022

## Upcoming Events

May 10	P&C Meeting 7pm
	Naplan Starts
May 18	EHS Cross Country
May 26	Macarthur Zone Cross Country

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Welcome back to Term 2!

#### COVID Update

In Week 1, Ms Martin notified our school community of the changes that have been implemented by the Department of Education. All current COVID smart setting used at Elderslie High School are those recommended by the Department and also by NSW Health. The main settings we will be using include:

- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff
- vaccinations – including booster shots (from 3 months after your child's primary COVID-19 dose) are encouraged for all eligible students and their families.
- ventilation
- good hygiene practices
- enhanced cleaning.

You would already be aware of the change to **close contact isolation requirements** which mean that from Week 1 of Term 2, students and staff who are identified as close contacts will be able to attend school with certain risk mitigations in place.

- **Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)** – If a member of your household contracts COVID, other family members may go to school as long as they return a negative daily RAT test for the next five school days. The Department will continue to supply these RAT tests to students and staff. These were sent home in Week 1.
- **Masks** – a new recommendation from NSW Health for people who have recently recovered from COVID-19 involved wearing a mask for an additional 3 days following their 7-day isolation period (from days 8 to 10). Additionally, masks should be worn while at school by any student who is a household contact of another family member at home.

#### Staff Changes

I am delighted to welcome a few new faces to the staff at EHS. As you will see from the list below, there are a number of new members of our executive joining us this term and so it is also timely that I thank Ms Ashlee Roberts, Mr Scott Atterton and Mrs Tricia Saunders for their amazing leadership in the time that each of them relieved as Head Teachers within our school. Our school could not have managed without their service and we thank them for taking up those positions.

New permanent staff include:

- Ms Rickelle Jolley - Head Teacher Technological & Applied Studies
- Mr Adam Miller - Head Teacher Human Society & Its Environment
- Ms Christina Needham - Head Teacher Wellbeing
- Mr Neil Grimes - Classroom Teacher (Support Unit)
- Mr Adrian Elphege - Classroom Teacher (Mathematics)

Additionally, we welcome Ms Erin McNamara who is presently filling a temporary vacancy for us in the Support Unit as a Student Learning Support Officer.

### **Student Successes**

This is without a doubt, my favourite part of my report in each Parent Bulletin. It is with great pleasure that I can report that several of our sporting superstars have been singled out in State Parliament in recent weeks. In particular, our local member Mr Peter Sidgreaves has acknowledged Kye and Brayden Sutherland who were chosen to represent NSW at the National Hockey Tournament. We also recently saw Taj Carter-Smith acknowledged for his achievements in national level in mountain bike riding.

I would also like to commend the amazing work of the Elderslie High School Agricultural Show Team who achieved so many awards at the Sydney Royal Easter Show that I simply cannot mention them all! The team was ably guided by Ms Atkinson and Ms Last who committed many days of their school holidays to supporting our students. Most notably, Logan Ockers was named Young Poultry Judges Champion for NSW and will represent our state in Tasmania in 2023. Well done Logan!!

### **Camden Anzac Services**

Every year I am just so proud of our students for the respectful attitudes they display as we commemorate Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. EHS students hold both these occasions in the highest of regard and this year was no exception. I would like to thank all the wonderful students who gave up their time on April 25 to accompany Ms Martin to the Anzac Day Parade down Argyle Street in Camden as well as members of our Captaincy Team who braved a cold, damp morning along with Mr White for the local Dawn Service. Thank you as well to our Deputy Principals for accompanying our students.

The school-based service was held on Friday, April 29 and again, our students showed great respect. A huge thank you to the History Faculty and in particular, Ms Roberts and Ms Bright for their organisation of this important occasion.

### **Parent & Citizens Meetings**

Our next P&C meeting for the year will be on Tuesday, May 10 at 7pm in the library. This will be the first on site P&C meeting for quite some time. We are very excited to welcome all parents back to the school site and encourage as many new parents as possible to come and meet us and find out what is going on at EHS. This meeting will feature a presentation from our Head Teacher Administration, Mrs Siopie about attendance at EHS and the strategies we are

implementing to support continued improvement in this area.

*Kind regards,*  
**Mrs Jenny Lawrence**  
*Principal*

## **FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS**

### **Natalie Martin (DP Years 8 & 11)**

#### **Year 8**

Towards the end of Term, 1 Year 8 students completed a Check In Assessment test on Numeracy and Reading. Student results are mapped against the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. The school will be using the data from this assessment to supplement existing school practice and identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy to tailor their teaching more specifically to meet the needs of their students. We compare the results to their 2021 NAPLAN and work with teachers to develop explicit teaching strategies focused on the areas of greatest need in literacy across multiple subjects and numeracy in Mathematics and Science.

Last term our Police Liaison Officer Senior Sergeant Mel Sumerta spoke to all of Year 8 about responsible use of social media. She covered a wide range of issues, provided scenarios and an opportunity for students to ask questions at the end. The purpose of this presentation was to inform and educate students to prevent them from engaging in inappropriate actions that could lead to school disciplinary action or even breaking the law.

#### **Year 11**

Towards the end of the term we held the school Athletics Carnival and whilst we had wet weather it was wonderful to see students competing to the best of their ability in a variety of events. In particular I was impressed with how many of our Year 11 boys participated in Long Jump and the highly competitive 100 metre sprint. I look forward to this event every year and I am already excited for the final sprint for this year group in 2023.

Year 11 students had the opportunity to participate in the schools Creative and Performing Arts Evening at the end of last term. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to demonstrate and display their talents in Dance, Music, Drama and Visual Arts. I would like to extend my thanks to the CAPA Faculty who work tirelessly to provide real world experiences that help our students to grow their talents.

In the last week of term, our school held a LIP SYNC Battle where a number of students and teachers performed in front of the whole school. There were a number of items involving Year 11 students and it was great to see them perform without inhibitions to the audience. The entire event was really positive and a great way to end the term.

This term I will be meeting with students who are not meeting course requirements. These meetings involve meeting with the student, identifying the work that has not

been completed and developing a plan to complete the outstanding work. I aim to support students to meet course requirements and work with parents to help the child achieve their Preliminary HSC. Students who don't meet the academic requirements of Year 11 are not able to move on to Year 12. Some children require a little more support than others and we will be more successful when the parents are partners in supporting the learning of their child.

**Ms Natalie Martin**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Years 8 & 11**

### **Dale White (DP Years 7 & 10)**

Welcome back to Term 2 parents and students of Years 7 and 10. It seemed like a long, arduous and chaotic time during Term 1 while we battled through the COVID school restrictions and challenges. I was glad to hear students had a safe and relaxing break away from learning over the holidays. Now that the school term has again begun, I would like to once again remind students of the expectations of uniform at our school.

Elderslie High school sets high expectations for our students and our parents and students expect these standards to be met. Uniform sets the tone for students' attitudes, belonging and learning in the classroom. It connects them to others, promotes the school in the wider community and continues the good reputation Elderslie High School strives to maintain. As the colder months approach, I ask parents to monitor their child's uniform and what they wear to school each day, especially the non-school jumpers on hoodies they put into their bag and wear once they get to school. Reducing access to non-school uniform throughout the week may be beneficial for parents. Please be aware that the school's policy regarding wearing these no school jumpers will be they are confiscated for the day and students will be provided with a replacement school jumper to wear.

Students in Year 10 should be preparing for their ongoing series of assessment tasks and monitoring their assessment booklets for their upcoming tasks and due dates. Ensuring these tasks are completed and on time will begin good habits for the future senior years. Our new West Tigers Unite program begins in Week 3 for a number of Year 10 students and is taking place each Tuesday. This program is working on improving our students' social skills, combined with emphasising their attitude and skill set towards learning. It is an excellent opportunity to reflect on current behaviours and practices and make any adjustments necessary. We also had our School Liaison Police Officer come to discuss cyberbullying and appropriate online behaviour with our Year 10 students in Week 2. I have mentioned this previously to parents, but I can not stress enough the need to monitor your child's social media habits. The majority of conflicts teenagers now have stems from social media use and reducing this stress and drama in their lives aids their mental health immensely. This really worries me for our young people in

today's world and how some students appear to become very unkind when online and this is feeding into the school yard.

For our Year 7 students, their NAPLAN tests will take place during Weeks 3 and 4 this term. The testing this year will again be online and will take place at various times across this testing period. If any student misses and test, the catch-up tests will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and/or Friday during Week 4. It is imperative that all students ensure they arrive on time with their head phones and a pen to successfully conduct their assessment. The results of your child's NAPLAN tests assist the teachers greatly by allowing them to personalise the learning for your child and refocus future lesson delivery to enhancing the foundation skills required throughout life. Students should also ensure they are working hard with any assessment tasks and preparing for any upcoming in class examinations.

The Year 7 camp is approaching very fast. It has been rescheduled until July 20th-22nd at the same venue, YMCA Yarramundi. With the lifting of COVID requirements we are looking forward to an exciting event to build the stronger bonds amongst the students. We thank the number of parents who have finalised their payments but for anyone with outstanding payments please do so with the front office in the next few weeks.

**Mr D White**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Years 7 & 10**

### **Matthew Sambuco (Relieving DP Years 9 and 12)**

Welcome back to Term 2 for all students and for Years 9 and 12. There are some key events coming up. Year 9 will be completing their NAPLAN testing in Weeks 3 and 4. Students will be provided information closer to this date with regard to schedules and equipment they will require. This is a timely reminder to support your child in doing their best in these exams as they provide our school with valuable data which supports how we plan and cater for their learning. Year 12 have a busy term with their Trial HSC Examinations scheduled for Weeks 9 and 10. This is a crucial aspect of their HSC journey because for the first time, students will be tested on everything they know in all their subjects. The Trial Exams are an important experience that will provide a great insight into how the HSC will look and feel, come Term 4. If they haven't started already, Year 12 students should be engaging in regular revision as this will support them performing to their full potential come Trial and the HSC examinations.

While Mrs Amos has been absent, I have enjoyed the opportunity to immerse myself in this role and do my best to support each student. I have been able to work a lot more closely with students who I do not normally see and I have been impressed with how mature Year 9 students are becoming as well as how dedicated and focused Year 12 students have been. Overseeing things from a whole school perspective has allowed me to marvel at just how wonderful our school really is and to see all the amazing things our



students do, whether it be academics or extra-curricular. I look forward to continue supporting all students, regardless of the role I perform while I am here at Elderslie High School. I look forward to a positive and successful Term 2.

**Mr Matthew Sambuco**  
**Rel. Deputy Principal**  
**Years 9 & 12**

## Senior and Junior Leadership News

### Flood Relief Lip Sync Battle Fundraising Day

On Thursday 7th of April, the second last day of Term One, the Senior and Junior Leadership Teams organised a lip sync battle event to raise money for those affected by the floods. This day included a sausage sizzle with proceeds also going towards those affected by the floods as well as a mufti day.

The lip sync battle held was a great success with various teachers and senior students participating and performing to well known groups and songs varying from the Spice Girls, Backstreet Boys, High School Musical, classic 2000's and many more!

Though the rain was heavy on this day, that did not halt the positive atmosphere from the school body which played a large part in the success of this fundraising event with cheers and claps during and after each performance being heard from outside the school gates. This event allowed the school to end the first term of 2022 with a positive note and getting students excited about future initiatives and fundraising activities to come within our school community.

### Members of the Senior and Junior Leadership Teams







participated in university lectures and cultural workshops at WSU Campbelltown Campus. The students had a great day! A big thanks to Ms Trinh who accompanied the students. Other year groups will experience this in Term Two.

#### Important Dates

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 7-10- National Centre of Indigenous Excellence Anti Vaping Cultural Workshop
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- Year 8-9- Art Excellence 6 week program commences
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May- National Sorry Day
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Reconciliation Week commences

#### Ms Crossingham

*First Nations Education Coordinator*

*Head Teacher PDHPE*



## First Nations Education

### Pathways To Dreaming

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March, First Nations students participated in an introduction workshop with WSU Pathways to Dreaming program. Students in Year 7 and 8 participated in cultural art. Whilst, Year 9 and 10 were involved in a shark tank pitch for an issue facing First Nations People. Year 11 and 12 gained an understanding of university life and different opportunities available to them. The students had a great time, and it was wonderful to see them connecting to culture.

Students in Year 10 were the first group to head off on their campus day at the end of Term One. The students



## Agriculture News

The Agriculture Team were very disappointed to see the Camden Show be cancelled for the third year and hope that the grounds and facilities can soon be repaired, allowing for a successful 2023 show.

The rain caused problems on the school farm, just like everywhere else in the area, and I was super impressed by our wonderful students who worked in unbelievably muddy conditions to ensure that all of our livestock were kept safe and dry throughout the event.

### Sydney Royal Show Success

Although the weather made things a little more difficult than usual, our preparations for Sydney Royal Easter Show continued and we were able to clean, and make respectable, our team of poultry and alpacas that were entered in the show. Many prizes were won by the poultry including Champion School exhibit for one of our Indian Runner Ducks and Most Successful School Poultry Exhibitor. Most excitingly however were the awards given to our students in the Showmanship, Stockmanship and Young Judges classes for both Poultry and Alpacas – these are classes where the students are judged on their abilities rather than the animals.

Logan Ockers, Joshua Charlton, Charley Buckley, Angela Gramelis, Georgia Howland and Riley Schaeffer competed in Poultry Showmanship in a class of over 30 students with Logan being award 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Riley 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joshua 3<sup>rd</sup> and Georgia 7<sup>th</sup>. Logan was then awarded Overall Champion between the School and Open classes. Logan came back the following day to compete in the Young Poultry Judges Competition where he became the NSW State Champion and will go to Tasmania next year to represent NSW in the National Competition.

Then we moved onto the alpacas which students had spent several weeks preparing and training. Some of our senior students came into school early in the first week of the holidays to set up a clean dry pen for the animals. The Alpaca Team: Mikayla Craig, Eva Kramer, Jade Cox, Bree Barlow, Kaitlin Furchtman, Joshua Charlton, Hannah Stootman, Jasper Browne, Callum Jenner, Sophie Constantine, Toby Depeena, Georgie Todd, Isabella Robbins, Tenneah McMartin, Charlotte Wheeler and Cybella Monroe, spent the next two days cleaning, preparing and continuing their practice in handling the animals and being quizzed on alpaca facts, then the alpacas were transported into the Show for their Easter Holiday. All of the students performed amazingly in their Stockmanship and Showmanship Competitions and were a credit to the school. On Good Friday Isabella, Tenneah, Charlotte and Cybella were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Schools' Competition. Later in the weekend Eva and Mikayla competed in the Young Alpaca Judges Competition where Mikayla was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Fleece Judging section and Eva was awarded 5<sup>th</sup> place for the combined Fleece and Animal Sections. They were back the next day to

compete in the Individual Showmanship and Stockmanship competitions, fortunately in several different skill levels and age groups, where Sophie was awarded Grand Champion in the Preliminary Class, Georgie and Jasper 3<sup>rd</sup> in their respective age groups, Hannah 5<sup>th</sup> in Showmanship. In the Open classes Mikayla placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for Showmanship and 3<sup>rd</sup> for Stockmanship, Bree 2<sup>nd</sup> in Showmanship and Eva 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

Special mention needs to go to Alpaca Team Captain, Mikayla who, along with Eva and Jade, mentored the younger students.

All of the students involved at the show performed to a very high standard and I was extremely proud of them – Well done Show Team!

### Steve Allingham Retires

Steve Allingham, our amazing Agriculture Assistant for the last 16 years, retired at the end of Term 1. Steve has been an incredible asset to the school, bringing with him an unbelievable knowledge of all things “farmy” and in particular anything relating to the dairy industry. Steve has made great contributions to the infrastructure of the school farm, building sheds, duck pond, fences, beautiful gates, and our new wicking beds. For each of our Ag displays at Camden and Penrith Shows we have set him a challenge of creating a moving feature and he has never failed to meet the brief. His upcycling skills are incredible, converting all sorts of old school furniture into a range of items that we use on the farm. Steve will be greatly missed by the Ag Staff and the students who work on the school farm.

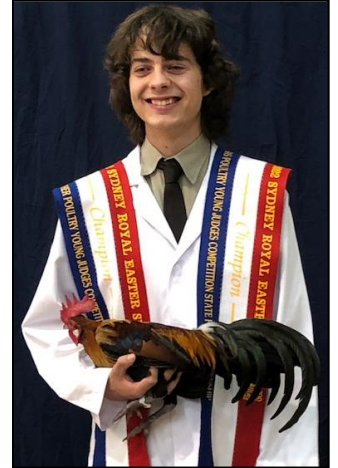
### Animal Nurseries

The use of all animals in schools is overseen by the Schools Animal Care and Ethics Committee (SACEC). At the end of last term we were informed that the SACEC do not think it is appropriate for us to use our school animals to provide animal nurseries and that we can not continue with this program.

The whole school community has always been very supportive of the program and we are extremely saddened by this news. Our Animal Nurseries have provided a fantastic experience for our students, allowing them to develop their confidence and skills in working with both animals and people as well as promoting our school to the community in a very positive light. Students have been able to make a positive contribution to our school and the community through their volunteer work, helping them grow into valuable members of society and I have always been extremely proud of them.

**M Atkinson**  
**Agriculture Teacher**





## Careers News

Year 9 Fast Forward Program – we should be having an online information session on Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> after school. I will confirm details and times when I have them.

Year 10 – Another White Card (Safety) course has been confirmed for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Please come and see me in the Careers office for a permission note. Numbers are limited to 20.

Year 12 – Don't forget to register ASAP and return your permission notes to me for the University of Wollongong's Discovery Day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. I need to confirm numbers ASAP.

Year 12 students should have received an email from UAC in the last few weeks with a PIN to start their UAC application for university. Come and see me if you need assistance with this process.

Various universities will be presenting information sessions at school in the library during lunch time for our senior students. I hope our Year 12 students will attend. So far, the following dates have been confirmed:

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – University of Wollongong
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – UNSW
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – University of Sydney

Don't forget to have a look at our school Careers website. You can find it at [www.eldersliehighcareers.com](http://www.eldersliehighcareers.com)

## UOW | Year 10 Subject Selection Evening Online

Tuesday 3 May 2022, 6:00 pm

Online

Thinking about studying at university? Find out more about our degrees and choosing subjects that provide a good foundation for each study area.

The information evening is designed to cover the big questions and topics that students and parents need to know.

Find out more: <https://mkto.uow.edu.au/Year10-SubjectSelection-Evening-Rego-2022.html>

## MedEntry | Online UCAT Workshop

Monday 16 May 2022, 9:00 am - Wednesday 18 May 2022, 5:00 pm

Saturday 28 May 2022, 9:00 am - Monday 30 May 2022, 5:00 pm

Online

Feeling intimidated by the UCAT? You're not alone. Most students are nervous as they approach this huge obstacle in their medical career. But you can sit the UCAT with confidence, knowing you have the right strategies and techniques to overcome every challenge. The key is Dr Ray's UCAT Workshop – the most effective UCAT training course available.

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## Working at the election

Along with the election coming up in May, there are a ton of temporary jobs opening up as well. If you have an interest in politics, this could be a great way to get your foot in the door. It's also a great way of adding valuable work experience to your resume.

Many of the roles available require no prior experience. There are lots of different roles available, so there's bound to be something for you. Some jobs include:

- Polling assistance officers, who help people out on the day and making sure voting runs smoothly
- Scrutiny assistants, who help sort and count the ballots
- Remote mobile polling officers, who travel to remote locations and help people vote
- Pre-poll and early voting officers, who help out at pre-polling and early voting centres
- Temporary assistants, who help out with general duties leading up to the election

If you'd like to be considered for temporary election work, you need to [register your interest online](#) with the AEC. They'll contact you if any suitable positions open up.

Find out more about working at the election here: <https://www.aec.gov.au/employment/working-at-elections/index.htm>

*Kind Regards,*  
**R. Whitfield**  
**Careers Adviser**

## Library Update

After a rough start to the year, we're pleased to see that the library has once again become a popular space for our staff and students. We are now open every break (except Wednesdays at lunch) for all year groups!

The **Premier's Reading Challenge** is well underway! Many of our students have finished reading several novels already and are close to achieving their first white merit to mark their achievement. We've even had one Year 7 student, Mikayla Marshman, finish the challenge in just over a month, which is an incredible achievement! If you're looking for your next Premier's Reading Challenge book, check out the displays near the library desk for a variety of options. It's not too late to join – speak to the library staff if you'd like to participate. If you are participating, please remember to log your books on the student website:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

We've also got a heap of **new release books and magazines** coming in every week. We also subscribe to the **Wheeler's ePlatform**, which gives us access to a massive range of **eBooks and Audiobooks**. You can read in your web browser or you can download the free app. We have new books added every month, so you'll always be able to find something to read! Reading for 20 minutes a day will help you to develop your vocabulary, empathy and literacy skills. We have a wide range of texts so speak to our friendly library staff if you need help finding the right book for you.

Now that the Covid restrictions have relaxed, we will also have our popular **Dungeons and Dragons club** meeting during lunchtimes on Tuesday. If you'd like to bring your friends or make some new ones, see Miss Lysaught to join the fun!

The **Student Media Team** has also been working hard during Roll Call, and we have some taster articles at the end of this Parent Bulletin to showcase some of our early work promoting the wide range of exciting events happening in our school community.

**Miss D Lysaught**  
**Librarian**

## Sport Update

### Athletics Carnival

The EHS Athletics Carnival was a huge success. It was a wet day and umbrellas were needed but overall teachers were again impressed with the athletic abilities of our incredible students. Congratulations to all the competitors.

### Combined High School (CHS) Swimming

Cooper Wade was awarded a bronze medal for his efforts in the Combined High School Swimming competition. Well



done to all the Elderslie High School swimming competitors, it is an amazing effort to make it this far!

### **Sydney South West (SSW) Opens Boys Basketball**

Congratulations to the following boys for making the Sydney South West Opens Basketball Team. Good luck with your game next week boys!

Jahdon Waru

Phoenix Pollard

### **Australian Football League (AFL) U15's Boys Combined High School Competition (CHS)**

Congratulations to Cruz Lees-Hoskin for making the U15 CHS AFL team after competing in the South West Sydney Competition. He will be competing in the CHS carnival this term.

### **Hockey Sydney South West Open Girls Team**

Congratulations to the following girls for making the Sydney South West Open Girls Hockey Team. They will be playing this term, good luck girls!

Arianna King

Amanda Condon

Keira Plumridge

Laura Gardiner

### **Netball Sydney South West Macarthur Zone Team**

Congratulations to the following girls making the Sydney South West Open Girls Netball Team. They will be playing another game in the SWS competition soon. Good luck girls!

Maddison Leahy

Isabella Barna

Ashley Vasquez

Imogen Nies

Jade Van Der Saag

### **Combined High School Netball Championships Netball**

Big congratulations to Ellie Hart for making the U 15 CHS Netball team. Good luck in your game this year.

### **Special Sporting News in External Sports**

**Braylen Lang** has excelled on the sporting field this year! He recently competed in a Jiu Jitsu Competition held in Melbourne and was awarded Australian Champion. He was also awarded best forward in Rugby Union, congratulations Braylen, these are incredible achievements.

### **Ashlee Trynchy**

During the Easter break, Ashlee Trynchy from 8T, represented NSW in the U14 Girls National Softball Championship that was held in Canberra from 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April. Ashlee's performance at the tournament was outstanding and was a firm contributor in her team, The Strikers, reaching the Grand Final against QLD. Despite a solid performance by NSW, they were narrowly

defeated in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning earning themselves a silver medal.



# MAMMA MIA!

**MAMMA MIA is coming to Elderslie High School  
this year!**

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 **MAMMA MIA**. The storytelling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. Featuring some of Elderslie High School's best young talent, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers. **MAMMA MIA** is a performance not to be missed! A mother. A daughter. Three possible dads. And a trip down the aisle you'll never forget!

Rehearsals are in full swing. Everyone is very excited and nervous about the upcoming event. So, stay tuned for regular updates on our progress. **MAMMA MIA** will be presented to the school from 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

So, stay tuned for regular updates on our progress.

### ***Creative and Performing Arts Faculty***

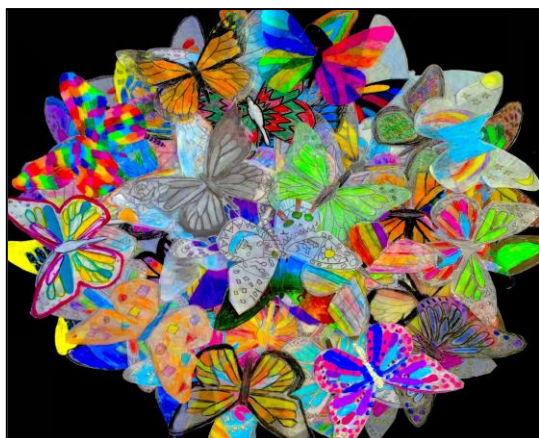
## **CAPA Update**

Our **CAPA Ensembles** have commenced for 2022. If you are interested in joining the Ballroom Dance Ensemble, Dance Show Team, Visual Arts Club, Orchestra, Vocal Ensemble, Event Management Team or Year 7 Drama Ensemble, there are still spaces available for interested students. See Ms Dennis in the CAPA Staffroom for a permission note.

Congratulations to all the Year 11 Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts students who combined together to make **Year 11 CAPA Evening** a great success. It was lovely to see the students return to the stage in front of an audience of their parents and peers. Well done all!

Mr Webb has worked tirelessly to film and edit the **Elderslie High School Talent Quest 2022**. We just need to add the Judges comments and announcement of the winners and it will be released to the parents and guardians of the students involved.

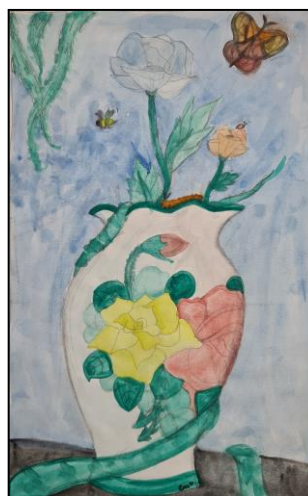
Congratulations to all the Visual Arts students who contributed to the **HOPE Butterfly Installation** that will be visiting New South Wales Parliament House in June 2022 to celebrate World Environment Day. The students are so excited to have their butterflies added to the colony.



Thank you to Kaylee Wakefield from Year 9 for supporting the CAPA presentation at the 2022 Year 6 into 7 Information Evening. Kaylee did an amazing job performing on the keyboard for all the visitors to the school on the evening.

This month we are featuring the work of our **Year 8 Visual Arts** students who have been learning about the Principles of Design and how artists use the Principles of Design in an artwork. The students have gained a deep understanding of the Principles of Design through artmaking in class. As part of their assessment task, Year 8 students were to incorporate what they have learned in class and apply them into a still life artwork. Students had to focus on drawing a vase and use their creativity to design their own background. Students did an amazing job in capturing the vase and incorporating the Principles of Design in their artworks. Well done Year 8! Check out some of their amazing work.

### ***CAPA Faculty***







### Debating and Public Speaking Update

**The Year 11 and Year 12 Debating Teams** have started their debating campaign for 2022. Years 7 – 10 will be commencing mid Term 2, so stay tuned.

**The Plain English Speaking Award** is an annual event held by The Arts Unit. The competition was held on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 Online. This year Claire Stanley from Year 11 represented Elderslie High School in the competition. Claire represented Elderslie High School admirably, presenting an excellent speech about animal cruelty.

**Ms Dennis**

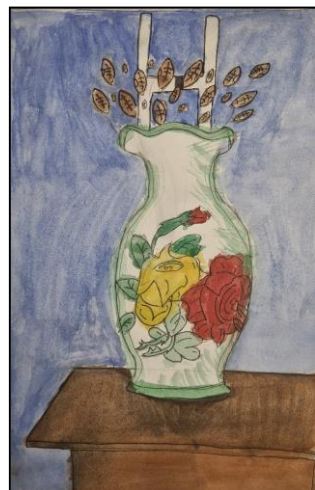
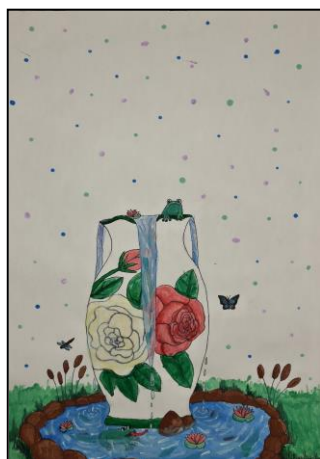
### Student Media Team

#### EHS Athletics Carnival

On the 24th of March 2022 Elderslie High School held their annual athletics carnival at the Campbelltown Sports Stadium. On this day many students arrived to participate in many of the events. There were all different events ranging from track and field, these events included 100m, 800m and for the field there was high jump, long jump, discus and shot put.

On this long day we had many competitors and most of the students who participated are now going to compete in our zone regional carnival in term 2 of 2022.

Although the day was miserable, we had some school records broken, one of these was broken by a year 10 student. Danelle Van Der Merwe broke the 16 girls high jump breaking the old record of 1.60m and smashing and setting the new record to 1.74m which had been the record since 1999. We had our tradition of the teachers vs student race where there were some allegations of cheating, but we won't name names. But a congratulation to the Year 12 team who beat the teachers.





# ELDERSLIE HIGH SCHOOL LIP SYNC BATTLE

On the 7th of April, Elderslie High School hosted a lip sync battle in order to raise funds for flood relief for our community.



Miss Le and Mr Sambucco from the mathematics faculty alongside their group of senior students pulled off an impressive performance enabling them to win the first-place trophy.



Both senior students and teachers were invited to put on a show for the students (as seen above) and with an entry fee of \$1 per student, the show was a hit and the school hall was filled with excited students. To further aid in raising money for this cause, a sausage sizzle was available to the students at lunchtime for \$3 each.

"I came just for the fun of it, but it was good to win" - Mr Sambucco upon being asked how he felt about the outcome of the battle.

And of course, none of this event would have been possible without the wonderful Miss Mulligan! (Pictured above) We thank her for all her hard work and effort into organising and carrying out the amazing event.

This article was brought to you by Liza and Kurt from the Student Media Team!





## Harmony day

Overall Harmony day/week was a wonderful experience that the students and staff greatly enjoyed. The ones who made this event possible were the SRC team , Ms Mulligan , Ms Jan , Ms Reyes-Davis & the Student Action Team , Mr Dean , Mr Atterton & Ms Lysaught , we are incredibly grateful for the effort and time they had put into this . There were activities held throughout the week which numerous students participated in such as Tribal Mask designing , Origami, Henna Designs and the Harmony Day themed Kahoot created by the Student Action Team .

What is harmony day ? Harmony day is an event created by the Howard government as a way of unifying and celebrating Australia's multicultural background. What is harmony day for you ? Here's what some students said ;



" To me it means being nice to people and being a decent human" - Emily Sinclair , year 7

" It is a great day to come together as one , as a whole to celebrate the inclusion and celebrate equality" - Joe Joseph

"Being respectful to one another" - Maddie , year 10

Harmony day had left a positive effect on the community and had taught people to appreciate other cultures . In the end it was a wonderful experience for the students and staff and would be something to look forward to next year .

Report by the Student Media Team



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## EVENTS

03 MAY	Year 10 Subject Selection Evening - online
17 MAY	Year 12 Info Evening - Wollongong, 6pm
24 MAY	Year 12 Info Evening - Wests Leagues, 6pm
25 MAY	Year 12 Information Evening - Liverpool
	- UOW SWS Campus Liverpool, 6pm

See all events here [uow.info/future-student-events](https://uow.info/future-student-events)

## KEY DATES

### Early Admission

**MON 18 JUL**

Applications open

**WED 20 JUL**

Ace your application webinar

**FRI 12 AUG**

Applications close

**21-29 SEPT**

Interviews and activations

**MON 10 OCT**

Offers and outcomes

### Get started at UOW

**MON 5 DEC**

UOW 2023 enrolment open

**THUR 15 DEC**

ATAR and Enrolment Advice Day

**21-23 FEB**

Orientation Week

**MON 27 FEB**

Autumn session classes start

### Open Day

**SAT 6 AUG**

[uow.info/openday](https://uow.info/openday)

### Liverpool Open Day

**SAT 30 JUL**

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

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	<b>May 9</b>	<b>May 10</b> Naplan Starts Unite Harmony – West Tigers Program P&C Meeting 7pm School Library	<b>May 11</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>May 13</b>
4	<b>May 16</b>	<b>May 17</b> Unite Harmony – West Tigers Program	<b>May 18</b> EHS Cross Country Extended Musical Rehearsal	<b>May 19</b>	<b>May 20</b>
5	<b>May 23</b> Art Education – First Nation Students Yr 8 & 9	<b>May 24</b> Unite Harmony – West Tigers Program	<b>May 25</b>	<b>May 26</b> Macarthur Zone Cross Country	<b>May 27</b>
6	<b>May 30</b> Art Education – First Nation Students Yr 8 & 9	<b>May 31</b>	<b>June 1</b> Extended Musical Rehearsal	<b>June 2</b>	<b>June 3</b>

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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 Next Meeting for 2022 will be:

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 7pm  
in the School Library**