



PARENT BULLETIN

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Upcoming Events

October 23	Year 12 Information Night
October 27	White Card Course
November 2	Wish Day
November 16	Year 12 Formal

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4! There is so much going on at our school this term!

Staffing changes

I am delighted to announce the commencement of several new permanent staff. Following more than 20 years of service, our Business Manager, Mrs Denise Russell has decided to retire. She is replaced by Ms Karen Maroney who will be a wonderful asset to the school and is an experienced Business Manager already. Ms Jennifer Tagg is a new permanent teacher joining the TAS faculty and Mrs Kristin Cutajar joins the PDHPE faculty on a permanent basis also. Both are experienced teachers. Finally, Ms Shontelle Robertson is joining the office staff.

Public Education Foundation Awards

Every year, the Public Education Foundation recognises a range of student, staff and school successes right across NSW. This year, we were delighted to see our very own Ms Claire Mulligan acknowledged as the recipient of the Minister's Award for Excellence in Teaching. There are only a small number of teachers in the state who receive one of these awards and Ms Mulligan was presented with hers at Town Hall in Sydney by none other than the Deputy Premier of NSW, The Honourable Prue Car. Additionally, Mrs Kristie Carter-Smith was acknowledged with a School Parent of the Year Award for her service to the school's P&C over many years and finally, one of our School Captains, Jeremiah Armstrong was awarded a Highly Commended in the Minister's Award for Student Excellence.





Student Successes

During the holidays, Ms Dennis and I attended the Macarthur Zonta Awards to support Year 12 students Claire Stanley and Kiarah Francis who were both nominated for awards. Zonta is an international agency that promotes the advancement of women and girls. Claire was nominated for the Young Women in Public Affairs Award and Kiarah for the Young Indigenous Woman award. Both girls did us proud.



The sporting accolades keep flying for EHS sportsmen and women. Top of the list is Brayden Sutherland of Year 11 who was not only selected for the Australian All Schools Under 16 Boys' Hockey Team but was also named Player of the Tournament. We will be watching in years to come for this rising star and I feel sure he will be a Kookaburra in the future!

Just before the end of the term, I was contacted by NESA to advise that three of our Year 12 Dance students had been nominated for the prestigious "Callback" showcase. Callback is for the very best pieces of work of all students completing the HSC in NSW. To have one student nominated is wonderful, but to have three is remarkable. A huge congratulations to Jessica Gillies, Olivia Johnston and Savannah Nenadic and their teacher, Mrs Grimston-Eason. We look forward to hearing from NESA as to whether the girls are selected for the final showcase.

School Events

Since our last edition of Parent Bulletin, our school has held a raft of special events and staged a million extra-curricular opportunities for our students. I am super proud of our student leaders in both our Captaincy Team and our Prefect Body who have worked tirelessly to initiate, plan, consult and implement ideas that are close to their hearts. In late Term 3, our 2023 Captaincy Team held a wonderful Trivia Night for Year 12 students, their parents and the staff. It was a wonderful night that mixed together mind challenges, fun and lots of laughs and an opportunity for families to get to know our staff and each other. Our Year 11 students are about to stage "Wish Day" in support of the Starlight Foundation. The student leaders planning this special day have sought raffle prizes and special guests and planned lunchtime activities to raise funds for this important charity. We have had Mental Health month and also a series of activities to support positive body image. It has been a joy to work with these highly motivated students as they seek to make a difference.

Our Year 11 Prefect team had the opportunity to run for the 2024 Captaincy Team late last term. To be selected, students needed to have served as prefects first. Following elections and interviews, eight amazing young people rose to the top. Our 2024 School Captains were announced to be Emma Evans and Caterina Weber with our Vice Captains being Noah Douglas, Joshua Charlton, Xavier Laundess, Jasper Browne, Angelina Buakao and Carlee Bell. I look forward to working with these young leaders more over the next year.

In late Term 3, we celebrated Wear It Purple Day, in which students were invited to wear a purple accessory to celebrate and raise awareness of our LGBTQI+ community. At Elderslie High School, we recognise our diverse student body and the value of being supportive of all students.

On September 8, I attended a ceremony at Caroline Chisholm College in Glenmore Park to see the culmination of the Greater Sydney Schools Cattle Competition. Many of our Agriculture students attended this celebration in which our school competed for the first time in an event that allows school teams to rear a steer over a given period before it is judged. The students in the team are also judged for their skills in parading and husbandry, amongst other key skills. We were one of only three public schools to do so and so I was delighted to see that our school finished third overall. The competition organisers highlighted our success as remarkable in our inaugural year.

Finally, the highlight of Term 3 was the beautiful Year 12 Graduation Ceremony in which our Class of 2023 celebrated the culmination of thirteen years of school. It was wonderful to celebrate with our students and their families and look back on the memories whilst thinking of the exciting chapter that awaits. At the time of writing, our Class of 2023 have already commenced the HSC examinations and we wish them all the very best in their endeavours.

Morning Arrival and Gate Locking

A reminder that the warning bell rings in the morning at 8.45am. By 8.50am, students should be in Roll Call where the official school roll for the day is taken. Recently, I have noticed a number of students walking in after the roll call bell has sounded. The General Assistant locks all our security gates at 9am and latecomers are required to buzz in through the main pedestrian gate. If students are walking to school and attempt to enter via the gate closest to Hilder Oval, which is around the back of the school, they will find that the gate is locked and they will be required to walk around to Hilder St.

Clearance and Student Assistance

At this time of year, our students are competing clearance in terms of returning any school property that they might have. We ask for parental support in locating any textbooks, novels and other school items so that we can use this for the next year group. Invoices are also sent to families for voluntary and subject contributions. A reminder that we are always happy to help families out financially if there is a need. Parents are asked to write to me directly so that we can support you. Such queries are always handled with discretion. If families need support with uniforms, please indicate this in your letter or email as well.

Parents & Citizens Association

Our next P&C Association meeting will be held in Week 3 on Tuesday, October 24 at 7pm. This time the meeting will be held in a face-to-face manner in the school library. The faculty presentation this month will be from Creative and Performing Arts. We would love to see as many parents present as possible.

Kind regards,
Mrs Jenny Lawrence
Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Natalie Martin (DP Years 9 & 12)

Mobile Phones

Elderslie High School has been implementing the YONDR Pouch Mobile Phone management system since the beginning of Term 2 this year. This has had a significant impact on student concentration and learning in the classroom. Additionally, there has been less incidents arising from inappropriate use of mobile phones both in classrooms and in the playground.

You may be aware that the NSW Government have banned the use of mobile phones across all public high schools in NSW from the beginning of this term. This means that all students must have their mobile phones turned off and out of site. The ban is one measure the NSW Government has put in place to improve classroom environments and learning outcomes.

The school appreciates parent support with encouraging their children to keep mobile phones off and within the YONDR pouch throughout each school day. This ongoing support will assist with building an effective and safe learning environment for all students.

Year 9

Year 9 students have their final examinations and assessment tasks for 2023 during Weeks 4 and 5 of this term. They will be issued with an examination timetable at the beginning of Week 3 of this term. In addition to the yearly examinations, students in Year 9 are required to complete another Numeracy and Literacy test which is referred to as Check In Assessment. Check In Assessment will take place in the library during week 6 of Term 4. Students will need to bring their own wired earphones for this test. Specific dates and times of this testing will be communicated to parents and students via email and Google Classroom.

The Year 9 Recognition Assembly will occur in the final week of school this term. At this assembly students are recognised for academic effort, attendance, merit and good behaviour. Whilst most students receive an award, there will be several students who will not be awarded a certificate. Students who do not receive an award can improve their effort, attendance and behaviour for recognition in 2024.

Students may wish to represent the school for various opportunities that may arise throughout the year. To be permitted to represent the school students must have good attendance and behaviour throughout the year. This includes wearing the school uniform.

Year 12

Year 12 students participated in their Graduation Ceremony and Picnic Day at the end of last term. Both of these events went extremely well, and it was a privilege to join in with their final week of celebrations. Year 12 students are now nearing the end of their HSC examinations. We have arranged for students to bring in their clearance forms, return books and pay outstanding fees on Friday 3rd November. Then they

have their Formal at Panorama House on Thursday 16th November. The final school event will be the morning tea to celebrate HSC and ATAR results on Friday 15th December. Information about this will be posted to the Google Classroom and on the school Facebook page.

Ms Natalie Martin

**Deputy Principal
Years 9 & 12**

Joanne Amos (DP Years 7 & 10)

Year 7

Coming up in the next few weeks will be our final Check In assessments for Year 7 students. These online assessments give our teachers an indication of the learning growth your child has made this year. While these results are not published to parents, please encourage your child to participate to the best of their ability so we know how far they have come this year and how to prepare for 2024 when your child is in Year 8.

Year 10 Yearly Examinations

End of Year Examinations are being held during Weeks 3 and 4 and all students have been issued a copy of the examination timetable. Students are reminded that if they are absent from any assessment, they need to provide documentation to explain their absence and complete an Illness/Misadventure Form. If students are aware they will miss an examination in advance, they must inform the relevant Head Teacher so that an alternative can be organised. I encourage Year 10 to strive to achieve their personal best, complete tasks by their due dates and finish their courses to the best of their ability.

Resolving Tasks for N Warning Letters

Students who have not resolved N Warning letters by submitting tasks and working with diligence and sustained effort, unfortunately may not meet requirements and gain their Year 10 RoSA. In Week 1 of this term, some Year 10 students were given a letter to remind them of the subjects that still require work to be submitted. Mrs Lawrence and myself will be conducting N Determination interviews with students and their parents in the near future.

Transition Program

Our transition to the senior years will begin in Week 7 this term. At this time, all Year 10 students will start experiencing the subjects they chose for 2024-2025. Students will be informed of their successful subjects shortly. During the transition program students will not officially begin the Year 11 curriculum but ensure they understand and have the necessary skills required for a successful start to Year 11 by undertaking activities to improve their study skills and understanding of senior course requirements. We know our students benefit immensely from the opportunity and very much look forward to becoming a senior student. For those students who may be seeking opportunities to take up apprenticeships or traineeships next year, they may like to engage in work experience during the transition program.

Students and parents should reach out to Mrs Whitfield for details on the process of work experience and other employment ready opportunities that may be available.

End of Year Function

The Year 10 event is planned for Thursday, 30 November at Camden Lakeside. Students and parents are reminded that invitations to the event are based upon the students having met good standards of attendance, behaviour and application to schoolwork during the year. Details about the event have been communicated to students and parents.

Check In Assessment – Year 7, 8 and 9

During Week 6 and 7 of this term, all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will participate in the Check-in assessment. The Check-in assessment is an NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment is used to supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Details regarding the dates students will complete the assessments will be sent home shortly.

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices are not suitable for use during the assessment.

Mrs Joanne Amos
Deputy Principal
Years 7 & 10

Elizabeth Siope & Matthew Sambuco (Relieving DP, Years 8 & 11)

As we embark on the final leg of the academic year, I would like to welcome back our Year 8 and Year 11 students to Term 4. The energy in the school is noticeable as our seniors, now Year 12 students, return ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities that this significant year has to offer.

Year 12

I would like to inform you about our upcoming Year 12 Assessment Information Night, scheduled for Monday, 23rd October at 5:30 pm. This event is a valuable opportunity for both parents and students to gain insights into the assessment expectations for Year 12. A letter has been sent home with all Year 12 students detailing the event, and we encourage your attendance to ensure you are well-informed and prepared to support your child throughout this important year.

Year 8

Looking ahead, our Year 8 students will soon be sitting the Check-In Assessment. These assessments are designed to gauge their progress and identify areas where additional support may be needed. Please keep an eye out for the note that will be sent home shortly, providing you with

comprehensive information about the assessment process and how you can best support your child during this time. Over the last week, I have had the privilege of visiting every class and witnessing the remarkable learning experiences taking place within our school. The dedication of our teachers and the enthusiasm of our students are truly inspiring. In the spirit of partnership between school and home, we encourage open communication. If you have any concerns, questions, or if there's anything specific you would like to discuss regarding your child's academic progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your involvement is invaluable and greatly contributes to the success of our students.

Once again, welcome back to Term 4. Let us continue working together to ensure our students have a successful and fulfilling term ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to your child's education.

Mrs Siope and Mr Sambuco
Relieving Deputy Principals
Years 8 & 11

Senior Leadership Team News

The Senior Leadership Team has once again had a busy few months. During Week 8 of Term 3, and as part of body image and eating disorder awareness week, the Prefects coordinated a series of fundraising activities for the Butterfly Foundation. This initiative saw a jellybean guessing competition take place throughout the week. On Tuesday, there was an origami station set up outside the drama studio. Board games were held in the Library on the Wednesday and a teacher versus students netball match was held on the Thursday, with the teachers walking away as the clear winners. The week's festivities culminated on the Friday with a bake sale, a gold coin donation for a Mufti Day, as well as announcing Emma Heyburgh of Year 12 as the winner of the jellybean guessing competition. This successful week saw the Senior Leadership Team raise a grand total of \$1231.30. All funds raised will go directly to the Butterfly Foundation whose goal is to raise awareness, empower individuals and communities, reduce stigma and most importantly encourage young people to seek support.

During that same week on the Wednesday night, our Captaincy Team held its much anticipated Trivia and Games Night. The night was a huge success and we had plenty of fun on the night. There was an amazing pool of prizes up for grabs which collectively was worth about a thousand dollars. There was also plenty of winners on the night and the lucky winners of the trivia walked away with over \$250 worth of various gift vouchers. Mr Grimes was also a very happy winner on the night, as he took out the long-distance putting challenge and the \$200 worth of golf gift vouchers. The Captaincy Team was fortunate enough to raise a total of \$983.20 which will be now used to subsidise their Year 12 Formal. A huge thank you to all those attended on the night, as of course, this night would not have been the success that it was without the good vibe created by all those that

attended. We also wish to thank the generosity and kindness of all the sponsors of the evening who included; Wests Group Macarthur, Mad Mex, Oli's School Canteen, Narellan Town Centre, Hilder Street Espresso, Coles, Harry Hartog, Casey's Toys, QBD, McDonalds, Dominos, Woolworths, Bakers Delight, Tildsley Butchers, XO accessories, Mrs Juske, Mrs Roberts, Ms Bun and of course the fabulous P&C who prepared the BBQ dinner and snacks for the night.

Now that Term 4 has arrived, we say goodbye to the outgoing Captaincy Team of 2023 which consisted of Jeremiah Armstrong, Mia Szalajko, Claire Stanley, James Steel, Anna Choudhary, Connor Bell, Kiara Woodhouse and Jack Dagg. All of which have had an immense role to play throughout this year and their service and dedication towards Elderslie High School is appreciated.

We now welcome a new Captaincy Team who will very soon be joined by a new Prefect body and together they will continue the good work of all those student leaders who have gone before them. Already the new team is hard at work preparing for the 'Wish Day' which will take place during Week 4 on Thursday 2nd November and looks to raise funds for the Starlight Foundation. The day will include games and activities during recess including special guest appearances. Activities will continue during lunch and involve dunking teachers and a bake sale. The wish raffle is now live and it can be accessed via the school's social media platforms and includes some fabulous prizes which includes a 2023 signed jersey from the Wests Tigers.

Mr Atterton (Senior Leadership Coordinator)



First Nations Education

Opportunity Hub Workshop

Jade from MTC Opportunity Hub visited us again to run a workshop for students in Year 7 and 8. They discussed risk taking behaviour and belonging. Students participated well and had a good afternoon. Thanks Jade for all your support to the First Nations students at EHS!

Go Scholarship Applications

Student in Year 8 and 10 are currently working on their GO Foundation Scholarship applications. The GO Foundation is an Aboriginal led and governed organisation established by Sydney Swans Legends, Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin. The foundation supports students through their educational journey with cultural activities, opportunity and

access to prospective employers and financial support. We currently have 9 students at EHS who were awarded this scholarship for 2023 and 2024. Students in Year 9 receive \$1500 each year for 2 years. Year 11 students receive \$2000 a year for two years. All First Nations students in Year 8 and 10 can apply and it is an awesome opportunity. Whilst we provide support for the students at school to complete the application, it can also be completed at home.

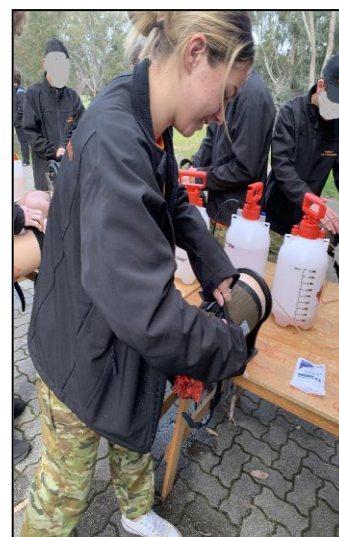
<https://apply.gofoundation.org.au/consent>

First Look Tour

Tori Thomas in Year 10 was selected to attend the First look Tour with the Australian Army. Tori spent an all-expenses paid week in Victoria at the Bandiana Army base. During this week she gained the full experience of what army life is all about. She was an exceptional participant and had a great time. A big thanks to Jade from Opportunity Hub who assisted Tori with the application process and travelled with her to Victoria.

Mrs Crossingham

First Nations Education Co-Ordinator



Science

Year 8 Students – VALID

Students in Year 8 during Week 3 & 4, Term 4 will be undergoing a VALID (Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development) test for Science. The multimedia test takes approximately 75 minutes and will be based on Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8) outcomes and essential content from the Science syllabus.

A hard copy of test notification will be sent home via your child but is also published in this parent bulletin.

Students are required to bring earphones with a round pin to listen to content. If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact me to discuss special provisions or exemption from the test.

Results of the VALID tests will be available to parents in Term 1, 2024.

Mrs Jennifer Woo

Year 8 Science Coordinator

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Library Matters

A big deal was made in the media about this year's NAPLAN results. Studies show that results improve when schools and families work together to support their child's learning, and while it can seem overwhelming at times knowing how to support your child at home, the good news is that there is a very simple way to improve their reading skills: by reading!

Dr Bronwyn Reddan is currently conducting research into teen reading habits, and she has recently published some interesting insights about what stops them reading and what keeps them reading. The main barriers to reading in adolescence are: 1) Time; 2) Identity; 3) Attention; 4) Motivation; and 5) Supply. If you'd like to read more of Dr Reddan's research, you can access it here: <https://australiareads.org.au/news/bronwyn-reddan-teen-reading/>

Reddan notes, "if we want more teens to read for pleasure, teens need to see reading as an important and valuable activity." Parents can be important reading role models for teens, with Reddan showing that fathers hold particular influence. Showing your child that reading is valuable by providing time to read, access to books, and by reading yourself can be another key strategy which supports our work at school, with the ultimate aim of improving our students' skills and confidence.

However, books can be expensive and, with the cost of living increasing, buying new books to read may be difficult. Public libraries can be an invaluable resource for providing free texts to support your child's literacy, and many offer free physical and digital books via their websites. Elderslie High School also provides free ebooks and audiobooks to supplement our library's physical collection, which your child can access 24/7 using their school email.

EHS Virtual Library: <https://eldersliehs.eplatform.co/>

Camden Libraries: <https://library.camden.nsw.gov.au/e-resources/>

Wollondilly Library:

<https://www.library.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/borrow/read-and-stream/>

With this in mind, I'd love to give a shout-out to our Top Borrowers for September, who read an incredible 104 books between them last month:

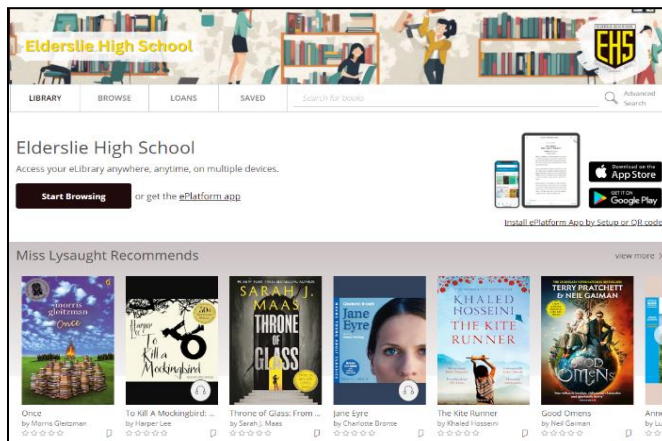
- Lilas Charon-Sakamoto (Year 7)
- Annabelle Kormos (Year 7)
- Jordan Morrison (Year 7)
- Jasmine Murhan (Year 7)
- Harrison Davis (Year 8)

- Levi Douglass-Watts (Year 8)
- Lilliana Krsmanovic (Year 8)
- Evie Hay (Year 9)
- Keanu Rodriguez (Year 9)

Well done to these students, and to all our other wonderful readers, who with each new book are improving their literacy skills, empathy for others, and their personal wellbeing!

Miss Danielle Lysaught

Teacher-Librarian



Year 12 Textiles and Design

HSC Textiles Major Projects

Year 12 Major Projects have returned from NESA and students have been reunited with their creative works. Textiles staff and students are eagerly awaiting the results which will be released following the Higher School Certificate written examination component.

We are excited to hear some students are considering Textiles as a career path and wish them all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.



Agriculture News

Term 3 was a busy time on the school farm with the birth of lambs and kids amidst our preparations for a series of shows.

The Greater Sydney Schools Cattle Competition involves eleven schools rearing a Murray Grey steer for 100 days. Ms Last guided the Cattle Team, Charley Buckley, Zara Buckley, Joshua Charlton, Will Giles, Annabelle Kormos, Audrey Morrison, Rylee Schaefer and Lucy Tucker through this competition. It is made up of a range of components including the judging of the steer itself as well as students competing in parading competitions, junior judging and herdsmanhip where students present information about the rearing of the animal. Results from each of these competitions are combined and the Elderslie Team were awarded 1st Place for Herdsmanhip, Rylee was awarded Champion Senior Novice Parader and the combined results for all of the sections led to being placed 3rd overall.



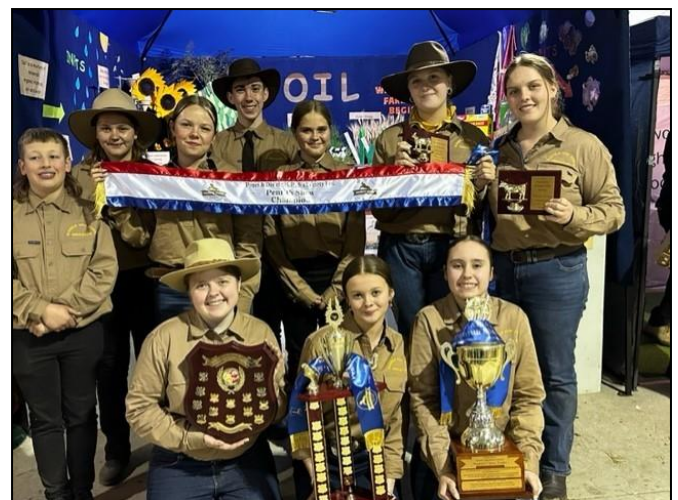
Senior members of our Alpaca Team, Sophie Constantine, Tanneah McMartin, Isabella Robbins and Georgie Todd were sponsored by our mentor stud, Storybook Alpacas, to travel to Victoria to represent NSW in the National Alpaca Show. Hannah Stootman also attended the show with the Jackpot Alpaca Stud. The students had a fantastic weekend competing in Showmanship and Stockmanship competitions as well as Junior Judging and came home with a vast array of ribbons. Then, a few weeks later, the junior and senior members of the team travelled to Goulburn where they entered the Charles Ledger Alpaca Show Pairs Challenge in Stockmanship and Showmanship and took out the top 4 places in the competition.



Penrith Show is always a major event on our calendar where we compete with 13 schools in a range of competitions. Each school prepares a display on a different agricultural theme and students are interviewed by a team of 3 judges. This year our display was about soil, starting with its composition and leading through to the wide array of products that we get from it. A large team of students spent many hours during breaks and after school constructing components of the display and then manned the display for the weekend. There was much excitement when we were awarded 1st place by the judges as well as 1st Place for the Students Choice Award for our display. Another competition involved preparing two calves, provided by Leppington Pastoral Company, which we received at the beginning of Term 2. The Cattle Team fed and trained these calves in preparation for the big day where one was awarded Champion Steer. Several members of the team also entered the Paraders Competition with all of our students winning a ribbon and Charley Buckley taking out Champion Novice Parader. On the Sunday of the Show, junior members of the Alpaca Team took part in Alpaca Showmanship with Charlie Gregory being awarded the Reserve Champion trophy. We also won the Trophy for our "Other Livestock" which were entered in 5 different competitions. It was a pleasure to spend the weekend with all of the students involved in various aspects of the competition and see them interacting with the public in such a positive way. Thanks to Alicia Balmer, Charley Buckley, Zara Buckley, Joshua Charlton, Sophie Constantine, Harrison Davis, Juliana Dearnley, Milla Dempsey, Will Giles, Charley Gregory, Kristian Harris, Ruby Keys, Tanneah McMartin, Audrey Morrison, Jacob Mulcahy, Jack Nicol, Isabella Robbins, Rylee Schaefer, Keira Soeterboek, Georgie Todd, Lucy Tucker and Phoebe Walton as well as all of the students who helped to prepare for this event at school and the supportive parents who transported students to the show.

Term 4 will be a little quieter but we are already discussing our plans for next year's shows!

M Atkinson
Agriculture Teacher





Sports Report

Under 15's Girls Netball

The Under 15's Netball Team unfortunately lost their final game against Westfields Sports High School, 64-12. Since they came 2nd in SSW the team has progressed to the NSWCHS State-wide competition to be played in Wollongong in Week 2, Term 4.



Opens Girls Netball

The Opens Girls Netball Team competed in the NSWCHS State-wide competition in Wollongong last term. The girls played seven games on day 1 and finished in fourth place, which put them in the top 8 draw for day 2. The top 8 included 4 sports High Schools so 7th place overall is an outstanding achievement. I also want to say thank you and well done to Charli for umpiring at the competition.



Brayden Sutherland

Brayden Sutherland competed in the U16s All Schools Nationals Hockey Championships in Adelaide where his NSW team achieved the silver medal placing. He was named the NSW player of the tournament and was selected in the Australian All Schools U16 Boys Hockey Team. Congratulations Brayden on this achievement.



Kye Sutherland

Kye Sutherland competed in the NSW All Schools Secondary Opens Hockey Tri-Series. Based on Kye's performance during this competition, he was selected for the NSW All Schools Merit Team. Congratulations Kye on this achievement.

NSWCHS Athletics

Ella Johnson - 15th in 800m and 11th in 1500m
 Caitlyn Brazier - 9th in 3000m
 Hannah Austin competed in High Jump
 Joshua Ratu - 3rd in 200m
 Simon Pereira - 6th in Pentathlon
 Connor Bell - 1st in Javelin
 Khaiyan Lee - 14th in Long Jump
 Zaiah Williams - 9th in 4x100 relay
 Paige Harvey - 9th in 4x100 relay
 Alysah Bliss - 9th in 4x100 relay
 Charlotte Davis 9th in 4x100 relay and 7th in Long Jump



Girls KO Softball Team

The Girls KO Softball team travelled to Newcastle to participate in the NSWCHS Final 16 Knockout on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd August. The girls played a total of four games and came away with 2 wins and 2 losses, which found them place 4th in NSW. The girls gave it their all, played extremely well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the two days. This is an awesome achievement, and I am very proud of you girls. Bring on 2024!!

Mrs Castelli



CAPA Update

Congratulations to Savannah Nenadic, Olivia Johnston and Jessica Gillies from the Year 12 Dance class on their **nominations for CALLBACK 2024**. CALLBACK is the annual showcase of exemplary performances and compositions by the 2023 HSC students of dance. This is an amazing achievement and we are so proud of you all.



Congratulations to the Year 12 Drama class on completing their HSC Drama Practical Examinations on Wednesday 23rd August. The students were very nervous, but extremely professional on the day. Well done to all!



Congratulations to the Year 12 Music class on completing their HSC Music Practical Examinations on Friday 8th September. Thank you to all of the students who supported the Year 12 students with their performances. Well done to all!

Congratulations to the Year 12 Visual Arts class on submitting their HSC Body of Works on Monday 28th August. It took a lot of bubble wrap and brown paper to get all of their beautiful artworks ready for the courier to deliver them to the Marking Centre. Well done to all!

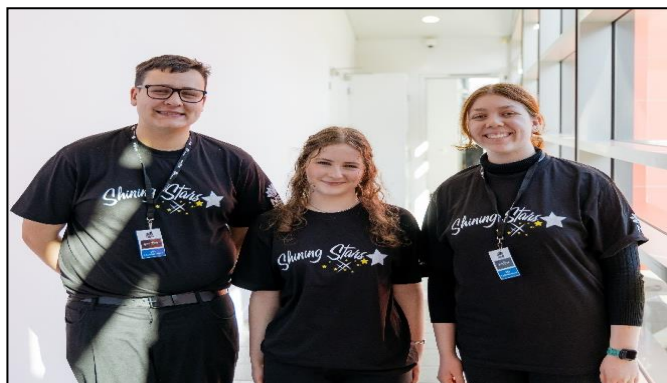
Elderslie High School's Dance Spectacular was held on Friday, 8th September 2023. The evening was a huge success and we thank our Partner Primary Schools for their support of this event. We are already looking forward to 2024!!!



Year 7, 8 & 9 CAPA Evening was held on Monday, 18th September 2023. What a fabulous night! Our youngest CAPA performers really brought the stage to life. Well done to all!

Year 10 CAPA Evening was held on Friday, 13th October 2023. Another fabulous evening, with lots of awesome performances. Thank you to our school community for supporting the CAPA Evenings in 2023. Congratulations to our Year 10 CAPA students.

Congratulations to Jasper Browne, Year 11 and Claire Stanley Year 12, for their excellent work as part of the VET Team who worked on the Shining Stars Festival at Campbelltown Arts Centre. Both students were integral to the success of this event that fosters the creative talent of students with disabilities.



Kimberley Smith recently performed with the Aboriginal Dance Company at the Seymour Centre as part of the State Dance Festival. She attended a week-long rehearsal with members of Bangarra Dance Theatre to learn and perform the work. Congratulations Kimberley!



We have many dancers who are beginning rehearsals for the 2023 Schools Spectacular "FABULOUS". Congratulations to Savannah and Kalsika Nenadic for being accepted to perform with multiple specialised dance groups. Congratulations to Kimberley and Ella Smith who will be performing with the Aboriginal Dance Company. Eight dancers have also been selected to perform in the Combined Dance section "Back to the 80s". The Elderslie High School Dancers are Ella Santa Maria, Scarlett Bowser, Emily Radisic, Ruby Cullen, Elle Tooala-Murray, Caitlin Kubisch, Bree Barlow and Jade Cox. Our first rehearsal was Wednesday the 18th of October with many more rehearsals to come and the BIG show on the 24th and 25th of November. With many cancellations of Schools Spectacular in previous years due to the pandemic, it is great to be back performing in this HUGE show.



Year 12 Music performances at Graduation Evening were amazing. Congratulations to Gogosina, Libby, Aiden, Caitlin from Year 12. You will be missed from CAPA events to come in the future.

CAPA Faculty



Dear Year 8 Parent or Carer

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between **Monday 23 October** and **Friday 3 November 2023**. The test takes approximately 75 minutes. The **VALID Science 8** test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus (2018)*. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes, and values about science.

VALID Science 8 contains audio, so each student needs to bring suitable **headphones or earbuds** that connect to a device. Schools will indicate if students need their own device.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's school to discuss special provisions or exemption from the test.

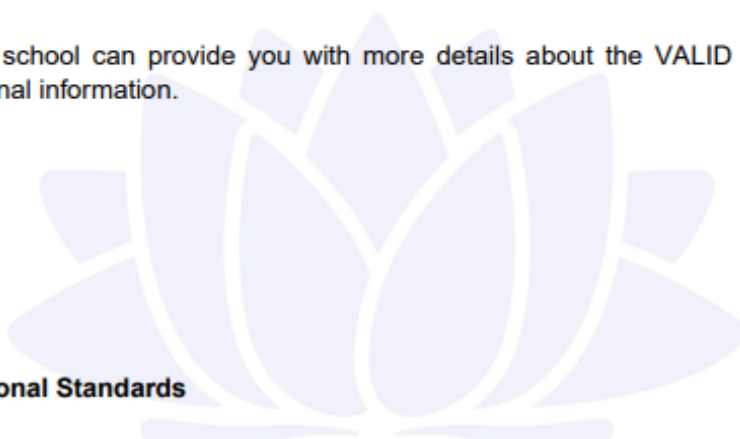
Results of the test will be available during Term 1, 2024. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personalised electronic report describing the knowledge and skills demonstrated by your child in the test will be available from their school. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test across NSW.

The principal of your child's school can provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely



Dr Paul Wood
Executive Director, Educational Standards



NSW Department of Education



Grow Your Own: Local Teacher Pipeline

The Grow Your Own: Local Teacher Pipeline program supports up to 75 local people in Dubbo and surrounds, Queanbeyan, the Murray region, and Western and South-Western Sydney to kick start their teaching career in a NSW secondary public school.

There are three entry pathways:

Undergraduate
(4 years FT)

Postgraduate
(2 years FT)

**Industry
experience
pathway***
(2-3 years FT)

Participants will work in an NSW public secondary school at least one day per week as Educational Paraprofessionals whilst they complete their teaching qualification. Upon successful completion of their studies, participants will be offered a permanent teaching position* in a NSW public secondary school.

Program elements include:



Financial incentives and supports:

- Up to \$30,000 training allowance
- \$30,000 retention incentive for industry experience pathway only
- **Flexible study** arrangements (face to face, hybrid, online).
- **Wrap around** university supports.



Career development:

- Guaranteed a **permanent appointment** as a teacher upon successful completion of the program in an agreed location (bonded for 3 years).
- **Employment** as an educational paraprofessional at least 1 day per week.
- Opportunity to build **professional connections** and gain hands on work experience.

Scan the QR codes below to apply for the program, register for the applicant information session and Aboriginal Programs team Yarn Up.



Apply Now



Information Session
Thursday, 19 October 2023
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm (AEDT)



Yarn Up
Friday, 20 October 2023
3:30 pm – 4:30 pm (AEDT)

For more information about the program please contact
LocalTeacherPipeline@det.nsw.edu.au



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Careers NSW offers four services:

- 1. A self-service website providing careers guidance information, resources and support**
Accessible to all NSW residents regardless of age or job status.
- 2. Individual appointments with industry experts for industry and occupation insights**
Talk to an industry expert and hear first-hand about their experience and information about the industry they work in.
- 3. Access to tailored free personalised careers guidance from a professional careers practitioner**
Appointments with a careers practitioner are available to NSW residents over 18 years.
- 4. Connect to a skills hub specialist**
Skills hub specialists provide tailored information on training and vocational education and training pathways.

An appointment with a careers practitioner may involve:

- Getting advice about careers you are interested in
- Guidance around what industries and jobs are suited to the skills and qualification you have
- Assistance with creating and updating a resume
- Assistance with interview skills, training and job readiness preparation.

An appointment with an Industry Expert may include:

- Discussions on what a typical work day in their industry involves
- Gaining real life insights in the industry
- Achievements, highlights and success that might be possible in an industry
- The benefits and challenges of working in a particular Industry.

For more information:



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

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	October 23 Year 12 Information Night	October 24	October 25	October 26	October 27 White Card Course
4	October 30	October 31	November 1	November 2 Wish Day	November 3
5	November 6	November 7	November 8	November 9	November 10
6	November 13	November 14	November 15	November 16 Year 12 Formal	November 17

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P & C MEETINGS 2023

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

Our next meeting for 2023 will be:

Tuesday, 24th October 2023

7pm

School Library