



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Welcome Back

I welcome all students and staff to the start of the 2023 school year, hoping that everyone has had a restful and relaxing break. I hope that the new year brings with it greater stability,

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Welcome to staff who are joining us for the first time:

- William Stubbins – Learning Specialist: Physical Wellbeing
- Claire Delaney – Learning Specialist: Numeracy
- Maddilyne Baillie – Learning Specialist: Literacy
- Peter Vapp – Media
- Georgia Bhandari – Outdoor Education/PE
- Mark Bambery – VCD/Art
- Laura Asbury – VCD/Art
- Karen Heath – Instrumental Music - Clarinet
- Killian Murray – Biology/Science
- Caleb Darcy – IT/Mathematics
- Sarah Kellett – Metalwork
- Bronwyn Salton – English/French
- Timothy Clifton – Classroom Music
- Kelsey Beckford – Food Technology
- Joanna Karanikolopoulos – English
- Liam O'Donnell – English

Welcome back from leave to the following staff :

- Ashlea Oates – Legal Studies/Humanities
- Alice Mackinnon – Health/PE

A new group of Tutors will also join us in February. I will introduce them to you in a future edition of this Newsletter.

I wish all our new and returning staff the very best as they engage with the school in their crucial role in facilitating and supporting the learning of our young people.

I congratulate Fran Mullins (Assistant Principal) on her appointment to the Acting Principal position at Reservoir High School for Term 1. We all wish Fran the very best as she engages with this opportunity, which I sure will be rewarding.

During Fran's absence, Lucy Blackburne (Whole School Professional Growth Leader) will take on the Acting Assistant Principal position. Lucy is a highly experienced teacher and educational leader, and I wish her well throughout Term 1 as she engages with this new role in leadership.

I take this opportunity to remind parents of the use of the Compass Parent Portal. If you are a new parent and do not have your username and password please contact the relevant sub-school office through the General Office on 9430 5111. The Compass Parent Portal gives parents up to date information about your young person's timetable, lea

Athletics Track	
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>05</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 - Baseball, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball</li> </ul>	

Students have already been informed through the assembly program of the expectations around prompt arrival, and what they need to do if they are late in the morning or to class during the day. For the information of parents, late students will not be allowed in class without a late pass, which they are required to collect from the Compass Kiosk in the General Office. This will allow ease with the collection of data and will also allow us to communicate with home when a pattern of concern becomes evident.

I ask parents to ensure that students arrive to school on time and get to each class on time. A brief discussion at home around this expectation would be very supportive of the school.

A further reminder that the Mobile Phone Policy requires students to switch off their phone from the sound of the first warning bell for the day and store their phones away securely in their locker until they leave the school at the end of the day. Students are not to access their phones at any time throughout the day including breaks. A process for addressing a breach of the Mobile Phone Policy is in place and all students are well aware of their role in this process.

Parents/carers must not expect to communicate with their young person during the day via their mobile phone. Should there be the need to get in touch with your young person during the day for an emergency, please contact the General Office. Otherwise please confine any communication for the times when students can access their phones.

**Student Achievement**

Congratulations to the Class of 2022 for their outstanding results and on their success in gaining entry into their chosen pathways. The Class of 2022 was the group affected by the impact of the pandemic across all three years, but their resilience and commitment supported them to achieve their very best. I congratulate our School Duxes, **Fieke Van Der**





### **Student Exchange Organisations approved by the VRQA and therefore DET**

The following is a 2023 update of the Student Exchange Organisations approved by the VRQA to provide student exchange programs in Victoria. The list changes each year so it is important that you check the current list rather than relying on old information.

Each year we are asked about student exchange programs that provide a reciprocal benefit. It is important that if you wish to engage in reciprocal exchange that you utilise the services of one of the organisations on this list. The school will not be able to enrol overseas

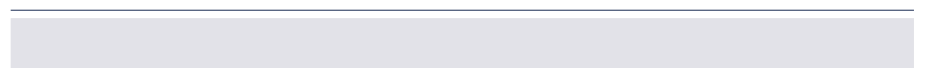
(8:00 – 10:00 am and 2:00 – 4:00 pm). “No Standing Anytime” signs are located within the school and it is important that parents/guardians adhere to these. Furthermore, double parking is illegal in the street and within the school grounds: it causes further congestion, which in turn impinges on student safety.

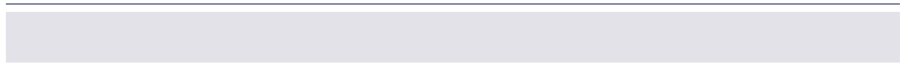
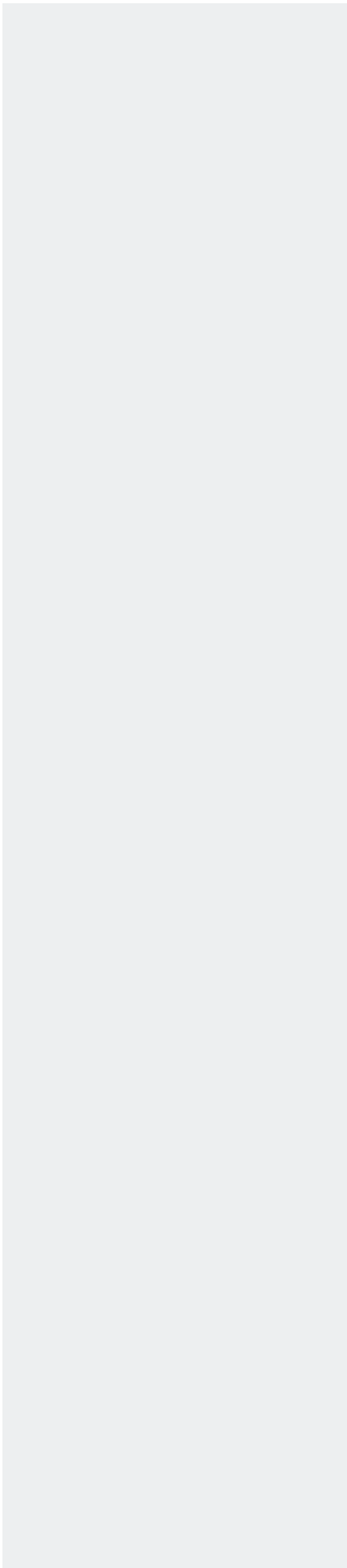
We will be enforcing the use of the circular driveway purely for drop off and pick up of students.

As you move into the circular driveway, if your child is not at the front of the school you will need to exit the driveway and re-enter. You may need to do this more than once. Alternatively, it is advisable that you organise with your child another location for pick up.

As always, we will continue to expect everyone to abide by road and safety laws and procedures as they move through the driveway. The same applies at the Ely Street end of the school. Street parking on the street is now minimal and this means that there is space for drop off and pick up. Pl

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We will be hosting a 'meet the Coordinators session' via Webex on Tuesday 14 February at

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## Highlighting our School Values

As we began the 2023 school year, our Student Leaders spoke to all year levels about our School Values, and what they mean to them. Over the next few weeks, some of these speeches will be highlighted in our weekly newsletter.

"Hi everyone. I'm Aaliya, a 12-year-old, and I'm going to be speaking about Respect for Diversity, which makes sense given I'm the Respect for Diversity leader for 2023.

First of all, welcome to El Ham High.

Given that this is the first year of these presentations, I'll read out the Google's definition of diversity. Diversity is the practice or quality of including or involving people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds and of different genders, sexual orientations, etc. Unsurprisingly, this is a great definition. It's almost like it's the purpose of Google's definition.

Respect for Diversity, at its core is acceptance of the differences in others.

El Ham High values BTO.2 TPOOs to bring real change. CID 3 (SU) (ns) (rp

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## WORKING BEE

### 2023 Working Bees

The Working Bee dates for 2023 have now been set, with the first being March 19. The committee meets on the Thursday 10 days prior to the working bee to plan activities, and as always we would welcome new members. We are kicking off the new year with the preparation of a whole of school strategy for garden bed rejuvenation and planting, so that each working bee there will be clear link to activities and the grounds strategy.

C	M	D	W	B	D
		Thursday 9 March			Sunday 19 March
		Wednesday 26 April* (27 April - Information night)			Sunday 7 May
		Thursday 25 May			Sunday 4 June
		Thursday 17 August			Sunday 27 August
		Thursday 14 September			Sunday 15 October
		Thursday 23 November (RESERVE DATE)			Sunday 3 December (RESERVE DATE)

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ANNA PANAS, On behalf of the EHS Grounds Committee

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## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Information on the range of clubs and activities available for students will follow in the next Newsletter.

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## SUBSCHOOL COORDINATORS



### Subschool Coordinators – 2023

8A Luke Herring  
8B Ross McKinnon  
8C Kathryn Boysen  
8D Jon Elordieta  
8E Peter Seymour  
8F

Tracey Parker  
Kathryn Boysen  
Kathryn Boysen  
John Elordieta  
Peter Semour

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## 2023 ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL STAFF CONTACT INITIALS

All Eltham High School staff use a common email address with a prefix of their three letter identifying code. The email address is:

