



Photo Catch Up Day: Thursday 23 February  
 Student Free Day: Friday 10 March  
 Jazz Workshop Weekend: Saturday 25 February - Sunday 26 February  
 Curriculum Day: Student Free Friday 10 February  
 School Council AGM: Wednesday 15 March  
 Athletics Carnival: Tuesday 14 March

**Year 7 'Try an Instrument' Evening: Wednesday 15 February**

**Swimming Carnival: Friday 24 February**

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**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**Mentoring Program**

The Year 10 to Year 7 Mentoring Program was launched today. This is a fantastic initiative which links in well with the Year 7 Orientation Program supporting our Year 7 students' engagement with our school and their learning.

Each Year 7 student will have a Year 10 mentor to support them throughout the year. There will be some formal meeting as well as informal catch ups.

The Year 10 students are really excited at the opportunity that is being offered for them to lead and support; and as of today it was evident to see that some positive bonds were already being formed between our Year 10 and Year 7 Students.

I do want to acknowledge the work of our Student Agency and Growth Leader, Nadia Devlin, our Student Support Worker, Lyn Davis and of course our Junior Sub-school Coordination Team under the leadership of Melissa Hughes and our Senior Sub-school Coordination Team, under the leadership of Amanda Saliba.

A more detailed report will be presented by the Junior/Senior Sub-Schools in next week's edition of this newsletter.

**School for Student Leadership**

Six of our Year 9 students, AJ Moon (Andrew House); Jake Wilson (Andrew House); Raph Hendry (Stewart House); Isla Marshall (Andrew House); Ella Andrew (Everard House); Thesan Houwen (Stewart House) were on in the first week of this term to the Gnurad-Gundidj, School for Student Leadership, Glenormiston South.



Our students with peers from Tyrrell College

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 15

- School Photos
- Year 7 Wellbeing Day

I contacted them in the first week and one of our students sent me a communication about how they are travelling. I share it here with you all.

From A.J. Moon:

" Good evening, Mr Sicari,

It's been ten whole days now, so I thought I'd write to you to give you a bit of an update on how we're going.

The way that the SSL has already helped me grow and evolve is indescribable. I learn new things every day that I just wouldn't have even thought about if I was back home. I've connected with a whole range of new people, and it's been so interesting getting to know them all (Especially my roomie!) because we all come from such diverse backgrounds. It's crazy that we followed different paths that lead us to the same place.

The activities and classes have taught us all so much, this past ten days have been giving us a taste of what's to come and preparing us for the adventures that are planned for our near future. It's very exciting, everybody here gets up full of anticipation of what the day ahead may hold.

I hope all is well back home, we'll all keep you updated on how we're going, especially once we start work on our CLP.

Thank You, AJ Moon"

**Mobile Phone Policy**

Whilst the expectations around mobile phones in our school was made clear to all students during the first day assemblies, there is a small group of students who are choosing to disregard what is expected of them. There is a no tolerance rule around this issue unless a student has a formal exemption from the school which is only provided under extreme, often health related circumstances.

I ask all parents/carers for your support with this by reminding your child(ren) 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 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 policy is in place and all students are well aware of their role in this process. Please remind them of the need to follow through with the instructions given to them by any teacher and that disregarding a teacher's instruction will inevitably lead to further consequences.

Parents/carers must not expect to communicate with their children during the day via their mobile phone. Should there be the need to get in touch with your child during the day for an emergency, please contact the general office otherwise please confine any communication for the times when student can access their phones.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

**School Council Elections**

I draw your attention to the information in last week's edition of the Community Newsletter, which outlined the School Council Elections for 2023. Parents/guardians can contribute to the school and their children's education in a range of ways. A place on the Eltham High School Council, the governing body of the School and its community, is one way in which you can be a part of this agenda. I encourage you to give this opportunity due consideration.

**Reminders**

I 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 children's timetable, learning tasks, class work, attendance, reports, upcoming events etc. as well as allow you to approve your children's attendance on excursions and make payments online plus a host of other things including access to your children's teachers via e-mail (a list of Sub-School Coordinators and Teacher codes is included with this newsletter). If you have accessed the Compass Parent Portal before but have forgotten your password, please contact the relevant sub-school office through the number indicated above.

## Our Year 7 and 10 Mentors



The bell times for 2023 are as follows:

- 08:50 Warning Bell
- 09:00 Period 1 start
- 10:10 Period 1 end
- 10:15 Period 2 start
- 11:25 Period 2 end
- 11:50 Warning bell
- 11:55 Period 3 start
- 13:05 Period 3 end
- 13:50 Warning bell
- 13:55 Period 4 start
- 15:05 Period 4 end

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, students will not be allowed in class late 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.

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VINCENT SICARI, Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Visitors to School

Eltham High School strives to create an open and inclusive school community and encourages parents and carers to be actively involved in their child's development and education. We aim to provide a safe and secure learning and teaching environment for students and staff by establishing processes to monitor and manage visitors to the school. Our policy outlines requirements for visitors to the school, such as visiting during the school's hours of instruction, sign-in procedures and requirements for Working with Children Check cards.

We further encourage all visitors to familiarise themselves with our school's Statement of Values, Child Safe Policy, Statement of Commitment to Child Safety, and Child Safe Code of Conduct.

### Visitors to the School

<http://www.elthamhs.vic.edu.au/documents/Information%20and%20Help/Policies/Policy%20-%20Visitors%20to%20the%20School.pdf>

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LUCY BLACKBURNE, Assistant Principal (Acting)

## SENIOR SCHOOL

### 2023 Senior School Update

Senior School will now operate by having Year Level Coordinators who will follow their group as they progress through the Senior School in 2024 and 2025. We have used the House system to divide the students between Coordinators and will now refer to Students in either Form Group R (Rutter), E (Everard), A (Andrew) and S (Stewart).

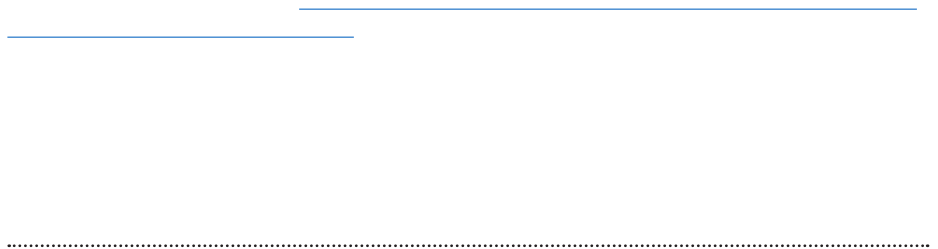
The Level Coordinators for 2023 are:

Matthew Hapsberg (HAZ) - 10R + 10S

Olivia Monro (MOX) - 10A

Alice McKinnon (MNN) - 10E

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## STUDENT AGENCY AND GROWTH

### School Council – Student Representative

We are looking for a Year 10 student to join School Council as a Student Representative.

Student Representatives on School Council have the unique and exciting opportunity to have a say in the future direction of the school, and offer a unique student insight into decision-making processes. It's an excellent opportunity for students to build skills in leadership and communication as well.

You can find out more about the role of the School Council Student Representative in the factsheet on Compass. Alternatively, speak to Mrs Devlin or our current Student Representatives, Tom Westerman and Ava Grzechnik.

Any Year 10 students interested in this position should email Mrs Devlin (DEV) by Friday, February 17.

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NADIA DEVLIN, Student Agency and Growth Leader

## CANTEEN

With the start of the new year Canteen has reviewed its operating cost and has made the difficult decision to raise the price on some of its menu items. This price increase will be affecting items which were not subjected to a price increase last year, and would bring into line a 10% increase across the whole Canteen Menu to meet rising cost of production and supplies.

Please be advised that the following items will carry a price increase from Monday 21 February due to increase production and suppliers' cost.

Banana Bread	\$2.80
Sweet Muffins	\$3.50
Doughnuts	\$3.80
Coffee Scroll	\$3.80
Sweet Slice	\$3.80
Smartie Cookies	\$3.80
Egg & Lettuce Sandwiches	\$6.00
Tandoori Chicken Wrap	\$7.00
Falafel Wrap	\$7.00
BLT (Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato)	\$7.00
HLT (Haloumi, Lettuce & Tomato)	\$7.00
Pasta Bake	\$7.00
Garlic Bread (available term 3 & 4)	\$2.00
Just Juice Box 200ml	\$2.50
Mentos	\$2.50

Canteen will be introducing two new products to its' range from this week:

Plant Based Chili Chicken Wrap (Vegan)	\$6.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato Sandwich (Toasty Available as a Lunch order)	\$4.50
Gluten Free bread available	

Canteen would like to remind students that the best way to ensure that you get what you like at lunch is to place a lunch order either before school or at recess. Canteen is open every day at 8:30am for recess or lunch order.

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CAROLINA CONSTABLE, Canteen Manager

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## SWIM SQUAD

The Eltham High School Swim Squad runs on Thursday mornings from 7.00 am to 8.00am before school at the Eltham Leisure Centre. It's a great way to keep fit, have fun, learn some new skills and make great friends. It also prepares students for the upcoming Swimming Carnival. Students from all year levels and ability levels are invited to sign up for 2023 and become a Swim Squad member.

Each week we work on developing skills from all year levels (elementary) with a focus on technique and endurance.

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## WORKING BEE

### 2023 Working Bees

The Working Bee dates for 2023 have now been set, with the first being 19 March. 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 for each working bee there will be clear link to activities and the grounds strategy.

Grounds Committee Meetings and Working Bee Dates for 2023:

Committee Meeting Date	Working Bee Date
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)

If you would like to get involved by joining the Grounds Committee or attending the upcoming working bee can you please complete the Google form by accessing the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/1dnjyrcaF5>

or contact Anna Panas via email [panas@elthamhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:panas@elthamhs.vic.edu.au)

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ANNA PANAS, On behalf of the EHS Grounds Committee

## STUDENT SERVICES

### Building Connections

At Eltham High, we place an importance on the need for students to feel a sense of connectedness to our school community. As our new school year is underway, we also care about supporting students to connect to our wider Eltham community. This is because connections matter. When a young person has strong links to their community, it can create happiness, emotional stability, support and a sense of purpose. Being connected to others is important for our wellbeing.

In order to support this wellbeing initiative, Nillumbik Youth will be attending our school on 15 February during lunch for some fun activities and giveaways!

They'll also speaking about programs and events for young people including:

- Paid opportunities for musicians, photographers, artists and other creatives
- Employment support and coffee making courses
- Rainbow social group
- Volunteer opportunities in leadership, music and event management
- Help with getting your licence

### Second Hand Text Books

We have had a number of families donate their student's textbooks for our 2023 students who may need them. The text books are located in Student Services and we have plenty to distribute!

Please feel free to come and check if any could be of use to your young people this year.

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MADLINE KAMAMIS, Student Services Leader



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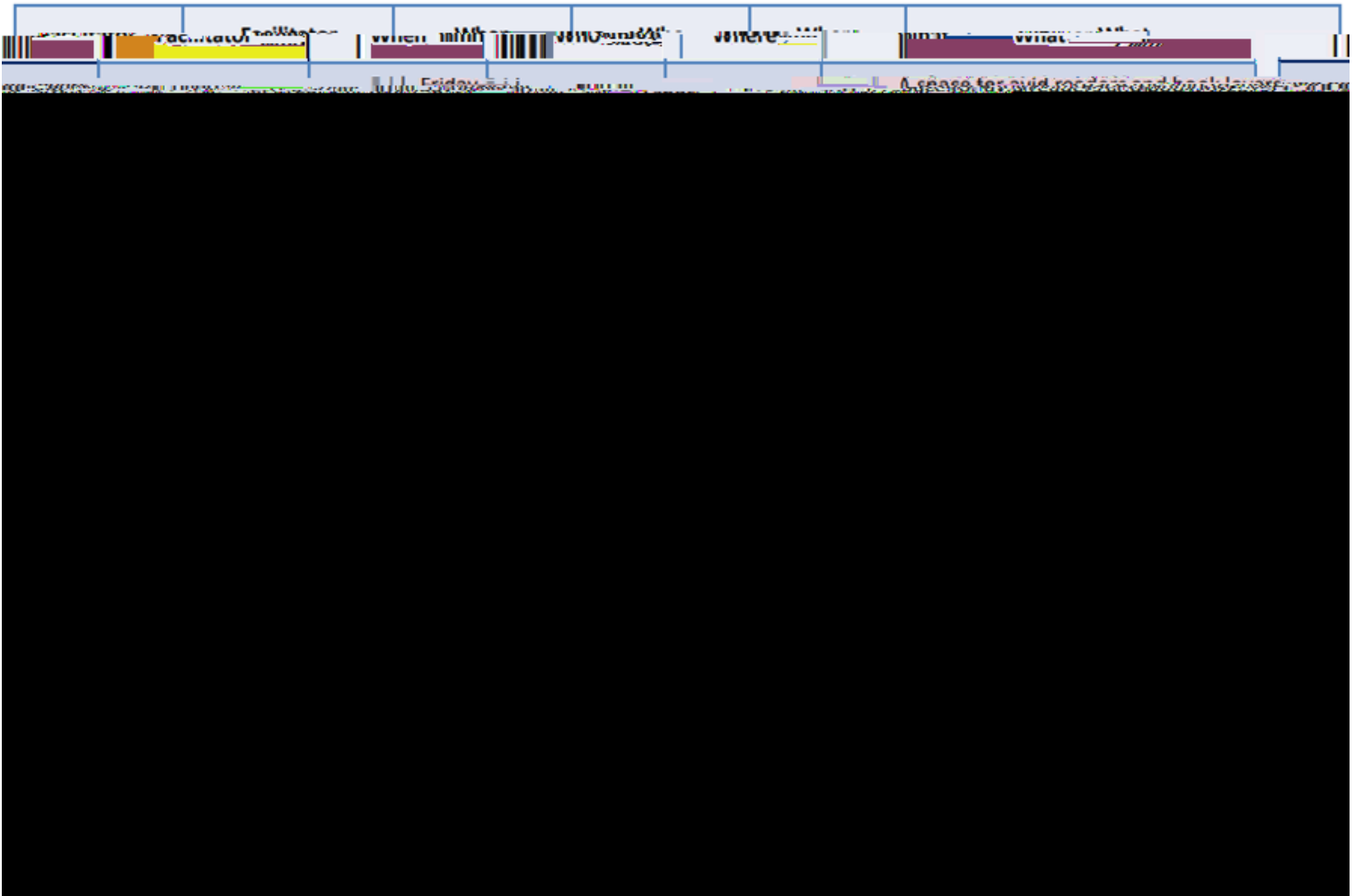
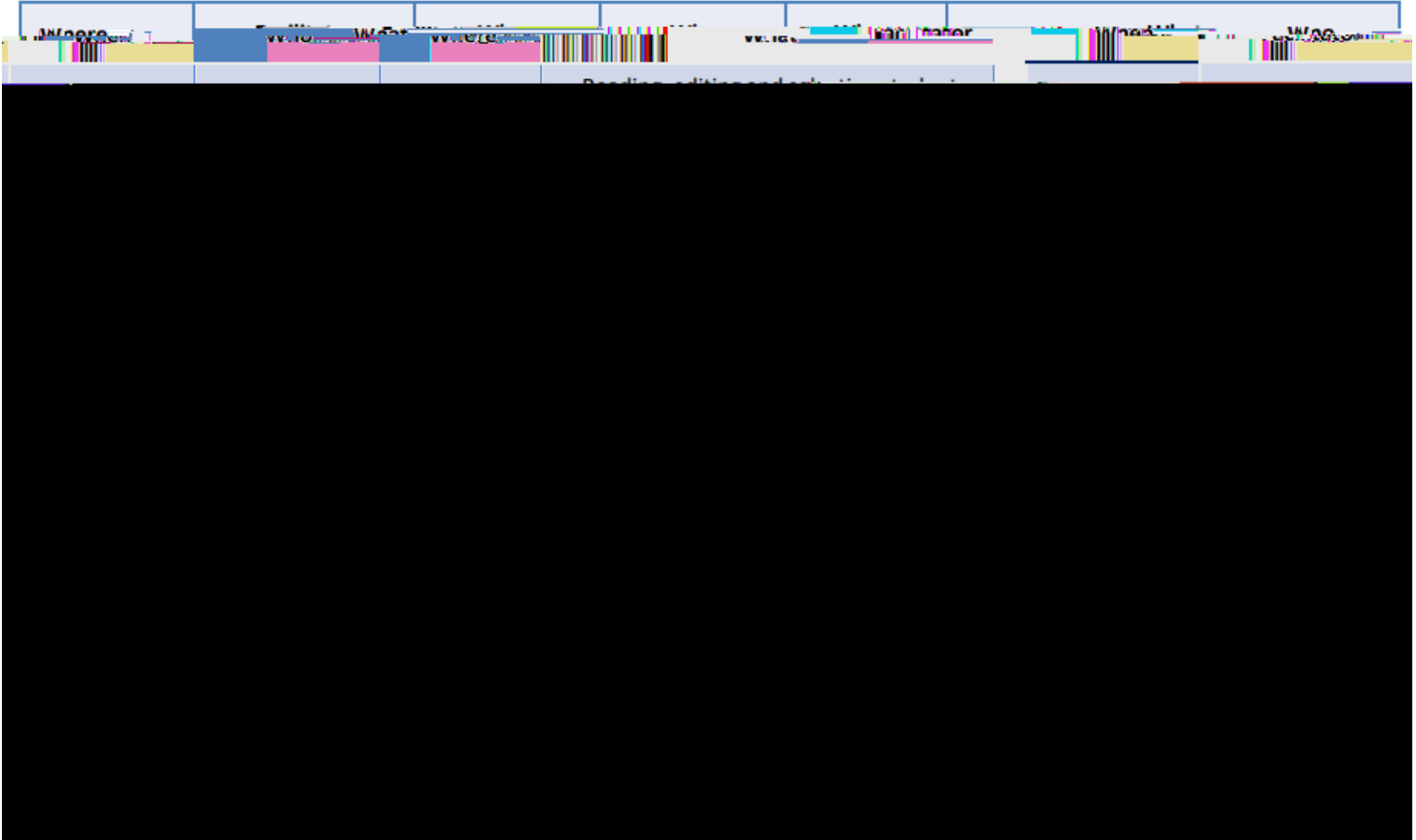
## LIBRARY

Welcome back to returning families and a special warm welcome to the new families whose children are commencing at Eltham High School. The EHS Library supports and reinforces the educational goals of the school and students. We are open for students between the hours of 8.15am and 3.45pm every day. The Library Team assists students in the location of resources that

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**2023 Clubs & Activities Schedule**  
**A = A week only/B = B Week only**

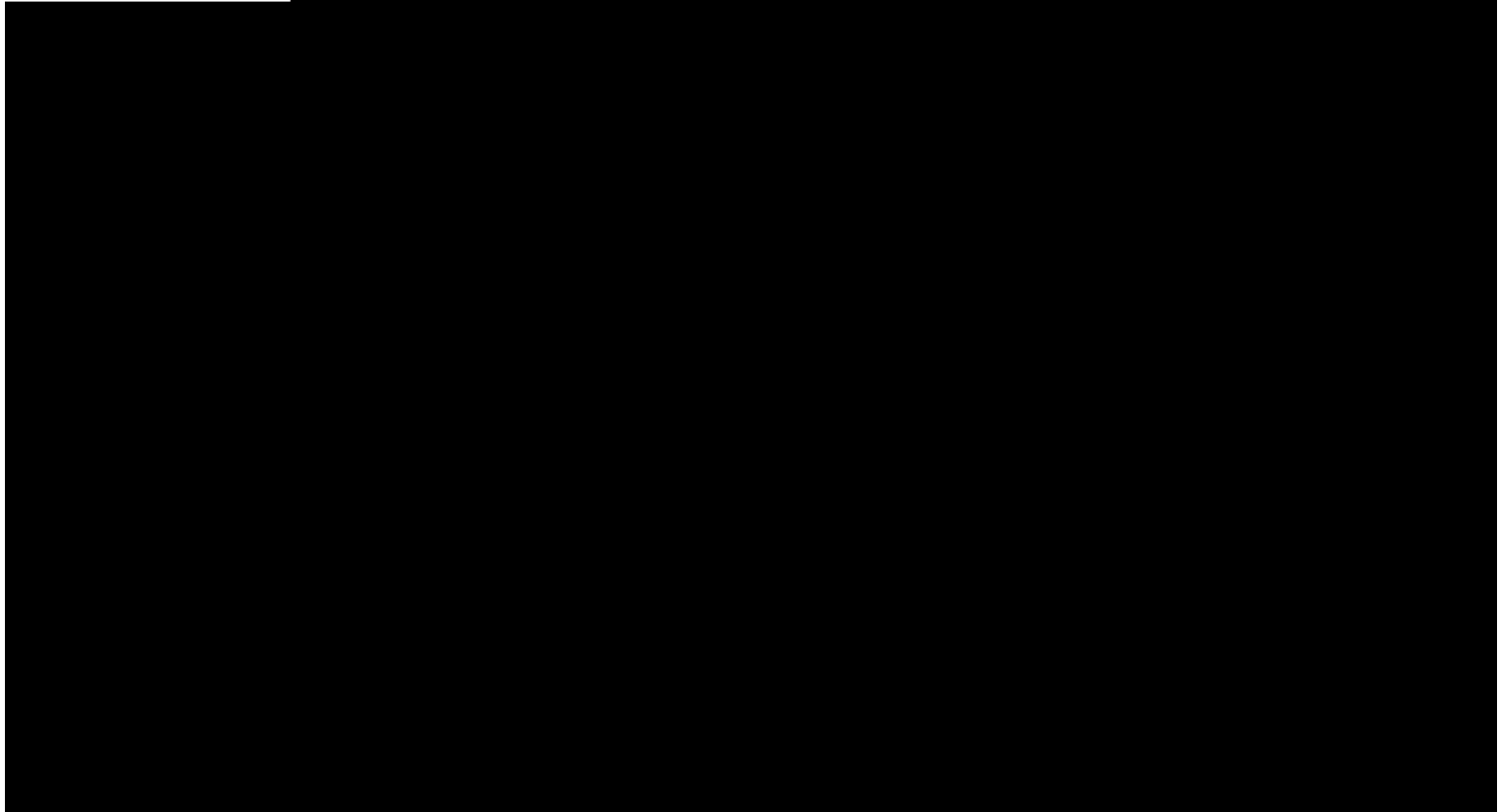
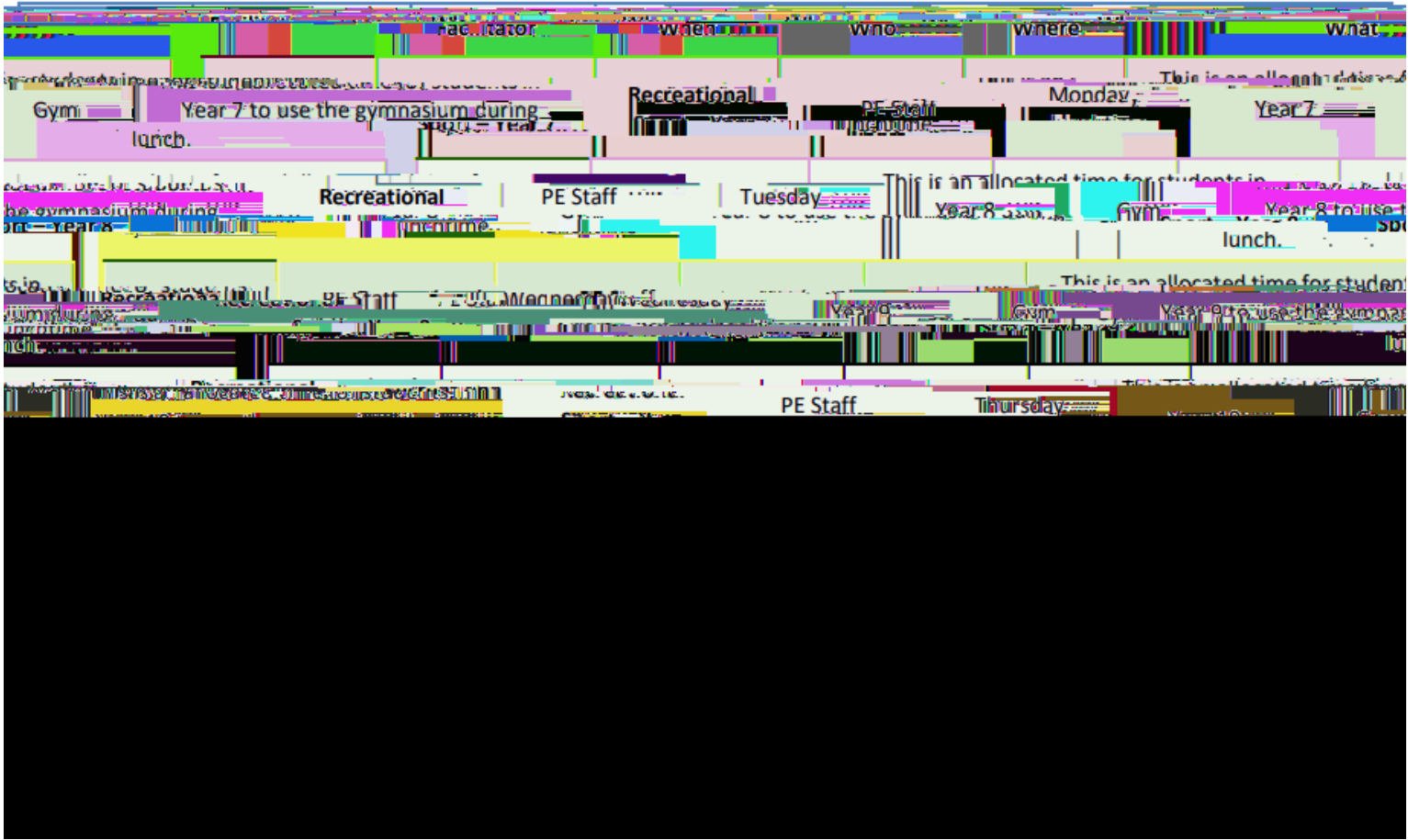
Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
M	Training Band Recreational							Stage Band String Orchestra Indonesian HW STEM Club ZK Walking Club French Conversations
T	Training Strings TILT (B) Volleyball - Boys Volleyball - Girls Club	Recreational Volleyball - Boys		VCE Art Space	VCE Art Space		Amphibology Dumpeens and Drakens Enviu Team	Breakfast Club Chamber Strings Concert Band TILT (B) Table Tennis Club French Homework
W			Recreational Briams	Volleyball - Girls	Symphonic Band Sports	Symphonic Band Volleyball - Girls	Public Speaking (A) Art Making - VCE AF. Make Vo. eys	ZK walking Club Leap Club
Th	Wind Ensemble Volleyball Comp. Volleyball - Boys	Wind Ensemble Volleyball - Girls Volleyball - Girls	Wind Ensemble Drama Drama	Recreational Conversations that Matter (A)	Art Making - VCE Drama Conversations that Matter (A)	Art Making - VCE Drama Jazz Band StandOUT Chess Club	Breakfast Club EHS Swim Squad Big Band Volleyball	
F	Volleyball - Girls	Volleyball - Girls	Symphonic Band	Symphonic Band Volleyball - Boys	Recreational Sport Symphonic Band Art Making - VCE Volleyball - Boys	Recreational Sport Symphonic Band Art Making - VCE Volleyball - Boys	Choir ZK Walking Club	

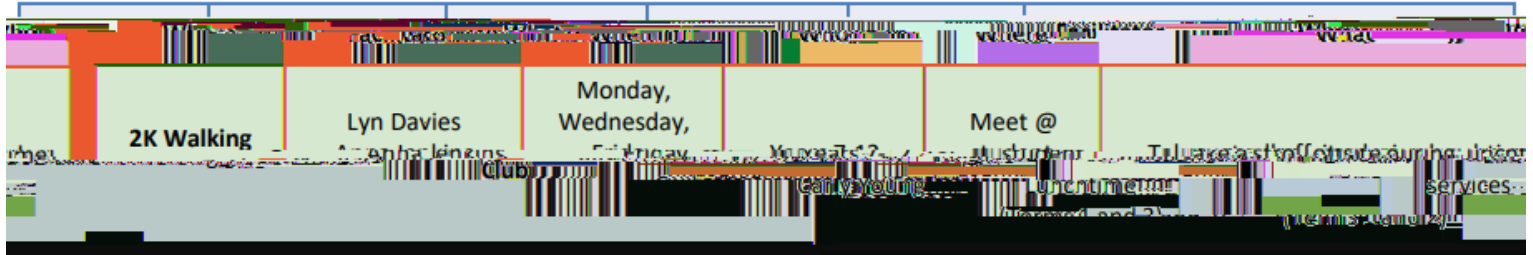
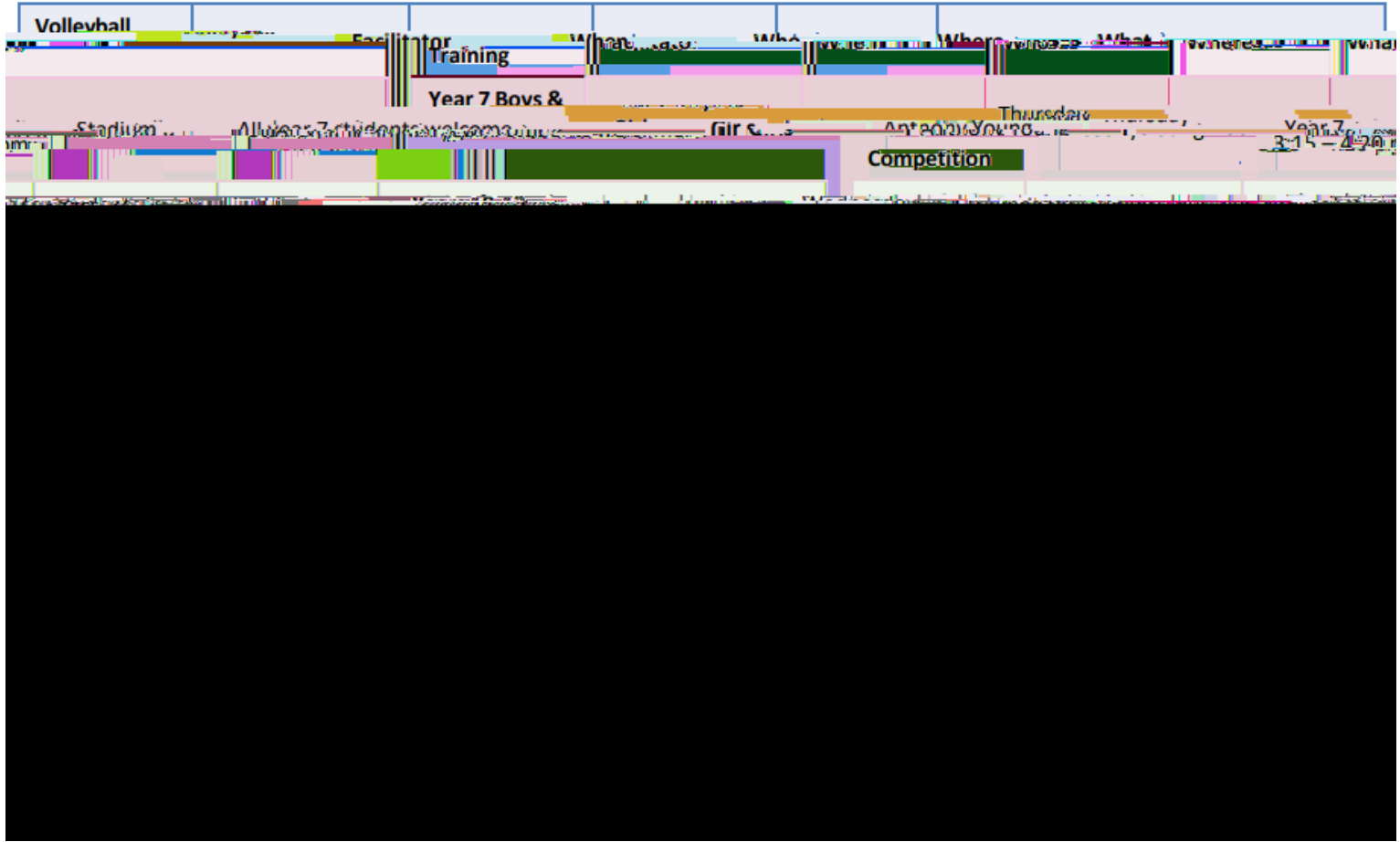


In Senior Drama, students have the opportunity to develop and refine their



# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES AT ELTHAM HIGH SCHOOL





# ELTRAM HIGH SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2017

Orders can now be made through your Compass Bazaar account. [Click here](#) to find out more under the COMMUNITY tab.

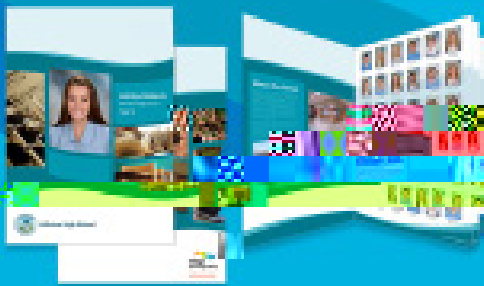
PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW TO ENSURE OUR BEST PRICES!



## FAMILY PHOTOS

Family/Sibling photos are available for teachers at any time of the school year. Orders must be placed by 11:59PM the day before photo day.

## GROUP STYLE



We're here to help!

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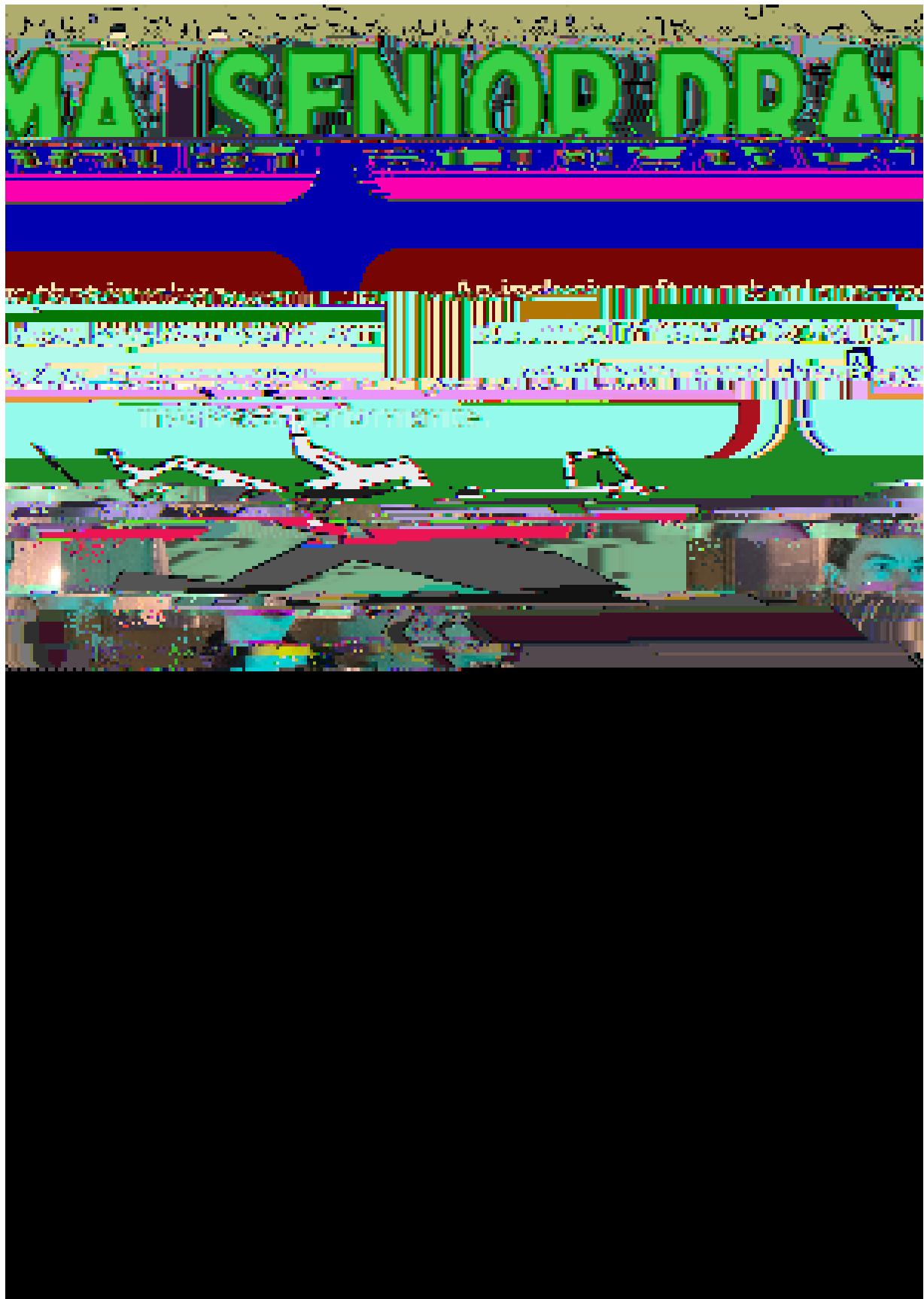
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# Junior Drama

to involve students in inclusive after school programs that help your students in Year 7 & 8. You will develop writing and dramatic potential through games, devising and interpreting play scripts.

www.veer.ca/foram For more information please contact us at 519-885-1111





### ***School Council Elections:***

I take this opportunity to provide you with information about School Councils. School Council elections are imminent. It is important that you all consider the possibility of nominating for a position on council.

Each year a number of positions become vacant and I urge you to consider this opportunity. The following information may help you clarify some of the main roles of School Council and the responsibilities of School Councillors. More detailed information is available from the school on request.

### ***What is A School Council and What Does it Do?***

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able

- A mandated elected parent category. More than one third of the elected members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training employees can now be parent members at their child's school.

- A mandated elected Department of Education and Training employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school

- A mandated elected student category. A student member category has now been mandated for Victorian government schools with a year 7 cohort and above. Each school council increased by two positions to allow for two student members to be elected to represent the student body.

### ***Why is Parent Membership So Important?***

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and realize

that their involvement is part of their child's education.

### How Can You Become Involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which will be held in late February. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:

### Do I Need Special Experience To Be On A School Council?

No. What you need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### What Do You Need To Do To Stand For Election?

A notice of the election and a call for nominations accompanies this document.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate in the

election. Alternatively, you can nominate yourself. The nomination process is simple, and you can nominate yourself if you are a parent of a child at the school.

For more information, please contact the Executive Assistant, Mrs Kate Scalzo, on 9430 5111 or email [kscalzo@eltham.vic.edu.au](mailto:kscalzo@eltham.vic.edu.au).

### Remember The Following:

- Consider standing for election to the Eltham High School Council this year.
- Be sure to vote in the election if you are eligible.
- Contact the Principal for further information.

### School Council Election Timeline – 2023

Wednesday	08 February 2023	Call for nominations
Wednesday	15 February 2023	Nominations Close, 4:00 pm
Thursday	16 February 2023	Display list of candidates and nominators
Tuesday	21 February 2023	Distribute Ballot Papers
Monday	28 February 2023	Close Ballot, 4:00 pm
Monday	28 February 2023	Count votes and declare the poll
Wednesday	15 March 2023	First Meeting of New School Council

### School Council Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the School Council will take place on 15 March 2023 at

the Eltham High School. This will be the first meeting of the new School Council. The AGM will be held at 7:00 pm in the Eltham High School. The AGM will be held in the Eltham High School. The AGM will be held in the Eltham High School.

All members of the School community are invited to attend the AGM and will be most welcome.

RSVP: To the Executive Assistant (Mrs Kate Scalzo)

Telephone: 9430 5111

e-mail: [kscalzo@eltham.vic.edu.au](mailto:kscalzo@eltham.vic.edu.au)

Vincent Sicari

Principal



# Form 4: nomination form for parent member category

I,  (print name in full), hereby nominate  (print name in full) for an elected position as a parent member on the school council.

**Candidate's details**

**Name:**

**Residential Address:**

**Contact phone (mobile or landline):**

**Email:**

**Nominators details:**

The person I have nominated is:	(Mark with an x)	(Mark with an x)
an employee of the Department of Education and Training.		
an employee of the school council.		

**Date:**

**Candidate to complete**

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a parent member of the above-named school council. My salary details are:

My salary is  per annum (including superannuation) and I am currently receiving  per annum (including superannuation).

I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence.

## Form 3: self-nomination form for parent member category

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<b>Contact phone (mobile or landline):</b>

<b>Email:</b>

<b>I am the parent/guardian of</b>
<b>who is/are currently enrolled at this school.</b>

<b>Statement</b>	<b>Yes</b> <small>(Mark with yes or)</small>	<b>No</b> <small>(Mark with no or)</small>
<b>I am engaged in work at and for the school.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**I am prepared to serve as a parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that:**

- I am not and have not been insolvent under administration within the last three years
- I am of sound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

<b>Signature of Candidate</b>

<b>Date:</b>	
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# Barista Basics

Sat 25 Feb  
10am-3pm  
Eltham

Learn the basics of coffee  
making using a  
commercial coffee  
machine

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