PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
A Great Start to 2016

2015 is set to be another year of outstanding achievements with the recognition of two of our students in January as part of Camden Council’s Australia Day celebrations. On Australia Day both Gabrielle Plain and Hannah Trethewy were nominated by the school for the Camden Council Young Sportperson Australia Day Award – both girls made it to the “final” stage with Gabrielle ultimately taking out the award for her outstanding achievements in softball. This is an exceptional achievement and recognises Gabrielle’s amazing talent.

I also was informed by Council that another one of our students Karni Woods was also nominated for the Camden Council Australia Day awards in the citizenship category. Congratulations Karni!

On 22 January 2016 Mai O’Regan was nominated by the Ultimo Educational Services group as an excellent student leader and ambassador to attend the Australia Day Lunch, as an invited guest of Mr Smyth King, Executive Director, Learning and Wellbeing who hosted a table of eight secondary student leaders. The event celebrates Australia’s achievements and was held at the Big Top, Luna Park, Sydney. Mai was both proud and excited to tell us of her experience.

On Thursday 28 January we welcomed Year 7 to the school. They all looked so much older in their new uniforms compared to Orientation Day held in early December last year. I am sure the students are looking forward to the Year 7 Camp coming up in a few weeks time. Remember, if you have any concerns about your child’s start to high school please contact the Year Adviser, Mr Tan or Deputy Principal, Ms Martin.

I would also like to offer a special welcome to the students and families who have joined our school as part of the Support Unit. We have been looking forward to your arrival and hope that you enjoy your time with us.

Staffing Update:
At the end of 2015 a number of positions at our school were filled through the merit selection process. Mr Townsend was successful in gaining the Head Teacher Welfare position, Mrs Robinson was successful in gaining the Head Teacher Special Education position and Ms Walker was successful in gaining the English/Japanese teacher position.

The following staff also joined our school as permanent members of our staff – Ms Farrar (Social Science) and Ms Le (Mathematics), Ms Murphie & Ms Kinnear (SLSO’s in the Support Unit).

Below is a photo taken on the day.

[Photo of Year 7 students]

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We also have the following staff assisting us this year in casual or temporary positions – Ms Hissey (CAPA - Music), Ms Reynolds (Maths/Science), Mr Macadam (TAS IA), Mr Quinn (History/English), Ms Roberts (Social Science), Ms Mulligan (English/History), Mrs Unwin (CAPA), Mr Mitchell (Support), Ms Infanti (Support) & Ms Lowes (PDHPE/General).

In addition the following teachers have returned to Elderslie HS following a period of leave – Ms O’Reilly (Social Science - Thursday only).

At the end of 2015 Mr Burke was offered another year in the seconded head teacher position for 2016 as part of the Positive Behaviour Team for the Ultimo Group. As a result Ms Dennis will continue in the Acting Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts position.

**HSC Results**
The 2015 Year 12 students (their teachers and families) are to be congratulated for their outstanding HSC results. In particular we would like to pass on our congratulations to Sean Lewis our 2015 Dux. Sean achieved an ATAR result of 97.8 that enabled him to enter into his chosen course of study - Bachelor of Actuarial Studies at UNSW.

Sean was also named as an All Rounder and Distinguished Achiever for his Band 6 results.

Andrew Loomes attained first place in the State for PDHPE and was therefore named as a Top Achiever. This is an outstanding achievement. Andrew was recognised by the Board of Studies (BOSTES) and Department of Education at an event in December for all students who attained first place in a course.

The school had 49 entries on the HSC Distinguished Achievers List for students attaining a Band 6 result. The students were Yanik Armstrong, Stephanie Brown, Emily Burden, Abbi Church, Emma Creasey, Rhys Cull, Rebecca Finlay, Pang Ho, Erin Hofman, Laura Killen, Sean Lewis, Jessica Liardo, Sophie Lindsay, Andrew Loomes, Lachlan Macdonald, Ryan Malcolm, Brooke Murray, Alexander O’Flynn, Norman Olliffe, Kimberley Rouland, Katherine Russell, Aaron Thomson, Nicholas Trethewy and Karly Weber.

Sophie Lindsay was also highly successful in gaining selection to the TexStyles exhibition and Powerhouse Museum Shape 2015 exhibition. Both exhibitions are a collection of outstanding HSC Major Projects.

Brooke Murray’s HSC Dance composition was also selected for Callback. Her item will be performed on Friday 12 February 2016 at The Seymour Centre.

The 2015 Year 12 cohort was an outstanding year group and we congratulate them all on their success.

**UNIFORM UPDATE**

Late last year the school completed a Uniform Tender process to have a uniform shop in the school starting in December 2016.

In the meantime Lowes (Narellan) are our uniform supplier.

Lowes have stock in the store for most items (and in most sizes). There is however some stock that has depleted but the store will take orders for any item that is not in stock until Sunday 14 February 2016. The items that may be in short or no supply are:

- Junior Polo (Boys), Sloppy Joe, Sports shirt and Track pants.

Please place your order and pay for items at Lowes Narellan Store before 14 February 2016 if you require any uniform items for Summer and Winter. Ordered items will NOT be at the sale price currently being offered by Lowes.

**Supervision After Wednesday Sport**

A reminder to all parents that if your child cannot make their way home immediately at 2.30pm on Wednesday after sport, or they cannot be picked up at this time, they are to return the permission note to the Student Admin Office. We will create a roll that will be marked every Wednesday. The students will be supervised until 3.25pm – depending on numbers this will be in the library (enabling students to complete homework, assignments or study).

**Student Welfare**

In 2016 the Year Advisers and Deputy Principals are:

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If you wish to speak to anyone about your child’s welfare then the Year Advisers above are a good starting point. Mr Townsend, Head Teacher Welfare, is also available for you to ring in matters relating to your child’s welfare. For highly sensitive or confidential matters please contact the Principal or Deputy Principal. For all other matters relating to courses/subjects please contact the Head Teachers of the key learning area or the Deputy Principals.
First P&C Meeting
We hope to see many of our parents at our first P&C meeting to be held next Tuesday evening 9 February 2016 at 7.00pm in the School Library.

A Study Skills Article – “It’s Goal Setting Time” is provided below by Enhanced Learning Educational Services. The school subscribes to this web service to support our students and families. The login and password are provided at the end of the article.

M Fawcett, Principal

STUDY SKILLS - IT’S GOAL SETTING TIME!
The start of the year is a great time to set yourself some academic goals along with any personal goals you might plan to achieve this year.
There are lots of great reasons to set goals:
- Setting goals gets you to think about possibilities.
- Goals give you a direction to work towards.
- Goals help you to push yourself just that little bit more.
- Goals help you have a more fun and fulfilled life.
- Goals can give you motivation and focus.
- Setting goals helps you do all the things you want to do in life!
- Goals give us the motivation to do things that are difficult and challenging in order to reach a particular desired state.
- Goals help us achieve our dreams, hopes and desires.
- Goals help us look for an achievable balance between the different areas of our life.
- Goals make us feel good about ourselves and our achievements and help us to increase our self-esteem and sense of self-worth.
- Goals give us a greater feeling of control over our lives and experiences.
- Goals allow us to prioritise and create action plans.
There are different types of goals you can set based on the timeframe in which you want to achieve these goals:
- **Short-term goals:** are things you want to do today, tomorrow or within the next few weeks and sometimes months.
- **Medium-term goals:** are things you want to achieve in the next few months or sometime even within the next year.
- **Long-term goals:** are things you want to do later on in life, whether it is next year, two years’ time, ten years’ time or even longer.

You may decide to set a mix of these types of goals. To give yourself the best chance of achieving your goals, it is a good idea to make sure your goals are SMARTIES – so keep in mind these guidelines for setting effective goals:
- **Specific:** Make goals very detailed and specific. Exactly what do you want to achieve?
- **Measurable:** You want to be able to know when you have achieved your goal so make sure there is some way to measure your success.
- **Action-Oriented:** Your short-term goals should really be the action steps you need to take to achieve the medium and longer term goals.
- **Relevant & Realistic:** Goals change, so if your goal is no longer relevant, you need to change it.
- **Time-Based:** Your goals need to have a ‘to complete by’ date to give you something to aim for.
- **Interesting:** Make your goals about things that you find interesting and worthwhile.
- **Emotional:** Use your goals about things that you find interesting and worthwhile.
- **Success oriented:** Express your goals in a positive and success focused way.

And…. Only use POSITIVE language in goals.
- Use PASSIONATE, enthusiastic and motivating language.
- Write your goal in the PRESENT tense.

Review your goals regularly to remind yourself of what you want to achieve and to stimulate your mind to think of other possibilities. Start taking specific actions that will help you achieve your goals, in particular your short-term goals. Putting together an action plan of the steps to achieve the goal and allocating timeframes for each action is a good place to start.

You can learn more about goal setting and many other topics to help you achieve your best at school at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au, logging in with these details:

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**From the Deputy Principal**  
**Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)**  
Welcome back to 2016!  
During this year, I will be supporting Years 8, 10 and 12 and will be working closely with the Year Advisers of each year group as they provide pastoral care for students.

**Assessment Guidelines**
In the next week, all students will attend a specific year meeting to outline the school’s assessment policy and the relevant components for their year groups. All students will sign for a hard copy of their assessment booklets, but not long after these will be also placed on the school’s website so that they are easily accessible to parents. This vital document gives details of the due date of every assessment task in the entire year. Each year, a great many parents ask us how they can best support their children to develop good study and homework habits. It is my firm view that the availability of the assessment booklet provides an excellent tool of support as it allows all
families to help their children track when each task is due. Plotting all the tasks due onto a calendar at the start of each term can teach a child organisation skills which will be used throughout their entire lives.

School Development Days
The staff of Elderslie High School spent the first day of the term engaged in professional learning about students with Autism. We are the first school in the state to have the entire staff participate in a common platform of learning through Online Training Australia which involves some face to face components as well as individual study. Our staff will be continuing their professional learning in this area throughout the term, supported by key staff from the Educational Services team of the Department of Education.

Senior Students – Home with Permission
Last week, all Year 11 and 12 students were issued with a note in which the process of early leave was described. Generally, if a student has no assigned class in the last timeslot of the day, they may leave early if they have parental consent. This allows them to undertake study at home for their significant assessment tasks and examination requirements. It should be noted that no student may leave the grounds early unless their parent has granted this consent and hence the need for the note. All notes should be returned to the Student Administration Office.

National Disability Insurance Scheme Information Evening
On Tuesday, 8 March from 5-7pm, Elderslie High School will be hosting an information session on the National Disability Insurance Scheme. This is to be presented by a representative of the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care. This seminar will be of particular interest for families and community members who need information on the NDIS which rolls out in South Western Sydney from July 1 this year. If any of our community members has a disability or cares for someone who does, this information session may be an event you wish to attend. More information will be released shortly.

Natalie Martin (DP Years 7, 9, & 11)
Welcome back to all our students and families, I am looking forward to gaining some experience in the role as Co-Principal every Thursday until the end of Term 3, as Mrs Fawcett continues in her PSL (Principal Support Leadership) role. Mrs Dokmanovic will be Relieving Deputy Principal every Thursday while I am Co-Principal. It will be a great opportunity to get to know our school from a completely different perspective.

A reminder to parents that due to high levels of traffic congestion, I would like to suggest to our community members that the best place to drop off and pick up your child, is in Harrington Street as this street is much safer than Hilder Street both in the mornings and after school.

Upcoming Events
The annual parent information evening for Year 6 into 7 2017 will be held at Elderslie High School on Wednesday 9 March. Information and times for the evening have been advertised in The Macarthur Chronicle and The Advertiser. Please attend this evening as it is a fantastic opportunity to meet our staff and see some of our school facilities. More information will be published through the Elderslie High School Skoolbag App.

Later this term we have a parent teacher night for Years 7, 11 and 12 preceded by the Year 7 Student Showcase. Year 7 students are expected to remain at school until the showcase commences at 4.00pm. After the Showcase there is a BBQ for the students followed by the parent teacher interviews. All parents are expected to attend and may need to make arrangements around work to be there on time. The Student Showcase is an opportunity for parents to see what your child has been learning during Term 1. Students from each class will be presenting classwork and projects they have developed over the term which is a great leadership opportunity.

Year 11
Year 11 students wishing to change subjects will need to schedule a meeting with me before the end of Week 3 this term. To support this process, students will need to have a note from parents explaining the reasons for the change and subject changes will not be permitted after 12 February.

Any Year 11 student who is undertaking a TAFE course will need to maintain 12 Units at school until the end of Term 1. This is to ensure that they have successfully commenced the TAFE course and are on track to meet all of the TAFE requirements. Once students have proven successful attendance to TAFE courses they may be permitted to drop to 12 units. This is to ensure that students meet the minimum requirements of the Preliminary HSC which is 12 Units of study.

Any students who are driving to school will need to fill in our student driver permission note. Student passengers will also require permission to travel with another student. Please see Ms Martin or Ms Lawrence to obtain a Driver Permission Note. It is essential that we have accurate records of student drivers and their vehicles in the event of an accident or community issue. Student drivers are expected to drive respectfully and follow all community guidelines and laws which ensure safety for everyone.

Home School Liaison Officer
ATTENTION PARENTS & CAREGIVERS
The following Information if provided by the Home School Liaison Officer.

About School Attendance
Good attendance at school by all students is a high priority at Elderslie High School.
The law in NSW states that all children between six and seventeen years of age are required to attend school regularly and it is the responsibility of the parent / carer to make sure that their children attend each day the school is open for instruction.

Regular attendance at school enables students to develop a sense of belonging to a peer group and build important coping and friendship skills. These children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. All children have a right to an education and through regular attendance at school can make the most of educational opportunities leading to happy and successful future.

At various times throughout the year, the executive teacher in charge of attendance and/or the HSLO will interview students with identified concerns in their attendance.

Concerns with attendance may include:
- An attendance rate lower than 85%
- Unexplained or unjustified absences
- Regular lateness / part day absences.
- Extended periods of illness.

The purpose of an interview is to promote and support improved attendance at school. Please contact the school if you have any concerns about this.

Parents are encouraged to work with the school to resolve any attendance concerns to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for all students at school and in their future opportunities. If you are having trouble with your child’s attendance please contact the school as soon as possible.

**Tom Pastor. Home School Liaison Officer**

**Support Unit News**

On behalf of the staff in the Support Unit I would like to welcome our students and families to Elderslie High School. It has been an exciting time orientating students into the school and more importantly the new Support Unit. Our students have been busy getting to know each other and have produced some fantastic personal profile posters. We are eagerly waiting the moment when we can get into our new classrooms and set up great learning spaces.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of the school diary. All students are expected to bring their diary each day to school. The diary will be used as a daily communication tool between school and home. I ask that all carers take the time to read the diary daily. As we begin to prepare to move into the classrooms students will bring home a list of book requirements. Please cover and label books and send them into school as soon as possible. I would also like to welcome the Support staff; Mr Mitchell and Ms Infanti classroom teachers, and Mrs Hovey, Mrs Kinnear and Mrs Murphie our School Learning Support Officers. We are looking forward to a productive term and working in partnership with families to ensure our students have a great start to high school.

**Mrs Natalie Robinson, Head Teacher Support Unit**

**School Photos**

School photographs will be taken on Tuesday 9 February 2016. Parents should already have received an information note outlining the procedures for the day. Students will also be receiving individual order envelopes. Please ensure that each student returns their own envelope on Photo Day even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. All students will have their photograph taken, whether they are purchasing or not and will also need to return their envelope. Please enclose exact money as we are not able to give change. If your child is absent on the day, the photographers will be returning to school on Monday 15 for any students who missed out.

All students are reminded that full summer school uniform must be worn, and the school uniform policy on jewellery and facial piercings, must be followed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms Crossingham, PDHPE Faculty

**SCIENCE NEWS**

**Curious Minds – Hannah Jenkins Year 10**

Last year I was lucky enough to be invited to take part in the ‘Curious Minds Program for Young Women in Science’. It involved two camps, one of which was in early December last year, and one in July this year. I partook in a mentoring program, where I was paired with a trained scientist, who gives us help and advice over a period of 6 months. To promote women in Science, there were 54 girls from all over Australia who participated in the program.

The camps are held at the Australian National University in Canberra. The December camp was 5 days long and we stayed in student accommodation on campus. It was a real experience of university life!

We got to carry out a range of interesting experiments, including pricking our fingers to test our own blood in the university laboratories. We also went on an excursion to Mount Stromlo Observatory to understand space exploration. It was a great experience and I would like to thank Ms. Woo who enrolled me in the Big Science Online competition where I was identified as a candidate for the camp and for Ms. Ferris for supporting me in my application for camp.

**SUMMER MASTER CLASS**

**Christopher Mazurkiewicz Year 12**

In January, I was invited to attend the 2016 Summer Master class at the University of Wollongong. The course I chose, SMAH001, consisted of a 13 week university science course condensed into 2 weeks. It involved Earth and Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry and Anatomy & Physiology. To guide us on our first couple of days of being a university student we had mentors who were also students themselves, giving us an insight into what
university life is really like. The mentors were an inspiration and aided in considering future careers and degrees to apply for.

Over the 2 weeks at the university our time was split between the four courses and the presentation day in the last week - 2 days in each course with the exception being anatomy & physiology running across 3 days. Starting off with Earth and Environmental science we explored the deeper aspects of volcanoes and earthquakes in the forming of our planet and how this still affects us today, while in Biology we studied the building blocks of life - DNA. Chemistry complimented anatomy & physiology as both focused on understanding the human body through different means, such as experimental drugs like copper aspirinate to combat cancer opposed to understanding physical traits of the human body.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being a university student, it allowed me to focus on my own studies individually. Being independent and driving to Wollongong was my favourite aspect and has inspired me to do my best in my Year 12 studies this year. Whoever is offered this opportunity in future years, I highly recommend it, as it is a worthwhile and memorable science experience.

Hannah Jenkins Yr 10    Christopher Mazurkiewicz Yr 12

Agriculture News
Harvest Table Success
2016 has started with great excitement in the Agriculture Department with the announcement that we were finalists in the Country Style Magazine “Harvest Table” Competition. Agriculture students from Years 7, 8 and 9 spent many hours at the end of last year growing a range of heirloom vegetables and cooking some of the produce that we harvested to make mulberry jam, pear and rhubarb crumble, wholemeal pasta, and stinging nettle gnocchi. We photographed each step in the process and compiled a portfolio of our activities throughout the year on the school farm. Many of our students then spent many hours arranging the produce on our Harvest Table for the final photograph. This was the first time that we have entered this Australia wide competition and we were delighted with the results. Ms Pitkin and I are already making plans for this year’s table! (thanks to Mr Nethercott for cutting the lovely cover for our portfolio using I.A.’s new laser cutter).

Animal Nurseries
Our first Animal Nursery for the year will be at Cobbitty Markets on Saturday 5 March and we look forward to seeing many of our students there to help the young visitors handle the animals. Any new Year 7 students are welcome to come and help and should collect a permission note at the Agriculture Staffroom.

M. Atkinson

TAS - Home Economics
Year 8 Child Studies - 2015
Year 8 Child Studies have consolidated their learning of the importance of reading to a child and the ways we can encourage a child to read by creating some interactive felt books. The students designed their books and then constructed them using various equipment, materials and techniques. The students have all completed a valuable learning tool for young children.

Hartley Grove School Swimming Carnival
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Mock Trials, Debating and Public Speaking Update
Mock Trials, Debating and Public Speaking are back at Elderslie High School for 2016. Preliminary meetings will be taking place in the next few weeks for students interested in participating in any of these activities. Competitions will be under way later this term. So if there are any students who are interested in participating in any of these activities in 2016 please see Ms Dennis in the Studio about Debating and Public Speaking and Ms Roberts in the Social Science Staffroom about Mock Trials.

Ms S. Dennis and Ms A. Roberts

Footloose is coming to Elderslie High
This year Elderslie High School will see the return of Footloose. Come along and join in all of the fun as Elderslie High School presents one of the most explosive movie musicals in recent memory. Footloose celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind. Featuring some of Elderslie High School’s hottest young talent, Footloose is a performance not to be missed!

Auditions for all roles and the chorus are now finalised and rehearsals are going strong. Everyone is very excited and nervous about the upcoming event. So stay tuned for regular updates on our progress. Footloose will be presented to the school community on the 30 June – 2 July, 2016 at the School Hall.

Creative and Performing Arts Faculty

CAPA Update
It is early Term One and already CAPA students are working tirelessly to improve their skills, plan performance items and participate in as many experiences as they can during 2016.

Just a reminder that the CAPA Information Evening is on Tuesday, 9 February, 2016 in the School Hall from 6.00 – 7.00 pm. It is a must for parents with children involved in the School Musical, Dance, Drama, Visual Arts Club, Vocal Ensemble or Orchestra at Elderslie HS. You will gain all of the information you require about the year ahead.

Auditions for the Transition Dance Ensemble, Dance Ensemble, Ballroom Dance Ensemble and Dance Company were held during Week Two of Term One. A number of students auditioned for the ensembles with students selected for the ensembles commencing rehearsals this week.

The Vocal Ensemble has begun during DEAR time. All students who would like to audition for the Vocal Ensemble please see Ms Prigg or Ms Dennis. Hurry! The Vocal Ensemble fills up quickly. A Senior Vocal Ensemble will also be running during a lunch time, depending on expressions of interest.

Musicians are needed for the Orchestra, particularly for students who are playing Brass or ANY instrument. Please see Ms Hissey or Ms Dennis if you are interested.

Once again, Elderslie High School is offering the students in Year 7 the opportunity to participate in the Junior Drama Ensemble. This group will meet on Tuesday morning from 8.00 am to 8.55 am. Classes will start on Tuesday, 9 February. You just need to see Ms Dennis in the Studio for a permission note.

Once again, Elderslie High School is offering the students in Year 7 – 12 the opportunity to become a member of the Event Management Team, as well as take on a student leadership role within the school community. The operation of the Hall is now a very challenging task and the CAPA Faculty needs dedicated students to assist in running major events. Their roles will include lighting set-up and operation, sound operation, front of house, stage managing and much more. If there are any students who have not signed up for this team there is still time. You just need to see Ms Dennis in the Studio for a contract.

The Year 10, 11 and 12 Drama students will be attending a performance of ONSTAGE (the best of the HSC Drama Performances and Projects from 2015) on Monday, 8 February, 2016 at the Seymour Theatre Centre. The students will gain a much clearer understanding of the expected level of performance required for the HSC Drama course.

The Year 10, 11 and 12 Dance students will be attending a performance of CALLBACK (the best of the HSC Dance Performances from 2015) on Thursday, 11 February, 2016 at the Seymour Theatre Centre. The students will gain a much clearer understanding of the expected level of performance required for the HSC Dance course. Best of luck to Brooke Murray (Year 12 2015) as she presents her Core Composition as part of this showcase.

The Year 10, 11 and 12 Music students will be attending a performance of ENCORE (the best of the HSC Music Performances from 2015) on Monday, 22 February, 2016 at the Opera House. The students will gain a much clearer understanding of the expected level of performance required for the HSC Music course.

All Drama and Dance students are offered the opportunity to audition for the State Dance and State Drama Companies and Ensembles for 2016. All interested students must see Ms Dennis or Ms Donaldson to organise an application form and audition date. Please visit The Arts Unit website for more information.

This year, Ms Gulley and Mrs Unwin are introducing a Visual Arts Club during Lunchtime on Tuesday’s in Art Rooms 2 and 3. We will be experimenting with some fun art making skills and you will have individual help to work on your artworks. We are opening the club to all year groups. So come and see what we have planned! Starts Week 2, Tuesday 2 of February.
So during 2016, come along and enjoy the performances of our talented CAPA students.

**CAPA Faculty**

**Talent Quest, 2016**

The Elderslie High School Talent Quest is back for 2016! All students are invited to enter the Quest. You can enter in a variety of categories. Entry Forms are available from Ms Dennis in the Studio. Entry Forms must be returned to the Studio by Friday, 12 February, 2016. Heats will be scheduled for lunchtimes during Week 4 & 5. The Talent Quest is on Friday, 11 March, 2016 in the School Hall from 7.00 pm. If you are interested all you need to do is pick up your entry form from the Studio TODAY!

**CAPA Faculty**

**Italy, Germany, the Western Front & Paris**

A Study Tour for Elderslie High School – 2017

Tour dates: 6 – 22 April 2017

An amazing opportunity awaits senior Ancient and Modern History students from EHS next year. Following on from successful tours in 2013 & 2015, a 17 day study tour has been planned that will allow our students to experience aspects of the senior history courses for themselves by actually travelling to Europe and visiting breathtaking sites and cities.

The tour includes the following amazing experiences :-:

- A full day in Pompeii with a specialist archaeologist as guide.
- A visit to Herculaneum and the National Archaeological Museum in Naples.
- A tour of the city of Rome: the Forum, Colosseum, Capitoline Hill and museums, Vatican Museums, St Peter’s Basilica and a chance to explore the piazzas and fountains of the historic city centre by foot.
- Visiting Berlin and investigating the history of the Third Reich and Cold War.
- Walking through the medieval town of Nuremburg and learning about its association with Nazi Germany.
- Exploring Western Front WW1 battlefields in Belgium and France
- Participation in a memorial service at the Menin Gate, Ypres
- Exploring Paris, taking a panoramic city tour, climbing the Eiffel Tower, cruising the Seine and shopping along the Champs Elysees.

The students will be privileged to learn from recognised Australian experts at key sites. These include Dr Estelle Lazer who is an Australian archaeologist with an international reputation for her work on the human skeletal remains at Pompeii. She teaches at both the University of Sydney and the University of NSW, and also battlefield historians who will accompany the tour as we explore the WW1 trench systems of the Western Front.

The trip is organised through Academy Travel. It will be a brilliant opportunity for students to learn first-hand about crucial HSC topics in senior history, as well as experience the thrill of travelling to amazing destinations.

The estimated cost is $7,275.00 per student. Adults may be able to accompany their children on the tour. The cost per adult is $7,625.00. These costs include airfares, travel insurance, entrance fees to sites and local experts. All breakfasts and most other meals are included.

An information session will be held at the school on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 4pm. Jackie from Academy Travel will be there to answer all your questions. Come along if you are interested and hear more about this great opportunity. There is no obligation to pay any money or make any commitments at this information session.

Any further enquiries please contact Mr Raeburn (HT History) on 46581110.
ARE YOU KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE?

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with **zero tolerance**.

If you’ve heard the expression “It’s only a matter of time until someone gets hurt” then you understand why it is important for **everyone** to obey the road rules.

When an offence is detected - **YOU WILL BE FINED**

Please obey the rules and protect the safety of **your children**.
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**What does it mean?**
You cannot stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

**Why is it there?**
To provide a safe place for buses to set down and pick up passengers.

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**What does it mean?**
You cannot stop in this area for any reason.

**Why is it there?**
To keep the sight distance clear for drivers, children and other pedestrians to avoid crashes.

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**What does it mean?**
You can stop in this area to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must not leave your vehicle unattended.

**Why is it there?**
To provide safe places for children to be picked up - usually associated with Kiss & Ride zones.

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40km School Zones are provided to increase the safety of all pedestrians, but especially children, who are walking in the vicinity of schools. Obey the limit and be aware of the time a day.

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**PARKING ACROSS DRIVEWAYS**
Parking across or stopping on a driveway in a school zone is an offence.

*You could be fined $135 and lose 2 demerit points.*
ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS

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We accept Medicare Child Dental Benefits

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

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P & C MEETINGS 2015

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

Meetings are held in the School Library starting at 7.00pm.

9 February
8 March
7 June
2 August
30 August
25 October
22 November

We look forward to seeing you at Elderslie High School.

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