



A world of opportunity
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ELTHAM College

Established in 1974, ELTHAM College is a modern non-denominational, co-educational independent school offering Early Learning to Year 12. ELTHAM College provides a unique, supportive and challenging environment dedicated to preparing students for their future careers. The College cultivates a culture where students become passionate thinkers, fostering lifelong, world ready learners.

PHILOSOPHY

ELTHAM College creates an environment where students maximise their unique potential; becoming confident, passionate and resilient. Students are introduced to unlimited learning opportunities, supported by a technology rich environment and guided by a community of exceptional educators.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The College is dedicated to internationalism, and along with student exchange programs and select overseas school partnerships, our international student program is highly valued within the school community. We strive to ensure that our international student cohort makes up only a small percentage of the College's total student population; this fosters strong relationships with local students and the local community.

WHY ELTHAM?

With caring, responsible and passionate staff, our program offers a safe and nurturing environment, making ELTHAM College a wonderful choice for international studies.

Our graduates leave us equipped with confidence in their own skills and abilities, with the resilience to excel in Australia and the world's top universities. They graduate prepared to make their mark within tomorrow's competitive global workforce.

For me, ELTHAM College is never just a place that conducts education to the future generations. It is a zone, which gives us a sense of security.

The seasons of Melbourne are always interchanging, but in our school, it is always warm. It is the warmth which flows from people's hearts. International students at ELTHAM College are equipped with opportunities and challenges that cultivate our universal knowledge and enhance our international capabilities.

Clarence Wei

Currently studying Social Sciences majoring in Geography at the National University of Singapore

2017 Graduate





Junior School Program

PREP - YEAR 6

Our Junior School Program provides an environment where the natural creativity and curiosity of young people is encouraged and developed. We provide opportunities for our young people to confidently establish their concept of the world, and how they contribute to it, providing them the freedom to respectfully voice their ideas and opinions.

We recognise the importance of a strong start in literacy and numeracy, and these skills are integrated and developed into a wide range of experiences. Students add the study of Chinese language, Music, Instrumental Music, Library, Physical Education, Science, Information Communication Technology and an immersive history program to their core curriculum.

International students who are accepted into the Junior School Program must show a solid foundation of English language to cope with the demands of the curriculum as all classes will be immersion classes (there are no English as an Additional Language (EAL) classes conducted in Junior School). Students seeking entry into Junior School may be required to attend external intensive English language classes for a period of time prior to the commencement of formal studies at ELTHAM College. The need to undertake intensive English language classes will be determined on an individual basis, after assessment of the application documentation, reports and interview prior to an offer being made.

YEARS 7 AND 8

Our Years 7 and 8 students focus on developing the tools to learn. A range of subject modules guide students through a comprehensive core curriculum, which is supported by a Community Program that fosters emotional and social development. These years are designed to offer choices and opportunities. This enables students to explore their talents and personal interests. They are encouraged to strive for their personal best through curiosity and persistence. The program sees students develop a passion for learning, instilling in them the courage to try new things and pursue their dreams.

For international students, entry at Year 7 or Year 8 is a unique opportunity. Early entry sees students exposed to Australian teaching methods and curriculum in the founding years of high school. Early entry benefits English language acquisition enormously and with this comes the ability to truly participate in all the learning and extra-curricular opportunities available, along with the opportunity to further develop within social groups. The College accepts students into the Homestay program at 13 years or older. Students accompanied by their parents may enrol at any age.

YEAR 9 CITY EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

The Year 9 City Experience Program is unique and academically challenging. Students spend four days a week at our Melbourne City Campus, where our young scholars undertake a series of in-depth learning projects in addition to their core Year 9 skills curriculum. One day per week is spent at the main Research Campus participating in specialist subjects, such as languages, science and physical education programs.

The Year 9 City Experience Program has been designed to respond to the learning and social needs of young people at a time when they are navigating their way towards adulthood. Its flexible structure promotes independent learning, providing students with a motivating sense of freedom. Program teachers equip students with the skills to make informed choices, the ability to identify when and how to seek assistance, and develop in them a growing ability to manage their academic and social lives as they prepare for further senior studies.

For international students the Year 9 City Experience Program is the perfect way to expand on their senior studies. Apart from small international student numbers, the City experience introduces international students to Melbourne's business, financial, cultural and tertiary hub; the very environments where they may choose to pursue further studies or embark on their career. This exposure enables students to have a real connection with the goals they set for later life.

Senior School Program

"ELTHAM College is a place of learning for young people. More important than the satisfying VCE ATAR score I gained from ELTHAM, were the learning habits I developed, such as verbalising opinions and being open minded. Moving to a new country can be a difficult journey; however, thanks to ELTHAM College I have tackled different cultures and overcome hardships. I appreciate what I have learnt at ELTHAM, my ability to think independently and critically and to enjoy the learning process!"

Yulia Cai

Bachelor of Architecture,
The University of Sydney,
Sydney, Australia

2013 Graduate



YEARS 10 - 12

Year 11 and Year 12 are dedicated to the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) program, in which students study towards a high school graduation certificate. This certificate provides entry not only into Australian universities, but tertiary institutions globally. ELTHAM College offers senior students a number of options for completing their VCE. Eligible students can fast track their studies by commencing the VCE program in Year 10 or completing units of study in advance at Year 11 level.

ELTHAM College has a breadth of curriculum which allows students to follow their aspirations and abilities. Courses are studied in small teacher led groups and supported by tutorials and field trips. Specialty subjects are available to international students such as English as an Additional Language (EAL), Australian Perspectives and English Pathways, as well as the opportunity for students to study their native language.

The College recommends students commence study in the Senior School level. This enables them to build a solid English language foundation and become comfortable in a new learning environment prior to commencing VCE. Senior School international students participate in the LifeSkills Program which develops cultural understanding, and covers wellbeing issues. The LifeSkills Program prepares students for life after school.

"ELTHAM College is a place of culture, and of learning for young people. My teachers were hospitable, responsible and supportive. Whenever I had study problems or even had troubles in my life, they were willing to help. When I was in Year 12, I found EAL difficult. My EAL teacher, Clare, spent her free time discussing my English essays with me. My math teachers Peter and Bob encouraged me to do extra exercises even though they knew that my mathematical skills were already higher than most students. They also helped me to make study plans and gave me advice about relieving stress. I had such happy feelings when I took my VCE exams and achieved an amazing ATAR score of 95.85. I am so glad that I chose ELTHAM College! I appreciate all the assistance my teachers gave me, which got me a place at the University of Melbourne."

Aria Yu

Bachelor of Science,
The University of Melbourne,
Melbourne, Australia

2014 Graduate





The ELTHAM College Difference

THINKING CULTURE

ELTHAM College provides a climate where students develop and maximise their potential. They are taught to explore their world and personal interests, asking questions and undertaking in depth investigation. This approach ensures learning for ELTHAM College students is not limited by the classroom or the College campus. The 'Thinking Culture' of the College extends beyond these walls and boundaries and our students carry it with them through each progressive stage of their lives.

TECHNOLOGY

2015 saw the introduction of personal tablet PCs to the students and staff of ELTHAM College. Tablet PCs offer considerable flexibility to users in educational settings providing a keyboard for quick text entry and a pen for note taking, diagram drawing, mathematical notation and artistic and design endeavours. With this introduction and subsequent school wide roll-out, students and teachers alike are empowered with appropriate technology for their teaching and learning practice. Continuous review and updating of the College's technology programs will ensure our students are skilled users of technology across their lives.



WORLD READY

ELTHAM College produces students who are ready to engage in their community and the world. The College encourages the ability to make appropriate and wise choices, to ensure success in an ever changing world of living, learning and working. We do this by instilling our students with resourcefulness, confidence, optimism, flexibility and resilience.

RELATIONSHIPS

Fostering strong relationships is integral to ELTHAM College. The relationship between teacher and student is seen as one of the most important. Students and teachers come together in the classroom, at sporting events and during extra-curricular activities; in the secondary years formal guidance is provided by Year Level Coordinators. Each year level has a dedicated Coordinator who is responsible for the overall academic, social and emotional progress of each student in their year level. They oversee student attendance, work submission and learning. Year Level Coordinators are just one way ELTHAM College prepares and guides students towards achieving their future aspirations.

“ELTHAM College helped me to gain a high VCE score which enabled me to study Law at Monash University. I am now a Principal Lawyer; I could not have achieved this without ELTHAM!”

Robert Wu
Bachelor of Law,
Monash University,
Melbourne, Australia
2005 Graduate



We provide a peaceful, friendly and caring environment in which differences are applauded and global awareness is valued.

LIFEWORK

The LifeWork Centre is a career resource hub located in the Senior School building. LifeWork advisors meet regularly with students from Year 9 onwards to explore career and university options. They use a range of tools, from aptitude testing to one-on-one counselling and a wealth of knowledge on the tertiary and employment sector, to help students identify their strengths and interests. Goals are set collaboratively, and are used to guide students through their senior years, ensuring they are motivated and focused on their intended outcome.

This guidance ultimately enables students to gain entry to their university and course of choice.

LEADERSHIP

Students are encouraged to join student committees and participate in leadership roles to increase their confidence and improve their decision making skills. Many international students have taken on the role of Student Captain and are also encouraged to be part of our extended leadership programs.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

At its core, cultural diversity is respecting the differences of various cultures. In the same way that we celebrate the diversity of our students, we celebrate our many differences. We welcome students from all nationalities and faiths to our International Program while maintaining a small proportion of international students to ensure an authentic Australian experience.

Student Support Programs





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ELTHAM College has experienced professionals who care for your child, support them, and monitor their academic, social and personal development.

ENGLISH PATHWAYS AND AUSTRALIAN PERSPECTIVES

English Pathways is a unique class offered by ELTHAM College which allows students to consolidate English language on the school campus. This extra English language support will assist students to settle into classes more quickly and will form part of their academic and social orientation program. In English Pathways students progress at their own rate, gradually transitioning into mainstream classes.

Australian Perspectives provides an opportunity for students to build on their familiarity of Australian society and culture through both on-campus classes and extended out-of-school activities. The overall aim of the subject is to introduce students to Australian culture and lifestyle, as well as providing opportunities for improving English language skills.



ACCOMMODATION

Unless living with an immediate relative, ELTHAM College students are housed by the College's successful Homestay Program. Homestay accommodation is available to students over the age of 13. Younger students may attend the College if living with an immediate family member.

Our Homestay families are drawn from the local community and many host families have had children who studied at ELTHAM College in the past. A Homestay environment is an invaluable part of the study abroad experience. It offers international students the opportunity to be part of a local family, speak English daily, and make in depth discoveries about the culture they are becoming a part of. Homestay providers are within 30 minutes of the College by public transport.

"Studying at ELTHAM College really gave me a different experience compared to studying at home. Teachers here act more like a friend, you can share everything with them, you can even talk about your personal life and they always give you advice. It's like a big family, you feel welcomed and loved. Because of that, studying made me happy; it was not a frustration for me anymore."

Venus Yang
Bachelor of Commerce,
The University of Melbourne,
Melbourne, Australia

2013 Graduate



Location

“When I just arrived in Australia ELTHAM College helped me to settle in easily. I learnt a lot at ELTHAM College, and not all of it was about studying. I also learnt how to achieve outside academics. This has helped me get where I am today.”

Michael Wang
 Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Engineering, The University of Melbourne.
 Currently a Team Leader at National Australia Bank, Melbourne, Australia
 2006 Graduate

ELTHAM College is located in the safe and accessible outer Melbourne suburb of Research. The district is well known for its natural and picturesque setting, with the College campus set on a hilly vantage point offering spectacular views across Melbourne towards the central business district.

Only 40 minutes from the city centre, international students are able to enjoy 40 hectares of Australia’s open spaces while still having easy access to a vibrant and multicultural city environment. Public transport options include train and bus services.





Growing hearts and minds

If you have any questions or would like more information, please get in touch.

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