ELTHAM COLLEGE GRADUATE WINS VICTORIAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to Shun Ming (Candice) Chang for being presented with the Year 12 Student Leadership Award at Parliament House in May.

Candice has been an outstanding contributor to ELTHAM College as a College Captain and has demonstrated significant potential as a leader of the future. As part of her role as College Captain, Candice participates in a range of activities including the Annual Workshop for the Board of Directors of the School. Her unique perspective has been most valuable in discussions concerning the future directions of the school. Candice’s involvement in decision making at the highest level in an educational organisation is testament to her remarkable capacity.

Candice was an active member of the Multicultural Reference Group and the International Students Committee. In these roles, Candice organised activities and experiences that strengthened the ties between local and international students at ELTHAM College. She spoke on behalf of international students at school graduation ceremonies and demonstrated her insight into intercultural communication and relationship building.

Candice’s leadership contributions were not restricted to her formal leadership roles at the college. She regularly assisted with school tours for prospective families and related well with both parents and students. She studied Japanese by distance education, and hosted a Japanese exchange student to further promote ties between the college and our overseas sister schools.

Candice’s candour and humour ensured that she was popular with her peers while she moved easily across different groups of friends with diverse cultural backgrounds. Perhaps her most powerful leadership contribution was her demonstrated commitment to building relationships and for working towards improvement in all areas of school and community life. Candice led by example and inspired many of our students to engage more fully with the school community.

Candice’s achievements include a number of awards which acknowledge her significant contributions to student leadership; these include the Magellan Logistics Customer Service Award and the Northern Business Achievement Award.

Candice receiving her award from the Hon. Martin Dixon MP, Minister for Education.
Making lunch and making friends

New students to the college were welcomed by members of Student Council and Multi-Cultural Reference Group in a collaborative lunch earlier this term. Students worked together to prepare the food and enjoyed the chance to get to know each other over a meal.

Sharing food has also been another interactive opportunity for our Bridging English students to meet with the youngest members of our school community in the Early Learning Centre.

Our Chinese New Year culture-swap culminated in a lunch of spring rolls made as a collaborative activity between Chinese and Australian students.

ELTHAM College Graduate Finalist in Victorian Young Achievers Awards

Congratulations to Catia Rizio (Class of 2011) for being selected as a semi-finalist in the Victorian Young Achievers Awards for 2013.

Catia Rizio was presented by The Hon Ryan Smith, Minister for Youth Affairs and Patron of the awards as a Semi Finalist in the Saward Dawson Community Service and Volunteering Award at the ceremony held at Etihad Stadium on Friday, 13th April. 340 guests attended the Gala event. Catia was an ELTHAM College Captain in 2011 and a founding member of the College Multicultural Reference Group. She was a leader for a senior student’s Community Day and a mentoring program for juniors. Catia is also involved in Youth Vision, and volunteered for 6 months in South and North America where she taught English to underprivileged children and spent time in a conservation reserve in the Amazon. Since graduating from ELTHAM College, Catia has been studying an Arts/Music degree at the University of Melbourne.
NJ Thai National Spelling Bee Winner – Nuntaruth (Rath) Chenboonthai

During Term 2 we had the pleasure of hosting Nuntaruth (Rath) Chenboonthai, the Thai National Spelling Bee Winner for 2012. Since winning the competition held last year, Rath has moved from Thailand to Malaysia to study at an International School there. Throughout his stay and studies at ELTHAM Rath participated in a wide variety of activities including attending the ELTHAM College Music Camp to Warburton where he played violin, and taking on the role of time-keeper at a swim meet with his homestay family the Batchelors. Rath was a great ambassador for Thai youth and we wish him all the best for his future studies!

ELTHAM College announces new Principal for 2014

At the end of this year our Principal, David Warner, will conclude 14 years of service as head of ELTHAM College. David is an inspirational leader and an innovative educator who has personally shaped the values and culture of the school.

When ELTHAM College was founded in 1973 it was a new concept in independent, co-educational schooling. We have always sought to go beyond average educational practice to foster the talents, confidence, initiative and passion for learning in every student. Under David’s leadership, ELTHAM has remained true to that vision. He has developed a truly student-centred culture and focused on equipping students with the skills they need in a changing world. David has set a direction for ELTHAM that will continue long beyond his term.

Although we still have seven months to go before the new school year, we want to share the exciting news that the board has selected a candidate to take on the role of principal from 2014. We have appointed Simon Le Plastrier, a highly experienced and enthusiastic educator who has worked in co-educational and single sex independent education for more than 30 years. Simon is currently the Deputy Principal of Trinity Grammar. He helped to introduce co-education at Ivanhoe Grammar and set up its Plenty campus. He has taught history, politics and drama. One of the reasons we selected Simon was that he clearly shares our school community’s core values and is committed to educational innovation and individual growth. There will be time for planning a transition program for Simon in the last part of this year.

The Board is thrilled by the appointment of Simon to ELTHAM, but we also want to take this opportunity to thank David for the professional and personal contributions he has made to this community since 2000, and continues to make. There will be many opportunities to celebrate David’s achievements in the next seven months as he continues to lead the school and help us prepare for this transition.

Incoming Principal 2014, Simon Le Plastrier

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Karen Lindner studying her PhD at Tsinghua University, Beijing

Karen Lindner, who has been a member of the International Students team for over 10 years, will be leaving ELTHAM College this semester. Karen has been studying her PhD at the University of Melbourne, and will be spending 12 months on exchange to Tsinghua University in Beijing investigating the expectations of international students entering Australian Secondary Schools. We wish Karen all the best as she works towards the completion of her PhD and look forward to hearing the results of her research!

Central Australia Camp

Three international students (Katalin Zheng from Guangzhou, William Chan from Hong Kong and Lucrezia Cornagliotto from Italy) joined a bus load of local students on an adventure to the centre of Australia at the beginning of the Term 2 break. The Central Trip is a valuable opportunity for students to spend time together outside the formal classroom environment, and each year strong friendships are formed. Katalin, William and Lucrezia had a great time!
Meeting Families in Malaysia at AEAS Exhibition

The ELTHAM College International Registrar, Jan Warwick, recently attended the AEAS Exhibition in Kuala Lumpur and Penang, Malaysia, to speak with prospective and existing families. We always value opportunities to connect with families and agents to ensure that our lines of communication remain strong.

ELTHAM College Alumni – Where are they now?

Since 1974, ELTHAM College has been preparing students to embrace the world beyond school and achieve their individual dreams. So where are our graduates now? Here are just a few of the many success stories our alumni have to tell.

Olive Li, Class of 2009
Bachelor of Commerce
University of Melbourne

Joy Zheng, Class of 2010
Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)
Actuarial Studies
President of the Chinese Music Group
University of Melbourne

Olive Li, graduating at the University of Melbourne

Joy Zheng (on the left) at her graduation ceremony