It is with pleasure that we acknowledge the Class of 2015.

Of the 109 students who took part in a scored VCE, 26 achieved an ATAR score better than 90 (top 10% of the state). If we include Year 11 students, 12.9% achieved study scores of 40 or better. We also had three perfect scores by Robert Anderson (English and Hospitality) and Sarah Starziczny (Sport and Recreation).

We would also like to congratulate Robert Anderson and Mitchell Brown who scored an ATAR above 99, with Robert’s score of 99.9 affording him the title ‘Dux of ELTHAM College’ for 2015.

Our top scoring international student was ZHENG Litao (Ryan) with an ATAR of 96.55, followed by YEUNG Chingyi (Venus) our 2015 International Student Captain with an ATAR of 91. EAL student Kaiwei Jin also gained an ATAR of 97.2.

While each student’s VCE score is important, so too are the life lessons they learned while at the College. We wish them well for the journey ahead.

“ELTHAM College offered me a lot of help in my study and life, so I was really excited and happy when I found out that I got the highest ATAR as an International Student. Also, I was very grateful for the education and help from ELTHAM College. I felt warm and friendly when I was studying in the ELTHAM College family. As for the future, the most important thing is to continue to work hard in university. I hope that one day I can be a successful businessman and have ability to return to my alma mater.”

– ZHENG Litao (Ryan), 2015 graduate
The Victorian International School Student Awards - Global Citizenship Finalist

The annual ‘Victorian International School Student Awards’ reward outstanding achievement and recognise and honour the unique, valuable and diverse contribution made by international students to the schools sector in Victoria. The awards are open to all international students in Years 11 and 12 in Victorian independent, Catholic and government schools.

We are thrilled to announce that ELTHAM College Year 12 student LIU Jixingzi (Cyn) has been selected as a finalist in the Global Citizenship category for 2015. This is the third time that an ELTHAM College student has been named as a finalist for these prestigious awards (CHANG Shun Ming (Candice) 2012 – Winner Year 12 Student Leadership Award, CAI Xiaoyin (Yulia) 2013 – Finalist and Commendation for Year 12 Student Leadership Award). In her short time at the College Cyn has participated in a wide range of activities, which were recently recognised with her appointment as a College Vice-Captain for 2016. Cyn’s influence as a positive role model for all students was evident from her early days at ELTHAM College. Cyn brings to her studies a conscientious and motivated approach to her learning and a passion for acquiring knowledge. She has a wide range of interests and ideas and she inspires others with her infectious love of life and care for others. We wish Cyn the best of luck at the awards ceremony to take place in May.

Students at the Next Generation Youth Forum: Kristin Brodie, Naomi Taranto, Cyn Liu and Emily Pendlebury

ELTHAM College Girls Soccer Team

Several of our Year 10 and 11 female international students have joined together with local students to represent ELTHAM College in soccer for EISM sport for this term. The team is coached by Phil Mullett (Sport Teacher) with the assistance of George Jelovski who is a former Socceroo (Men’s National Team) playing for Australia in the early 1990s. George is currently working as a coach with Melbourne City FC and with ELTHAM’s recent association with Melbourne City FC, we have access to coaches of this calibre. George is also currently assisting sport staff with Grade 5 and 6 Sport. The students are enjoying the opportunity of learning new skills and making new friends through sport. We wish them all the very best for the season ahead.

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Short Study Experience - CHEN Hongyi (Cherry)

In February we had the pleasure of having CHEN Hongyi (Cherry) come to ELTHAM College for a short study experience with our Year 1 cohort. This was a fantastic opportunity for both Cherry (who had also previously studied for one year in USA) and for our young ELTHAM College students, to gain an insight into life and study in another country and to meet new friends from different cultures and backgrounds.

Cherry thoroughly enjoyed her time at ELTHAM and hopes to return again with her family in the near future.

2016 - Year of the Monkey

This year ELTHAM College held a week-long celebration for Chinese New Year, which was great fun for all! Activities throughout the week ranged from spectacular Chinese Lion Dancers with a special guest appearance by our very own Ari Danaher-Flavell as the laughing Buddha (Ari learns traditional Chinese dancing outside of his studies at ELTHAM) to Chinese art, media and culture and the making of traditional red Chinese New Year decorations.

Our international students also showcased their talent for Chinese music, both traditional and modern, and we were treated to a special lunchtime concert with modern singing and traditional instrumental music. The exuberant and friendly cheering and clapping from the large crowd showed how much our local students appreciated the fine efforts of our international students.

The week-long event finished with Chinese food and drink and a traditional demonstration of a Chinese Tea Ceremony by LIU Qianhan (Iris) as pictured above.

The week concluded with our Principal Simon Le Plastrier once again opening his home to our international cohort for a BBQ dinner to celebrate this special event in the Chinese calendar.
ELTHAM Alumni - News from our Graduates

NG Yee Fan – Class of 2011
Bachelor of Design (Animation and Interactive Media) / RMIT University 2013 - 2015

Yee Fan studied at ELTHAM College from 2007 - 2011. During his time at ELTHAM he developed a passion for art and particularly, for animation. Yee Fan grew up watching Disney cartoons and Anime. He writes "when I was young, I loved watching animation and I did not know I could turn my interest into a career until I found out there is an animation course at RMIT University in Melbourne. The teachers at ELTHAM College helped me and gave good advice on how to gather a strong art portfolio and provided useful tips for the interview required to gain a place in my preferred course. After three years of university, I have gained the knowledge and the skill to make animated film. I am now able to make my own short film and tell my own story to global audiences. I’ll continue my career path and hope to one day work in a large animated film production.”

Who knows, perhaps one day we will see Yee Fan’s animations on the big screen in the future!

Brendan Canty – Class of 2010
2010 ELTHAM College graduate Brendan Canty has recently gained an eighth-place finish on Green Mountain on Stage 4 of the Tour of Oman.

Brendan is in his first full year as a professional cyclist, gaining a professional cycling contract with the Drapac team last year.

Brendan only took up cycling as a sport three years ago. Playing football and basketball in his youth, Brendan began running competitively at the age of 18. This led to a couple of years participating in triathlons before eventually committing to cycling.

"Not too many are aware of who I am or what I’ve done, being relatively new to the sport, but things have just been improving constantly so it’s exciting to see where things head in the future.”

We look forward to hearing of Brendan’s future successes in his chosen sport.

1 Information in this article was sourced from Cycling News 20 February, 2016
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Sue Larkey - Class of 1985
Educator and author on autism spectrum disorder
Sue won an international award for her work with teachers and parents who support children with autism spectrum disorder and has also written a number of books on the subject. Her passion was ignited during work experience in Year 10 at ELTHAM College. Sue spent time at a special school in Kew and knew she wanted to work with people with disabilities. After leaving ELTHAM, she completed a Diploma of Applied Science in Developmental Disabilities at Flinders University, Adelaide. She has a Masters in Special Education and is completing a Doctorate in Education. Sue writes, “ELTHAM gave me self-belief and instilled in me the belief that you should always have a go.”

Alex Holland – Class of 1992
Management Learning Executive
After graduating, Alex did a combined Arts and Science degree at Swinburne, majoring in Psychology while also studying Microbiology and Biochemistry. Her first job was with Banyule City Council in the organisational development group, where she worked across community relations, business development and customer service. Alex then moved to London and worked for global banking organisation, Citigroup. In 2006 she took on a senior role for the company in New York before joining JPMorgan Chase in 2011, where she is responsible for the design and deployment of management development programs for 40,000 managers globally. Alex says, “At ELTHAM, teachers cared about education; it was a rural oasis.”

Andrew Tupper - Class of 1985
Meteorologist
Andrew discovered meteorology through a science lecturer at the University of Melbourne who pointed out the links between weather, climate, society, culture, war and sustainability. He joined the Bureau of Meteorology in Darwin as a severe weather forecaster, climatologist and aviation forecaster. He was also the inaugural chair of the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority. Andrew returned to Melbourne in 2014 and heads the bureau’s National Operations Centre that provides weather prediction models, the tsunami warning service and volcanic ash advice for the aviation industry.

Andrew remembers, “At ELTHAM I learnt things that drove my career, such as maths, science and respect for the environment.”