A world of opportunity begins at ELTHAM
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.

“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!”

2013 graduate Yulia Cai:
Bachelor of Architecture, The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia
Our Middle Years 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 Middle Years 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 Middle Years 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 CAMPUS PROGRAM
The Year 9 City Campus 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 Campus 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 senior studies.

For international students the Year 9 City Campus Program is the perfect foundation for 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.

“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.”

2006 Graduate, Michael Wang
Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Engineering, The University of Melbourne. Currently a Team Leader at National Australia Bank, Melbourne, Australia
Senior Years encompass three years of study. 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 senior 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 Years at Year 10 level. This enables them to build a solid English language foundation and become comfortable in a new learning environment prior to commencing VCE. Senior Years 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.”

2014 Graduate Aria Yu
Bachelor of Science,
The University of Melbourne,
Melbourne, Australia
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 Senior 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 in the Senior Years 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!”

2005 graduate Robert Wu
Bachelor of Law,
Monash University,
Melbourne, Australia
We provide a peaceful, friendly and caring environment in which differences are applauded and global awareness is valued.

**LIFWORK**
The LifeWork Centre is a career resource hub located in the Senior Years 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.
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.”

2013 graduate Venus Yang
Bachelor of Commerce,
The University of Melbourne,
Melbourne, Australia
Location

“ELTHAM College was my foundation; I have only the fondest memories of the College.”

2005 graduate Betty Yanfei Zhou
Bachelor of Commerce,
The University of Melbourne,
Masters of Business Law,
Monash University,
Masters of Banking and Finance,
Monash University.
Currently a Project Analyst
at National Australia Bank,
Melbourne, Australia

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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