



## SEE THE EVOLUTION OF THE ELTHAM COLLEGE UNIFORM INSIDE!

### INTERVIEWING THE LOVELY LORELY MADDISON....

After 21 years of service, 2004 will see the end of an era for the College as it says goodbye to one of its most cherished, respected and colourful members of staff...Lorely Maddison.

A true Jill of all trades (the 'extras' lady, College Weekly editor, PA, secretary, chief ribbon handerouter at house athletics, aerobics queen - the list goes on...) Lorely has provided a continuous flow of positive energy around the campus.



Always smiling, Lorely has worked tirelessly - at times single handedly to keep the school running. Despite having been placed in almost a thousand locations - her presence is everywhere. More than one sigh of relief has been heard over the years by students hoping to run into Lorely for that much needed cuddle, tissue or TLC!

Lorely, what will be the hardest part for you when you finally say goodbye to the College?

*Hopefully it won't be goodbye but 'see you a little bit later'. I don't think I have actually acknowledged to myself the HUGE role that Eltham College has played in my life.*

When you first began, did you envisage being here for so long?

*Never! 21 years - that is such a long time but the scary thing is that is has gone SO quickly.*

Do you have a most memorable moment?

*Ummmmmm - seeing Ryan (in Grade 4 I think it was - which would make it 1986) raise the flag to signify the beginning of the school year*

What has been the biggest change you have witnessed?

*The growth of the College has been amazing. When you think about the fire engine that was parked in the driveway of the Principal's residence ready for use to the play areas that were (or were not) available - to look around now and see the development of the Senior Wing, the Hospitality Centre and the ovals - it is all wonderful. Not so sure about the decline of the uniform though - the stripes may not have been a fashion statement, but they were worn with great pride.*

The College has been a huge part of both you and your family's life (having sent both Reece and Ryan through), how do you plan to spend your time when you leave?

*Really looking forward to Reece and Jodie's wedding at the end of March, but after the excitement of that has subsided, I think there will be a grieving period when the realization of not sharing every day with people I really care about (and care about me) and a place that I have been passionate about for so many years. I will look forward to spending some more time in Queensland with the boys, more time with Lola (the accessory dog), the horses, but I think it won't be too long before I am looking for some work to support my addiction (clothes).*

And finally, what won't you miss?

*The B... DY College Weekly... I calculate about 840 editions... And I hated every one of them!*

**Lorely, on behalf of the thousands of us - students, parents and staff - that you have seen come and go, can we please say THANKYOU for giving us all so much time and help... the College simply won't be the same without you. You are a true lady and friend, and one that we will miss immensely.**

### 10 YEAR REUNION



It was with much anticipation that the Class of 1993 returned to the College for their 10 year reunion in November of last year. Held in the year twelve common room which had changed dramatically since we had all left, initial trepidation dissolved as old friendships quickly picked up where they had left off and new friendships

developed. After being reminded of old times by Colin Nightingale the festivities got into full swing, with almost 70 people attending.

**For a full story on the event, visit our website at [www.execs.org.au](http://www.execs.org.au)**

### 30 YEAR REUNION

February 29, 2004 saw a very enthusiastic group of 100 people gather at the College to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Commencement of Eltham College in 1974. As they toured the school the students, parents and staff of that first year marvelled at the facilities provided for the

and when Des took the microphone, it was soon apparent he had lost none of his old touch. The new Hospitality Centre across the road was a very appropriate venue for the afternoon tea and the sharing of many wonderful memories. A most successful day - wonder when we will do it again?



### 20 YEAR REUNION

May 1st 2004 arrived and so did many an ageless head to the Class of 1984, 20 year reunion. Although the senior wing was barely recognisable to most of us, many were pleased to see Serena Hobbs still wearing her school uniform, Russell Lath still centre stage and Kindy still as loud as ever.



Despite the occasional dreadlock or bald pate, most faces looked pretty much the same. Unlike the ten year reunion where school cliques were still strong, the 20 year reunion was a night of great mingling. Talk was not so much about weddings and parties this time, but more about photos of the kids and the old "Do you remember when...?" yarns. It was great to chat with Mr and Mrs Davey who came up from Geelong, Mr and Mrs Webber all the way from Adelaide, and new principal David Warner. Thankyou to all the other staff who were able to attend at very late notice and to the reunion committee, headed by Keith "Kekkers" McKechnie, for organising such a successful event. See y'all in ten years!!

# ELTHAM COLLEGE SCHOOL UNIFORMS



1974 First day at school



1980 Sea of Gold

## UNIFORM REGULATIONS 1981

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

All Eltham College students wear a distinctive but simple uniform, emphasising the school colours of the green, gold and brown. The aim is to be avoid preoccupation with, or disregard of dress and dress standards. Uniforms must be worn at all times. In the event of a genuine inability to do so any day, a note should be taken to the Headmaster's Office before school begins so that approval to be out of uniform can be given. Prolonged periods out of uniform will not be permitted.

All children are required to wear the official core uniform on many days during the year but approved options may be worn on other occasions.

Parents who wish to do so need only purchase the core uniform. Other optional items will never be specifically required.



1979 Green Jumpers

## FOOTWEAR REGULATIONS

- Shoes only (no boots over the ankles) are to be worn;
- Shoes must be regulation brown (dark tan or mid tan) leather shoes capable of being polished (no suede, or leather sneakers);
- No fancy trims (studs, leather thonging, coloured trim around the top) are allowed;
- Shoes laces must be plain brown;
- Dr Martens or brogue shoes are acceptable;
- Shoes are to be kept polished.

## GIRLS WINTER UNIFORM

Regulation Tartan Skirt. Skirt must be worn for Excursions and other special occasions.

Regulation Brown Corduroy Jeans. Fawn or Bottle Green interlock cotton briefs.

Regulation Aztec Gold Skivvy, cotton or polyester or regulation school blouse



1976 Short Skirts

2000 Long Skirts

The wearing of jewellery of any kind is not permitted. However plain silver or gold ear studs may be worn.

Early Learning Centre Children are required to wear uniform but this may include any on the necessary or optional lists for older children. There is no one compulsory list of items. The only items required for sport are one piece green bathers and a towel.



1998 Senior School Blazers and Ties

Since its inception 30 years ago, the Eltham College uniform has undergone substantial change. Moving with the times, the uniform has evolved into a more practical, durable and let's face it, more appealing collection for all. Looking back, who could forget some of the more "interesting" items, such as that green

towelling gym suit, yellow skivvies matched with brown duffle coats and the striped dresses! Take a trip down memory lane, and peruse this collection of photos and official uniform statements that illustrate the evolution of the Eltham College Uniform over the past 30 years.

## THE CURRENT COLLECTION

(Text taken from a brochure, early 1990's, marking the change to the current uniform.)

The College uniform is designed to reflect the school ethos, to be smart and fresh. It is intended to be suitable for both sexes and all age groups, to be practical and reasonably priced.

The uniform's various components allow for different moods and seasons. For younger students a comfortable informal look can be achieved, particularly in summer. For senior students, especially for ceremonial occasions, a more formal appearance is available.

## SUMMER UNIFORM

In a hot Melbourne summer, it's important students feel as cool and comfortable as possible.

The College summer uniform has been designed to be stylish and cool, combining a distinctive appearance with practicality. Care was taken to produce garments containing natural fibres where possible. The designs reflect the environment and are Australian made.

Older boys may wear either long or short pants while the girl's dress design is intended to suit all ages.

Junior students have the option of wearing a College Tee shirt and shorts as an alternative to the dress/shirt and pants combination. A legionnaire type cap is mandatory to protect sensitive young skins from sun damage.

Easily washed in cool water and drip dried, the uniform can be cleaned and dried overnight.

Eltham's environment is reflected in the choice of colours. Eucalyptus green, charcoal brown, rust and silvery grey mirror the College's natural surrounds. For practicality bone grey rather than white is the base colour.

Students are expected to care for and to wear the uniform properly. Clothes should be in good condition, neatness of clothing indicates personal self-respect and respect for the community of the College.

## WINTER UNIFORM

The smartness and flexibility of the College uniform is perhaps most apparent in Winter.

For senior girls a warm tartan skirt featuring the subtle rural tonings of Eltham is combined with an attractive sage green jumper, vest or cardigan and bone blouse.

Senior boys wear a long sleeved bone coloured shirt with a sage green jumper, vest or cardigan set off by charcoal - brown tailored trousers and belt.

Year 11 and 12 boys and girls both add a smart sage green College blazer and tie creating a mature, elegant overall appearance.

Primary girls and boys wear a similar uniform to senior students but have the option of a bone coloured skivvy in place of the shirt. Girls may choose charcoal brown trousers instead of the College tartan skirt if they wish.



1978 Prep School Sports Day

## WARDROBE COMMITTEE MINUTES 1979 Proposals for consideration.

After a number of consultations with female members of the Sports Staff and other interested staff members, as well as selected canvassing of opinion from senior girls, the following recommendations are submitted for consideration:-

1. To phase out the jump suits in 1980-81 in favour of:

- Women's sports brief (pref. green)
- V-necked (gold) T. shirt with green trim
- A wraparound skirt in the same material as the sports briefs. This must be used for inter-school matches.

The uniform is to be used for intra as well as inter-school sport. Prep to Grade 2 retain gold T shirts and white shorts. It is suggested that stripes be awarded for merit on selection to an inter-school team. These to be affixed to the skirt. A distinctive Eltham College stencil be available for the T shirt

2. Possibility of making available an economic school track suit to be canvassed by the wardrobe committee.



1987 Cross Country



1987 Athletics



1991 Polyester Track Suits



1988 Girls sport Uniform

## UNIFORM HIGHLIGHTS IN THE 80'S

**Junior & Senior Girls Summer** -  
- Wattle green and off white summer dress.  
- Wattle green V neck pullover.  
- Short fawn socks with brown shoes

**Junior Boys Summer** -  
- Wattle green and off white striped open necked shirt with wattle green V neck pullover.  
- Brown boxer type shorts.  
- Short fawn socks with brown shoes.

**Senior Boys Summer** -  
- Shirt, Shoes and pullover as above.  
- Bone walk socks and brown tailored shorts.



1989 Senior Football

**Junior & Senior Girls Winter** -  
- Grey, green, gold and brown tartan pinafore frock.  
- Aztec gold skivvy with V neck pullover.  
- Green panty hose with brown shoes.

**Junior & Senior Boys Winter** -  
- Aztec gold skivvy with V neck pullover.  
- Brown trousers, brown socks and brown shoes.

## THE CURRENT SENIOR UNIFORM



2004 College Captains

*'Biogs' are gathered via Reunion feedback and web diary entries on the ExEC web site.  
Enter or update your own 'biog' at [www.execs.org.au](http://www.execs.org.au)*

## CLASS OF '84 REUNION

### Michael James Kruger

Michael entered EC in year seven and left in 1982 after year ten. He went on to complete a Bachelor of Business in computing and information systems at RMIT. Michael has travelled around Europe and Australia, but is still living in Eltham and is now an IT manager. To his current knowledge he has no children but is devoted playing tennis, gardening and is a model collector.

### Andrew Stuart

Andrew attended EC from year seven through to twelve, going on to Melbourne University to study Commerce. He has worked overseas in Tokyo, New York, and London and now lives in Sydney where he is an executive for Goldman Sachs JB Were. Andrew enjoys sailing in his free time; when he is not looking after his three girls, Aisha, Allegra and Domenica.

### Caroline Ritchie (nee Carter)

Caroline entered EC in year seven and left after year 11. She now works as a communications officer at Shell Australia in Geelong. Caroline has been married to her husband Cameron since 1999 and they now have two daughters; Chloe and Jessica. Caroline's two passions (outside her family) are off-road racing and AFL football.

### Katherine Louise Tinkler

Katherine began at EC in year seven and left after year 11 in 1983. She now lives in the states with her husband and two children Zoe (7) and Thomas (6). Katherine has also lived in the UK and Europe for several years; she will return to Sydney in 2006. Katherine's sporting interests currently centre on her children's weekend activities which include soccer, baseball and horseriding.

## CLASS OF '74 REUNION

### Nigel Bertram

Nigel began at EC in 1974 at grade one, he left 9 years later after year 10. He went on to study architecture at Melbourne University and RMIT as well as working in a Tokyo architectural practice for two years. Nigel is currently a director of NMBW architecture studio in Melbourne and has a baby son named Roy.

### Fiona Head (nee McIntosh)

Fiona came to EC in 1974 for year seven and left after year eleven in 1978. She is currently a social support activities worker for the shire of Yarra Ranges, who also enjoys netball and circus acts! Fiona has two children, Jessica (16) and James (12), and is active in her community at the Wandin Day Centre.

### Arthur Thomas

Arthur began at EC at grade five in the foundation year, leaving in 1978 after year nine. He is an engineering sub contractor by trade, having been trained as a boilermaker. Arthur is married with six children; Chevie-Lee (16), Meggie (14), Jenna (12), Keely (10), Abbie (7) and Liam (4).

### Cathy Elliott (nee Sharpe)

Cathy began at EC in grade seven in the foundation year, graduating in 1979. She went on to study science and geology at Melbourne University, before working for BHP and as CEO of an internet startup.

### Karen Zylstra

Karen went on and studied hotel and catering management before moving into PA work for managing directors. She moved to Sydney at the start and got married in 1991 but came back to Melbourne in 1994 when she were expecting number one (Sarah). Number two (Andrew) came along 20mths later! Karen will be celebrating 13 years of marriage, by the 20 year reunion. She has been a fulltime mum for the last 8 years, but is starting to venture back into the work force again now the kids are both at school. She and her family love camping and go most long weekends, over summer and for Easter, as well as enjoying walking, running and riding.

## WEB DIARY ENTRIES

### **Matthew Harding (Class of '87)**

Extract from Matthew's web diary entry Thu Jun 05 2003:

"I am still involved in music - playing and recording, and releasing the occasional CD, although music super-stardom continues to elude me. My goal of becoming a Rock Star when I grow up is slowly falling by the wayside, and being replaced with becoming a property magnate when I grow up...but perhaps I should just concentrate on growing up first? I still count Simon Lancaster (recently returned from 5 years in London) and Phoebe Briggs (currently living between Sydney and Melbourne), who both finished Year 12 in 1987 with me, as my best friends."

When he is not playing music, or spending time with his wife and children, Matthew works for the National Australia Bank as a computer programmer.

### **Rebecca Lyons (class of '93)**

Sun Sep 19 2004: After I left EC at the end of 1990 I went to Tintern and completed my VCE there. I finished my Bachelor of Business at RMIT in 1997. Part of that involved an exchange to Bentley College in Boston, MA in the second half of 1997. I worked for a year in Melbourne then left for London with my fiance and temped for a while to fund my travels. In June 2000 I returned to Melbourne to get married (in December, 2000 to Rohan Murphy) but soon after returned to London where I lived for another couple of years before relocating to New York City where I am now. Not sure how long I will be here, only time will tell!

### **Jayne Brown (class of '94)**

Fri Nov 12 2004: Currently living and working in Switzerland. I moved here after getting married in 2003. Very happy, very cold!!! Its snowing already and its only November. We live in a town called St Gallen, located in north-eastern Switzerland. I am learning German, walking up mountains and eating cheese and chocolate.

### **Emma Wade (class of '97)**

Fri Jun 11 2004: Hi Guys, Well, we're in our 7th year out of school and I'm (wait for it...) STILL AT UNI!!! I've completed an undergraduate degree in Psychology (3 years); then did my honours in Psych (1 year); then did a Masters degree in Psych (Educational and Developmental Stream - 2 years); and have decided that just isn't enough study, so have just begun the 1st year of a 3 year PhD (you guessed it - in Psychology). Got a scholarship to do the PhD - so I'm now essentially being paid

to go to uni. I've also done tutoring and some research assistant work. Outside of uni, I still catch up with lots of the old EC folk (Clare Vizec, Zoe Foster, Jess Provan, Sarah Kauppinen, Casey Andrews etc). Would love to hear from people, so feel free to email me anytime... Cheers, Emma

### **Michael Davies (class of '98)**

Mon Jan 05 2004: Job-wise, I'm currently developing console games (Playstation 2 and XBox) at a company called That Game in Carlton. I love my job... but we all knew I'd end up in geekville anyway, so no real surprises. I was previously working on a first-person shooter called Ice Nine (<http://www.icenine.info>) but it got canned after 18 months of work on it. Talk about frustrating! Damn real world. But enough of this geeky talk. I'm currently living in sunny St Kilda (at the top of Chapel St, right behind the Astor baby!) with 2 friends from Melbourne University. Check out my web site at [www.4bitterguys.com](http://www.4bitterguys.com). It's funny. If you do check it out, Miles is my flat mate. We both went out with identical twins for a while. It was really weird and funny.

### **Jannie Hodgson (class of '87)**

Tue Apr 08 2003: Attended Glenormiston Agricultural College 1988-90 (Assoc. Dip. Horse Management) where I met my future husband. Married in 1992 and bought a farming property at Darlington in the Western Districts of Victoria. We currently run a prime lamb enterprise, along with an agricultural contracting business, and extensive hay and crop production. Horses are a continuing interest that gets juggled around with the farming and our two children, Roy (7yrs) and Alison (5yrs).

### **Jonathan Deragon (class of '93)**

Sat Oct 23 2004: After Eltham College, I started my career in Information Technology, working for a range of companies including DMR Group and TAB for my 4 years I remained in Australia. I then moved back to Canada (yes, it was very COLD coming back here) where I continued working in a number of technology related consulting companies such as JSL, IBM and CMI (basically any company with an acronym based name!). Eventually I kicked my home business into high gear and now run Visca Consulting which has thankfully turned out to be the right decision, as it has worked out very well. I now live in a condo in downtown Toronto, have a group of good friends, single and having fun dating, and life overall I very good. I actually came back to Australia around a year ago and visited friends and family (who are still here) and it was very nice to be back. I plan to return to Australia again in 2005. The opportunity to catch up with any of you by email or in person when I visit would be excellent. Take care, and I truly hope everyone is well and living a good life!

## INSIDE ExECS

**Missing in Action** - Have you lost touch with old EC friends over the years? So have we! Our website now features a 'Missing in Action' page listing those stray members with whom we have lost contact. If you know any of these lost souls, we would appreciate any help you can give us in getting in touch.

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## COMING EVENTS

### ExECS ANNUAL DINNER 2005

**All Alumni Welcome!**

March 18th 2005  
Eltham College Hospitality Training Centre  
Fantastic Food, Entertainment  
and a  
Special Guest to be advised!

Keep this date free in your calendars  
More info on this event early in the New Year

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