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Dear Principal

Casey Student Leaders Reception 2019



It is my pleasure to invite your school to participate in Council's annual reception to celebrate the appointment of School Captains and Student Leaders from across the City of Casey.

With her vibrant personality & positive attitude Elka Whalan (nee Graham) has enjoyed a successful media career after representing Australia as a dual Olympian in the pool and multiple medallist.

She has been a regular on Channel 7 Sunrise discussing news and lifestyle topics, Elka also hosted the popular Live Well series also on Channel 7.

An engaging MC and motivational speaker, Elka talks to companies, clubs, schools and teams with her "Be a first rate you not a second rate someone else" inspiring speeches.

Her stellar swimming career saw her reach world #1 in her freestyle events bringing home medals from Olympics, World Championships & Commonwealth Games.

Elka lives in Sydney with her husband 4 times Olympian Thomas Whalan (water polo) and her 4 young children. In 2016 Elka has started "Queenhood for the woman who knows her worth", empowering, uplifting and encouraging all women to unite and support one another

This Year will be also hearing from a local Paralympian. Emma Booth is an Australian Paralympian who competed at her first Games in Rio, 2016.

Her raw talent was clear early on and in 2011 she accepted a job in Germany riding and training horses for International dressage rider Holger Schulze.

Emma's equestrian ambitions were put on hold in 2013 when she was involved in a near-fatal car accident causing serious injury to her spinal cord, resulting in paraplegia. Other injuries included a basilar skull fracture, compound fracture of her left ankle, bleeding on the brain and abdominal trauma.

Six months later, Emma found the strength to return to riding. Learning of her options as a Para-equestrian, she set her sights on selection for the 2016 Australian Paralympic Team.

Four elected/appointed student leaders from your school, accompanied by up to two members of staff or parent/guardians, are invited to attend the reception. All students attending the reception will be presented with a 2019 City of Casey Student Leaders lapel pin.

Date: Thursday 21 March 2019
Time: 4.15 pm to 7.30 pm
Venue: Bunjil Place Theatre, 2 Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren

Tickets/registration:

<http://shop.bunjilplace.com.au/deeplink.aspx?token=slreception>

Registration closes Thursday 14 March unless booked out prior. For further information please contact Kara Bell, Youth Events Officer Youth Events Officer, on 9792 7027 or email kbell@casey.vic.gov.au

Yours faithfully



Cr Amanda Stapledon
Mayor
City of Casey