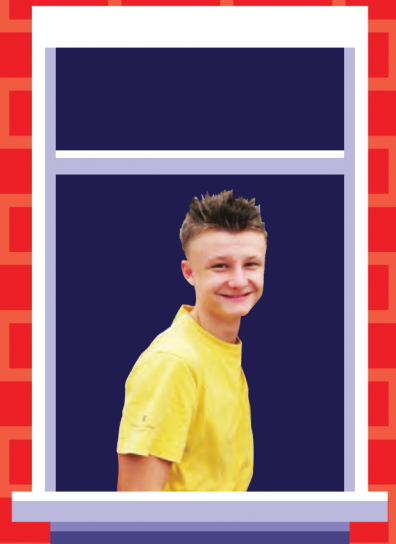
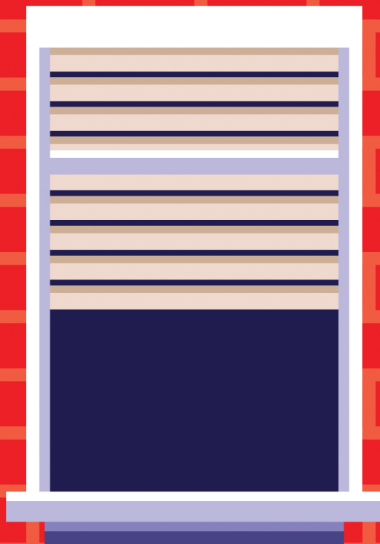




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# Message from



*Mrs. Chong*  
HEAD OF SECONDARY

**2020** has been a challenging year for all of us, some more so than others. But whatever we each experienced, I am proud to say that those featured in this edition of Present Perfect have endured, overcome and maintained their positivity in the face of hardships, personally and professionally.

Taking this annual trip down memory lane has been a poignant trip this year as our alumni have shared their heartfelt thoughts and feelings about school, a safe haven from the turmoil of the world of today. In this cocoon of friendships, safety and to a

very real extent, happiness, our alumni and former teachers have been able to reflect on how the values they have learned and the friendships they have forged at school have been a foundation for their life today.

While 2020 will be known as the year of the pandemic (perhaps in capital letters, but I refuse to make it so), it is for many of us, a year for reflection and reassessment of who we are. The values that we try to teach all students at [elc](#) are an intrinsic part of how we deal with life, when our young graduates leave this cocoon of warmth and security to face a whole new world of opportunities.

Certainly, academic grades are important but only in getting you to the next step. What you do with the opportunities that come knocking on your door will determine how you succeed in life. All too often, success refers to having a particular status in life, a specific job or even the amount of money you have accumulated. At [elc](#), success is what you have made of yourself and for yourself; it is a life you are happy to have after having come through different obstacles.

In these pages, you will see that our alumni form different strands and layers of the society they live in today. We are so very proud of them and who they are today! We also have two former teachers from the 'Taman Tun' days reminiscing about their time at [elc](#) - I am truly glad that they took the time to share their thoughts with us.



# Amanda Lian Jia Wei

WHILE AT elc

STUDIED AT elc FROM  
2008-2012

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

DID elc GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

I feel that growing up with friends from different backgrounds and ethnicities has given me the ability to interact with anyone easily. By having to participate in many group projects at school, I learned how to work efficiently and effectively as part of a team.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

English - Having to write descriptive essays gave me an outlet to let my imagination run free. I really loved that language can be used to paint a vivid picture in the reader's mind. When I come across some of my old essays back home, a sense of nostalgia and a tinge of sadness come over me as I realise that I am now unable to write as well as I once did in elc.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT elc?

Lively, Inspiring, Warm



LIFE AFTER elc

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Glasgow, UK

COURSE STUDIED

Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Medicine and Surgery.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Working as a veterinary surgeon in the UK. A normal day for me is like an emotional rollercoaster. I can go from cuddling a new puppy in for its first vaccine to consoling an owner while they say their goodbye to their old arthritic cat.

CURRENT LOCATION

East Anglia, United Kingdom

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO elc, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Nothing

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT elc STUDENTS?

Enjoy every single event (Sports Day, Science Day, Interact Night) with your friends! Grades are important, but studying never ends - not even after you've gotten a job! So let nothing hold you back from taking part in everything because all the memories you'll take with you are the fun times you've had doing something.





# Ashley Bernadette Thomazios

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM  
1998-2008

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

When I was in Primary, we used to have these huge musicals every year, led by the Music teacher, Mr Martin. He was flamboyant and creative. The musicals felt like Broadway with all the costumes and colourful props. I would always eagerly look forward to this, some of the best times were with my friends. We would do each other's make up and rehearse lines together; a memory I will always keep with me.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

A life lesson that has stuck with me until today from [elc](#) is, firstly, discipline; a code of behaviour that I learnt from my teachers and structure of the values we were always asked to uphold. This has always made me maintain the same structure and discipline in my life today. Secondly, at first if you don't succeed, try again and never settle for less. Perseverance is something I also took away after leaving [elc](#), I was not an 'A' student, but the environment I had in school never deterred me from aiming high and pushing myself to be better.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

English Literature was my favourite subject, absolutely loved the stories and the scenes we studied. I loved writing about Shakespeare and Julius Caesar. We would do role plays and act out the big scenes in class which I always looked forward to. The cultures I learned in Literature and language used fascinated me and always kept me intrigued.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?  
Special, Prestigious and Awesome



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

KDU College, PJ  
University of Wolverhampton  
Taylors University

COURSE STUDIED

Diploma in Mass Communications  
Degree in Broadcasting & Journalism  
Masters in Teaching & Learning

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Currently teaching Year 4 in British International School, Kuala Lumpur. I also have my own business with my husband, we run a football academy on the weekends.

CURRENT LOCATION

Malaysia

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#), WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

The usual response any past student would say, I would have studied and worked harder :) Jokes aside, If I could go back and do things differently, I would participate more in the extra-curricular activities as, [elc](#) always offered a wide variety of fun activities and I wish I would have taken advantage of them more.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Cherish and enjoy your school life; as your life progresses through different stages, I assure you none will be like your schooling life. So treasure each moment and don't take it for granted. Especially at [elc](#), I always felt safe and well-supported, surrounded by my teachers and peers.

# Laryn Lim Sing Ny

WHILE AT elc

STUDIED AT elc FROM  
2000-2005

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF  
YOUR TIME AT elc?

A lizard fell onto me in the middle of Mrs Kaloo's  
speech during an assembly.

DID elc GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT  
SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

To always put 100% into everything you do and know  
that you've done your best.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Design Technology was my favourite subject as we  
were always working on fun and creative projects  
such as building bridges and developing our own  
board games!

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT elc?

Grateful, joyful and fun



LIFE AFTER elc

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

KDU College, PJ  
Murdoch University, Western Australia

COURSE STUDIED

Bachelor of Marketing and the Media

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Personal Trainer; Fitness Educator for the Australian  
Women's Fitness Academy

CURRENT LOCATION

Perth, Western Australia

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO elc, WHAT  
WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Stress less about exams (you remember things better  
with a calmer mind).

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT elc STUDENTS?

Always stay positive and don't be afraid to ask your  
teachers for any help or support.



# Chan Sue Ann

WHILE AT elc

STUDIED AT elc FROM  
2002-2011

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT elc?

I loved how the canteen assembly area transformed into a dance floor for Interact Nights. It always felt slightly surreal seeing everyone shed their school uniforms and slip into party clothes. I would often turn up with black lipstick and frizzy hair. I was an oddball, both on the dance floor and off it. But elc always made me feel welcomed and accepted. I had an amazing group of friends that I'm still in contact with. We're now in different countries, but every now and then, I think of the simple times, dancing to mid-2000s hits in the school canteen.

DID elc GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

My time at elc taught me to:

1. Persevere, as cheesy as that sounds. This is one of the most valuable life skills.
  2. Hone and embrace my 'weirdness'. This helped me carve a niche for myself in my career!
- Here's an extra life lesson from Ms Sheela to younger me: "Don't ever pretend to be dumb". She was so right— 'smart' is cool.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

English literature and art! Getting creative, putting on plays, painting with my hands, etc were some of the best parts of school. These are things every adult should make time for too.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT elc?  
Alive, distinct, happy.



LIFE AFTER elc

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Melbourne, Australia

COURSE STUDIED

Media and Communications

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I'm a poet/artist and a corporate copywriter. My poetry covers all the tiny heartbreaks of daily life and womanhood (I illustrate them too!) Follow me on Instagram: @poemsbysuri

Professionally, I work as a content producer for Suncorp Group. I write articles and product copy for their various insurance and banking services—I basically demystify/spice up dusty financial concepts like home loans and credit scores. Our campaigns have been featured on Australian TV (and in local parades)!

CURRENT LOCATION

Melbourne, Australia

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO elc WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I would:

1. Savour my time—school goes by so quickly. It really does!
2. Preserve more old notebooks and school things.
3. Spend more time thinking about life after high school—what my personal goals were, what I truly wanted. I would have gotten a head start on my passions!

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT elc STUDENTS?

High school (sadly) doesn't last forever. Try to live with that in mind.



# Daniel Lee Adams

## WHILE AT elc

STUDIED AT elc FROM  
2001-2012

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT elc?

I feel like the most memorable story I had at elc was when we went on one of the field trips. On the way back to school on the bus, I was sleeping at the back, lying down and as the school bus turned a corner in a residential area, the emergency exit door flew open, letting me fly straight onto the road. Surprisingly, I was still asleep when I hit the tarmac. I went to hospital and that story comes up at least once or twice a year ever since in random conversations I have.

DID elc GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

I think that school in general shapes you into the adult that you are - it teaches you social and discipline skills, and prepares you for appropriate behaviour in higher education and the real world. elc was a huge part of my life, seeing as I attended elc for 11 years; the majority of my youth surrounded this establishment. I learnt how to be sociable and how to make friends. I learnt a lot about responsibilities and how to manage my time more effectively. I think one of the most important things I learnt was to be humble - whether you're doing well in life or you've just achieved a huge milestone, to always be humble to yourself and to the people around you. And that is the biggest achievement is being able to stay down to earth and to be respected for just being a nice person.



## LIFE AFTER elc

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Alice Smith International School, KL  
Falmouth University, UK

COURSE STUDIED

BA (Hons) in Photography

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Freelance Photographer

CURRENT LOCATION

Kuala Lumpur

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO elc, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I think I would go back and try to be more creative and involved in things - whether it be music or sports or the arts. I don't think I utilised the opportunities that presented themselves to me enough. I was very focused on my studies but I should have taken up a hobby or a sport to balance out my life a little bit better. Once you're out of education and you don't necessarily have the facilities at your fingertips, you realise how much you take these things for granted.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT elc STUDENTS?

Be more involved in school life and don't take education for granted. Not just because your parents are paying a large sum of money for you to study and learn with an establishment of a high standard, but because school teaches you a lot more than the subjects that you're being taught. Once you go to university or get a job, you'll start to realise the skills you have or have developed, be they your writing skills, social skills or the way you're able to present yourself in a specific manner to a client, have all been shaped by the place that you studied in for all these years.



# Emily Mei-Ling Pearce

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM  
2003-2013

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

There are honestly so many! I really enjoyed like the time we went to Vietnam for the FOBISSEA Music Festival in 2012. Getting to know and working alongside other international schools and their students at the festival was such a cool experience, plus the food in Vietnam was incredible. I personally enjoyed partaking in the Performing Arts Day competitions. My House at the time (Green House) loved the challenges set in each activity and we always gave it our all. And of course getting to be a part of the 25th Anniversary Musical as a Stage Manager (held at KLPAC) was a massive highlight for me. It essentially kickstarted my dream to work in theatre, which is the reason why I'm now a professional Stage Manager in London.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

[elc](#) taught me to embrace diversity and this is going to sound incredibly cheesy but [elc](#) gave me the gift of true friendship. Honestly, the people I met there have shaped me (and have continued to shape me) through the majority of my life. The fact that I keep in touch with most of the people in my year still is a testament to how much we all value each other.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

I loved learning History during my primary and early secondary years. My curiosity always got the better of me whenever I was learning about the ancient Greeks or the Aztecs. For my IGCSEs I thoroughly enjoyed dissecting stories and poems with Mrs. Chong during my English Literature classes.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?  
Well-rounded, spirited and nostalgic.



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama, UK

COURSE STUDIED

BA (HONS) Theatre Practice – Stage Management and Technical Theatre

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

As a creative freelancer, I tend to work on multiple projects at a time. Pre-COVID 19, I was working part time at the Apollo Victoria Theatre, home to the musical 'Wicked'. Apart from that, I was scheduled to be an Assistant Stage Manager for an off-West End theatre show at The Park Theatre in Finsbury Park. For the summer, I was scheduled to work behind the scenes at the BST Hyde Park Festival in Central London. However due to the global pandemic, the live entertainment industry has been struggling to keep afloat due to the lack of support from the government. In the meantime, I've been lucky enough to have been offered a job at the Garrick Theatre where we are all waiting for the government to give us the green light to open the shows 'Death Drop' and 'Potted Panto' at the beginning of December.

CURRENT LOCATION

London, United Kingdom

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#) WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I would probably stop comparing myself to my peers a whole lot more and just concentrate on what was important to me. My self-confidence definitely needed some work back then. I think I was especially self-conscious when it came to finding my strengths and I have no doubt that if I stopped worrying a lot earlier, I would have come into my own much sooner.

# Mohamad Faizal Bin Lhe Mohd Din

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM  
1998-2003

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

A valuable skill that I learned in [elc](#) and carried through to higher education was how to think critically. We were constantly encouraged to challenge current schools of thought and taught to think outside the box. This solid foundation has cultivated confidence to advocate for myself in the workspace and continues to support my career when working with colleagues and clients.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

"We are not makers of history. We are made by history." – Martin Luther King

Learning history and the evolution of humankind through the ages was my favourite subject. History re-tells the story of how the world works which continues to excite me till today.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

1. Memorable
2. Exciting
3. Sentimental



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

RMIT University

COURSE STUDIED

Bachelor of Business Management  
Master of Commerce  
MBA

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Organization Development Consultancy

CURRENT LOCATION

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#), WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

There is nothing I would change. I have made life-long friends, participated in sports I love, and learned valuable knowledge from inspirational teachers. The experience has shaped me to who I am today.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Time passes quickly. Make the most of your time in [elc](#). Listen to the teachings of your teachers. Be kind and respectful to everyone because the world is smaller than we think. You never know when you will cross paths again.



# Farhan Ahmad Bin Muhammad Iqbal

## WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM  
1998-2009

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

One of my most vivid memories attending [elc](#) was being given the opportunity to compete in the FOBISSEA U-15 Games and travelling to Taipei. Looking back, it was such an amazing experience being able to travel and engage with students that were in the same team but had completely different experiences.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

I think one of the most valuable lessons I learnt while at [elc](#) was the ability to be understanding and accepting of all people. The world is such a large melting pot of people from all walks of life and I think it helped me learn how to be a global citizen.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Biology was definitely my favorite subject because it was fascinating learning about how efficient and complex plants and humans actually are.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

Exciting, challenging and fun.



## LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Arizona State University, USA

COURSE STUDIED

Biological Sciences

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I am currently working for Banner Health which is the largest healthcare system in the state of Arizona. I work in their clinical laboratory as a technician, testing patient specimens in Chemistry, Hematology and Urinalysis. In my free time, I am also a licensed pilot and fly small aircraft like Cessna 172's

CURRENT LOCATION

Phoenix, Arizona, USA

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#) WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I honestly wouldn't change a thing.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

My advice to anyone in [elc](#) right now would be to try and break out of your comfort zone and do as many things as you can to challenge yourself and gain valuable life experience. You never know how it could help you in the long run.



# Kaberi Dutta

## WHILE AT elc

STUDIED AT elc FROM  
2009-2012

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT elc?

There are so many, it's hard to narrow it down! Despite initial reservations, I had so much fun at Homestay (compulsory for all Malay students) that a group of us convinced Puan Zanariah to let us go back again in Year 11! Another highlight (which, to be fair, is more of a collection of memories than a single one) was being Red House Captain. I have very fond memories of the people in my House and being Captain gave me the opportunity to get to know so many people across all year groups – as well as the chance to channel my Type A tendencies into organising various events...

DID elc GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

I think this is something I definitely learnt in hindsight, but you only get what you ask for and work for. Rarely in life do things come easy and the best things tend to take the most effort. Be proactive. Also, pick your battles!

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Literature, because of Mrs Chong (duh!). Kidding aside, Mrs Chong was hands down my favourite teacher and taught in an incredibly comprehensive and well-rounded way that truly made the subject come to life. I'd always loved reading but taking Literature at IGCSE was the beginning of a continuing love of mine. Other than Lit, I weirdly loved Geography – still not sure why, but still do.



## LIFE AFTER elc

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS),  
University of London

COURSE STUDIED

BA Law and Social Anthropology

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I recently finished a graduate programme in Corporate Affairs at Heineken that allowed me to live in both Singapore and Cambodia for six months, which was an amazing experience. I'm now changing up my skill-set and working for a risk management consultancy to get some more experience in a different field.

CURRENT LOCATION

Kuala Lumpur

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO elc, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Work harder!

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT elc STUDENTS?

Make the most of your time and seeing your friends everyday (doesn't happen when you get older) and be kind.





# Karthikk Gopinath

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM  
2001-2006

NATIONALITY  
Canadian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

Most of my memorable stories at [elc](#) involves the friends I made at school. To this day I return to my memory of our 2 night-stay at Taman Negara for our biology class excursion. Fortunately, all my close friends were a part of the trip. Although there was rich learning to be had, it was the laughter, the bonds, and the moments we shared that have stayed with me till this day.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

[elc](#) taught me that the world is full of structures and systems in place, that I can acknowledge respectfully. At the same time, I learned to remain true to myself and my beliefs.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Design & Technology - as it is the subject that triggered my passion for design and to pursue a career in architecture.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?  
Discipline, Camaraderie and Connection



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Humber Institute of Technology, BCIT, AU

COURSE STUDIED

Architecture, Earth Architecture and Construction Management

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Architect

CURRENT LOCATION

Vancouver, Canada

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#) WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I believe in living my life with no regrets. Hence, I would not do anything differently.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Cherish your friendship because they will be some of your lifelong friends.



# Lee Ean Yen

WHILE AT **elc**

STUDIED AT **elc** FROM  
1993-2002

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT **elc**?

I enjoyed School camps/excursions especially when I was in Year 10 and 11 - I went on the class trip for a week to somewhere in Taiping.

DID **elc** GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

I was a slow learner and a weak student (in my studies) because of my hearing disability. Ut even if I didn't get the 'B's or scholarship in my studies, it wass not the END of my future. I learnt to stand strong and not to look at myself as a failure. Whatever thing I didn't like of myself, I would change and improve myself. I never stopped learning so whatever opportunity comes my way now, I would see it as a challenge and I have to finish it well.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Art and sports. I am not the type of person who can sit still; I like moving around and keeping myself busy. Art is like therapy, it helped me to explore, expand my creativity and stay focus I put my passion into my artwork. It made me happy after I completed my work , making me pretty proud of it and myself.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT **elc**?  
Challenging and patience



LIFE AFTER **elc**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

The One Academy; Deakin University, Australia

COURSE STUDIED

Digital animation and graphic design

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Cafe owner in Melbourne

CURRENT LOCATION

Melbourne, Australia

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO **elc**, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I don't look back in time, only focus on moving forward. I don't have to go back to do things differently, I can do things differently for the future.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT **elc** STUDENTS?

NEVER FEEL THAT YOU ARE A FAILURE. Be strong, confident and love yourself. Please be KIND, CARING AND LOVING to others - you will be grateful and blessed by how many friends there will be for you.

Have a good attitude - you will be surprise by how small the world is. Be humble and never stop learning, you will have a larger vision. Do not be afraid to fail or make mistake for this will make you stronger.





# Lee Yi Ying

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM  
1999-2002

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

I had lots of fond memories at [elc](#) - Like the end of year school dance performance where my year did a choreographed dance to Grease, prom nights, running stalls for our school fair.

The most exciting one was going to the 3 day 2 night camp with Mr Shah and Ms Anu. We crawled through muddy caves, stood in the dark in the forest, made instant noodles and camped under the caves, and even built a raft to carry a group of us down the river. We still talk about it occasionally when we meet up and reminisce about the [elc](#) days.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Art and Math. Art class was always fun and we got a lot of freedom to explore different techniques and ideas. Mrs Poh was always very enthusiastic and encouraging of her students. I loved math equally as it's challenging. Mrs Sanjai had a unique way of giving us just the right amount of challenge before giving us the formula to solve the math problems easier.



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Melbourne, Australia  
Curtin University, Australia

COURSE STUDIED

Bachelor of Science (Psychology)  
Postgraduate Diploma of Psychology

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I'm a visual artist now, mainly working in ceramics and illustration.

CURRENT LOCATION

Melbourne, Australia

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#) WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Nothing. I think I worked hard and played hard at [elc](#). I wouldn't change a thing.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Work hard, play hard and enjoy every bit of school. Make friends and enjoy the friendships you made and stand up for your values and people you care about.



# Marie Lee Mei Yee

WHILE AT **elc**

STUDIED AT **elc** FROM  
1996-2004

NATIONALITY  
Singaporean

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT **elc**?

I was thrilled to have been called up by the International Football Academy to represent their team to play in Barcelona when I was in Year 9. Sadly, as I come from a typical Asian family, I was not permitted to go.

Representing the school team in football and badminton matches.

Doing multiple cartwheels on the stage at the basketball court, and subsequently jumping off stage to the floor for the 'FAME' performance.

Catching flying white board markers and dusters in Ms Sheela's classes when she catches students not paying attention.

Mrs Ganesan taking the effort after school to sit me down by the stage to run through Accounting and Commerce just to make sure I pass my O Levels after getting horrific results for my mocks. When the results were out, she was over the moon when I managed to get Credits for both. THANK YOU, Mrs Ganesan!

One of a few students to hold several positions - Prefect, Sports Prefect, House Captain. I remember having many holes in my shirt due to the pins of the badges.



LIFE AFTER **elc**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

William Angliss Institute of TAFE, Melbourne, Australia

Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia

COURSE STUDIED

Advanced Diploma in Event Management  
Bachelor of Business (Event Management)

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Running my own Event Management company since 2017

CURRENT LOCATION

Singapore

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO **elc** WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Probably try and get better grades.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT **elc** STUDENTS?

Being streetwise and street smart is more important than being a bookworm. Enjoy the school years while they last. At least you have fixed school holidays to look forward to.





# May Al-Merry

WHILE AT **elc**

STUDIED AT **elc** FROM  
1997-2008

NATIONALITY  
Malaysia

DID **elc** GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

Had great memories there :')

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT **elc**?

I still think about my times there, and I have dreams about it. I can't believe it's already been 10 years since I graduated. My days at **elc** were so carefree, fun, and enjoyable.



LIFE AFTER **elc**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

California State University Northridge (Bachelors)  
University of Virginia (Masters)

COURSE STUDIED

Speech-Language Pathology

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Speech Pathologist working with kids with disabilities at an elementary school in California.

CURRENT LOCATION

Orange County, California

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT **elc** STUDENTS?

Make the most of your time there!



# Mutsumi Sakurai

WHILE AT elc

STUDIED AT elc FROM  
2007-2012

NATIONALITY  
Japanese

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT elc?

When I was in Year 10, I applied to be House Captain. There were eight candidates and four, including myself, moved on to the interview stage. The following day after the first break the then Head of Secondary, Ms. Sheela, announced the Vice and House Captains for each House excluding Blue, which was my House. She said that our House Teacher had a class during that time and that the results would be announced after the next break. My heart was already pounding and that information didn't help, but seconds later she said "I'm joking! Congratulations, Mutsumi, you're the next Blue House Captain!" I started crying happy tears and everyone around me hugged me and congratulated me. You could say it was practical joke gone right!

DID elc GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

Back in school, I used to think that teachers scolded me for the littlest things and I would get annoyed at that. Thinking back, I now know it was for my benefit and they only wanted what was best for me. I learnt that you need to appreciate tough love and take criticism when given.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Definitely PE! I was never really a "good" student. I used to get average, if not below average, grades and the stress of that was sometimes too much to handle. PE allowed me to release my stress in a healthy way and it was always fun!

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT elc?

Nostalgic, cosy, familiar



LIFE AFTER elc

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus

COURSE STUDIED

Foundation in Arts and Education

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Cabin Crew with AirAsia X

CURRENT LOCATION

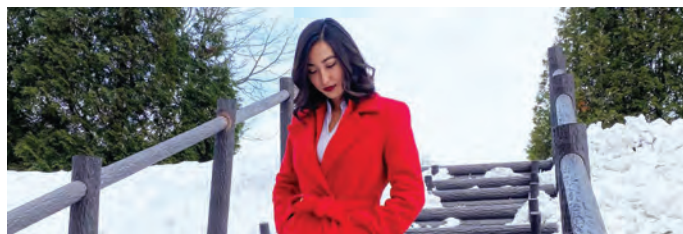
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IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO elc, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

During the subject selection in Year 9, I probably would have taken ICT and Geography. Also, I think I would have taken Mandarin because it's a widely used language worldwide - it would benefit me in my current field of work in the service industry.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT elc STUDENTS?

It's normal to not know what you want to do or be in the future. It almost gave me anxiety when classmates of mine said, "I want to be a lawyer" or "I'm going to study business and take over my father's company".. I only knew what I was good at and what I wanted to do when I started working at the age of 18. My advice to you is take it slow, and enjoy high school. Do what you want to do, and not what everyone else is doing. Everyone has their own timeline, and there's no right or wrong path in life.





# Nishant Raghav Pillai

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM  
2008-2010

NATIONALITY  
American

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF  
YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

There are far too many stories ranging from the hilarious, to the heart breaking, and to the inspiring to bring up, but all of which formed many moments of a time that profoundly helped me grow as a person. One moment of time that stood out to me, a moment that some kids know all too well, was when my parents separated during my time in school. I was dealing with a lot of things related to this outside of school and even sometimes in school as well. The one thing that kept me moving forward during that time was the support that I received from my friends and teachers on a day to day basis. At the expense of sounding slightly stereotypical, my school and the people in it became an extension of my family and still are today. [elc](#) was a place that helped me find my true self and calling, while at the same time, it was a place that fiercely protected me like a family would.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT  
SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

[elc](#) has taught me countless things that have helped shape me and direct me through my journey in life so far; primarily how the pursuit of excellence is not holistic without values like loyalty and commitment to others. It has taught me how every achievement, no matter how big or small should be for the betterment of those around you first before yourself. It has taught me how those achievements are meant to be celebrated but never dwelled upon. It has taught me how to remain vigilant and steadfast for the type of change I want to see in the world around me, and the type of mindset required to achieve that change. The world will never be changed for the better without these three core principles. I choose to embody them the best I can as a person, as a fusion engineer, a scientist, a professor, a volunteer, or a political activist on a daily basis. Above all, [elc](#) reinforced the principle that most parents teach their kids first before they go out into the world, empathy!

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?  
Appreciative, Proud, and Nostalgic



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Missouri University of Science and Technology, USA

COURSE STUDIED

B.Sc. Nuclear Engineering

M.Sc. Nuclear Engineering (Thesis path)

CURRENT LOCATION

Chicago, Illinois, USA

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#) WHAT  
WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I wouldn't change a single memory. Maybe I would be a little braver when doing some things, but every single memory and how they transpired were meant to be the way they were. I regret nothing and am joyful and grateful for every moment I had there.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Work hard, but cherish your peers, your teachers and the memories that you make with them.



# Nor Rashiq Bin Ghazalie Saw

WHILE AT elc

STUDIED AT elc FROM  
1994-2005

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT elc?

I vaguely remember that our class at the time, staged a play that revolved around Count Dracula. It had shades of the greatest pop culture references at the time which included The Matrix, Shrek and a plethora of Disney movies. It sounds rather weird trying to explain it but trust me, it was epic!

DID elc GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

elc taught me that people can get along together despite our ethnicities and backgrounds.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

P.E. - You got to be outdoors which is something that is rather valuable considering these quarantined times.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT elc?

Unique, auspicious & nostalgic.



LIFE AFTER elc

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Limkokwing University, Malaysia

COURSE STUDIED

BA (Hons) Degree in Film & Television

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Currently working at Facebook

CURRENT LOCATION

Malaysia

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO elc, WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Probably be more daring than to be shy and introverted. To speak one's mind rather than to bottle things up inside.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT elc STUDENTS?

Life is a puzzle but eventually the pieces will come together. When it does, always remember that there are more pieces to this puzzle.





# Oliver Jack Brown

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM  
2008-2012

NATIONALITY  
British

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

Normally it would be a story about the FOBISIA Games; however, mine was working as an intern at [elc](#) soon after finishing my IGCSEs. We were given plenty of responsibility early on which seemed a bit daunting at first; however, we interns were given enough guidance to come up with structured lesson plans. We ran PE lessons for Years 7-10 and it was very enjoyable. It was good to see the other side of school and all the effort the teachers themselves put in. I would recommend this to anyone who is thinking about giving it a go.

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

Put 100% into everything you do. A good work ethic ensures you only need to prep once for something if it is prepped well. In my job, this is essential; to account for anything that could go wrong.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

PE. Both the normal and IGCSE PE lessons. It allowed you to blow off steam after working hard throughout the day whilst simultaneously learning why we do it. During these times, I was set on becoming a sports physiotherapist, so it captured my interest even more.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?  
Challenging, Rewarding, Fun



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

HELP University College, KL

COURSE STUDIED

Triple Science

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I work at RNAS Culdrose in Helston. I'm part of 820 Naval Air Squadron as a Royal Navy ASW Aircrewman (Anti-submarine warfare). I have 2 roles in this job. My primary role is using my Sonics system to detect and deter threats underwater utilising Doppler to identify a submarine's class, speed, course etc. My secondary role revolves around SAR, anything from winching to a vessel underway to rescuing a casualty from the water or to delivering supplies to areas in need. There is also an aspect of gunnery involved too with the M3M heavy machine gun for Maritime Counter Terrorism. I'm due to embark on HMS Queen Elizabeth for her world tour next year and am looking forward to it!

CURRENT LOCATION

Helston, Cornwall

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#), WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Nothing, I enjoyed my time at [elc](#). I would do it all again if given the chance.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

Work hard and enjoy your time at [elc](#). It all pays off in the end. Also, I know people roll their eyes when someone says you'll miss school, but it's very true!

# Ozler Zarouq Khan

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM  
1999-2011

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

I had so many memorable stories during my time at [elc](#). I think if I listed them all down it may take up a whole page. Anyway, my most memorable story was in Year 10 when our Head of Discipline at the time collected everyone's Homework Diaries and looked for vandalism. At the time I had written down every funny moment that happened in all my classes with classmates and friends. I was called in to the office not only for the reason that I had written all these things down but rather to pick my brain on how creative I was with making up stories about what had happened. Our Head of Discipline found it very appalling of course, but she was very understanding and I'm sure she found it quite hilarious too!

DID [elc](#) GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

I think [elc](#) allowed me to think outside the box. I can definitely say that it has propelled me to become an open-minded person in terms of world issues as well as to treat others around me with kindness.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

When I was in Primary it was Art, because it allowed me to feel a bit more relaxed during class times even though my art work were always C's. In Secondary, Business Studies was my favourite because it taught me how to conduct business and different aspects of it.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?

To this day I still don't know what adjectives are. I had to Google to remind myself.

1) Fantastic 2) Precious 3) Ideal



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Taylors College: Canadian Pre- University  
Malaysian Maritime Academy  
International University Malaya-Wales

COURSE STUDIED

Social Science subjects  
Nautical Studies  
International Business

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

I'm currently working with a digital asset custodian. I had numerous bumps along the way prior to where I am today and I'm glad that I can be with a company that shares the same values as I do.

CURRENT LOCATION

Kuala Lumpur

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#), WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

If I could go back in time, I would probably spend more time with my friends and learn as much as I can. I found that I am closest to friends that I met from school and come across things that I had learnt from school too.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT [elc](#) STUDENTS?

If you are in Primary, enjoy as much as you can making friends and enjoy the journey of growing up. If you are in Secondary, continue your long-lasting relationships with your friends and think about learning new skills that you know will be helpful in the future. Learn about personal finance and how that will help you.



# Robert Johnson

WHILE AT [elc](#)

STUDIED AT [elc](#) FROM  
1996-2001

NATIONALITY  
British and now Australian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF  
YOUR TIME AT [elc](#)?

So many. I moved into the brand new Sg. Buloh campus at the start of Form 1- there was no carpet on the floors then and as the bell rang to denote the end of the period- there would be an absolute cacophony of chairs grinding against the floors. For PE we used to play on the dirt pitch next door to the carpark- where Villamas is today.

Our chemistry teacher (Mr Aloysius) letting out high pitched squeals as he realised he mixed too much sulphur and aluminium and it burst into flames in front of us all.

Travelling to Greece for a now redundant program called the International Student Project. I met my now wife of 5 years there.

Dancing in full drag to Macho Man with a life long friend in front of the whole school.

Jumping in full school uniform into the pool.

One year, towards the end of Form 5, it was decided we would have a haunted house in the brand new junior school- I remember with fond memories building step sensors to trigger sound effects.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT [elc](#)?  
Nostalgia, Rules, Friendship

The friendships I gained at [elc](#) are long lasting and I still talk daily to my schoolmates.



LIFE AFTER [elc](#)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

RMIT University, Australia,  
Chartered Accountants Australia, and recently  
OSCP (Offensive Security Certified Professional)

COURSE STUDIED

Bachelor of Business Professional Accounting /  
Chartered Accountant Graduate Diploma

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Building / coding various APIs and managing  
product roll-outs

CURRENT LOCATION

Melbourne, Australia

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO [elc](#) WHAT  
WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

I'd probably jump into more of the after-school  
clubs.



# Tristan Iain Seok

WHILE AT **elc**

STUDIED AT **elc** FROM  
1998-2005

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF  
YOUR TIME AT **elc**?

Winning back to back years at Sports Day with  
Yellow House.

Performing several live band shows at various  
dances.

Representing **elc** at sporting events.

DID **elc** GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT  
SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

Manners; learning to speak your mind and  
confidently.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Physical Education – the power of pushing yourself  
and achieving that elation is addictive, especially  
during competition.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT **elc**?  
Equanimous, efficacious, heuristic



LIFE AFTER **elc**

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

San Diego State University, USA

COURSE STUDIED

Physiotherapy

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Senior Physiotherapist

CURRENT LOCATION

Mountain House, California

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO **elc**, WHAT  
WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

None. The difficulties of **elc** in my time were made  
easier as I became an adult.

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT **elc** STUDENTS?

Compare yourself with who you were yesterday, not  
with who someone else is today. Most, if not all  
physical pain heals within 12 months – pain has a lot  
more to do with sensitivity than it has to do with  
damage.





# Yuen Mei Wan

WHILE AT elc

STUDIED AT elc FROM  
2007-2009

NATIONALITY  
Malaysian

ANY MEMORABLE STORIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OF YOUR TIME AT elc?

Playing football on the fields, homestay trip, staying after school to hang out with friends

DID elc GIVE YOU ANY VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHAPED THE WAY YOU CONDUCT YOURSELF TODAY?

elc taught me how to be confident in front of audiences. I had been very timid in public Chinese schools before coming to elc, and elc was the first place I learnt how to speak in front of large crowds. It's a crucial skill I've had to develop to succeed in my career so far.

FAVOURITE SUBJECT, AND WHY?

Math, I get a rush of adrenaline by methodically solving problems successfully.

3 ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT elc?

Nostalgic, warm, appreciative



LIFE AFTER elc

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

University of California, Berkeley

COURSE STUDIED

Computer Science

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

Software Engineer at a startup

CURRENT LOCATION

San Francisco

IF YOU COULD GO BACK IN TIME AND RETURN TO elc WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENTLY?

Pay more attention in English class (studying for the SATs was really tough)

ANY ADVICE TO THE CURRENT elc STUDENTS?

Don't close out your options too early. Take a variety of classes and activities, and do research on the internet to figure out what you really like. Expose yourself to as much knowledge and experiences as you can (safely).



# Message from



**Mrs. Mathew**  
FORMER HEAD OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

**There** were 67 uniquely talented students in school when I first joined [elc](#) in 1993 and it soon proved to be my home away from home. We spent a large portion of our time either at school, doing school work or thinking about and doing school work. It was an exciting period in our life as [elc](#) was still a very new school and growing rapidly in reputation and size. This meant many opportunities to get involved in the day to day running of the school and making sure that the systems in place could cope with the demands placed on it.

I have surreal memories of the school canteen when we were located in a shop-lot

in TTDI. It bore no resemblance to the usual school canteens. One corner of a fairly large room with a few shelves and a high table placed in front of it, served as the canteen. There were a few chairs lined along the walls and a table tennis table right in the middle of the room. The breaks saw the students furiously rushing downstairs to the canteen to either engage in a game of table tennis or be one of the voluble cheerers.

The canteen operator stocked up the shelves periodically, collected his money and then disappeared from the scene. Students took turns to man the canteen. As far as I could make out, whoever was the first to venture past the table was the designated cashier for the day. That person collected money for items sold and gave back change. The cash register was an orange coloured Tupperware! I am still amazed that money could be left lying around in a bright container, visible and known to everyone, without any kind of supervision! Drinks, chocolates, biscuits etc. too were just left on the shelves for anyone to help themselves to! Did anyone steal from the orange Tupperware? I don't think so. We were one big, mostly happy family, and you don't steal from your own family. The canteen operated on a basis of trust and the students of yonder years were definitely cut from a fine cloth!

Remembering the orange Tupperware never fails to bring a smile to my face! That is the [elc](#) family I remember.



# Message from



*Pn Zanariah*  
FORMER HEAD OF MALAY

**From** 1990 to 1995, I started my journey with [elc](#) as the only Malay teacher for the Primary and Secondary School in Taman Tun. Mr. Rajan was one of my Form 5 students then. I left [elc](#) but returned in 2004 and stayed till 2018.

What a great place to belong to, to be a part of the [elc](#) family. I remember whenever I was on duty or walk around campus, I felt so proud to see the relationship students have with each other - it really made me feel that we are a family.

So much treasured memories were created there! The one I am the fondest of was the

extra classes before school, at break and after school even during the 'summer' holiday or term breaks. May be those of you who were forced to attend hated it but those were the moments that I got closer to you and understood you better. Then you returned to me, with bright faces, later to tell me you got a B instead of the expected F or an A instead of the expected D. Beyond the achievement of the best grade possible, I would not have been able to do my job to the best of my ability without the support and co-operation from you, the students and your parents.

When I came back to [elc](#) in 2004, I was amazed to find that all the students did in the Malay class was translate. In a way, it did make sense because the exam we took then was a pure translation paper. But you cannot learn any language properly only by translating. With the guidance and support of so many people at the school like Mrs Kaloo, I was able to lay the foundation of teaching Malay as a second language at [elc](#). It has not been easy in this transition and by the time I left [elc](#) in 2018 the Malay syllabus evolved to more than just translation skills. After so many year of teaching Malay, I find myself still teaching now but teaching English to all students in a village school, from infants to college level. Can you imagine that?

Continue to maintain our school motto of Excellence, Loyalty and Commitment and as our school song says 'Be the best that you can be,' wherever you are.