



ELIZABETH
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to our April newsletter. As I read through these pages I am struck by the breadth of offerings available for our young people: overseas study tours, Performing Arts tours, English and Sports Science excursions, enrichment offerings, to mention only

a few. None of these opportunities could be made available for our students without the enthusiasm, dedication and high level skills of our teaching staff.

At our recent Prize Night, ex-student Kimberley Martin spoke about the influence of her teachers as she progressed through college. She said that her advice to young people was to follow up every suggestion made by those around them with regard to: applications for scholarships, recommendations of books to read, opportunities for exchange visits,

attending tutorials offered and a myriad of other possibilities.

She attributes much of her success to her determination to follow up opportunities and I have to agree that this motivated approach is one that all young people can adopt if they wish to make the most of their time with us and create positive futures for themselves.

A breadth of offerings is essential in our diverse college. We celebrated this diversity recently on Harmony Day with a variety of foods from different countries and a range of fun activities. It was pleasing to see so many students and staff involve themselves on the day and to help achieve the positive climate that is so important to our work together.

As we begin Term 2, we hope that students have had a relaxing break and are ready to build on their learning and from the feedback received in Term 1.

Dr Dianne Purnell
Principal



Max Brayden does the 'VO2 max test'

HIGH-TECH IN SPORT SCIENCE

Sport Science students recently visited Body Systems Measurement to undertake some 'high-tech' physiological testing. One of our student volunteers participated in a 'VO2 max test' which is a measure of the body's maximal ability to uptake and utilise oxygen during aerobic exercise.

Our other student volunteer undertook a Body Pod test which measures body composition – the percentage of muscle mass to body fat. It was a great way to experience on a practical level some of the concepts covered in the classroom.

TASC SPECIAL EXAM PROVISIONS FOR LEVEL 3 STUDENTS

TASC provides special exam arrangements for eligible students in the categories below, where their disability significantly impacts on their ability to perform in exams, complete assignments and to access the curriculum.

A letter was sent to all Level 3 students on 23 March via their Home Group teacher, which outlines the application process. Students who feel they may be eligible can contact either Di Richards or Anna Crocker in Student Services to discuss their application. All Year 12 students who were granted special exam consideration last year will be required to re-apply if they wish to be considered again this year.

Eligible students will fall in the following categories: learning disability (e.g. dyslexia, writing disorder, and ADHD); medical/physical disability (e.g. diabetes, epilepsy) psychological (e.g. anxiety, bipolar, eating disorders) visual impairment, hearing impairment, and refugee status.

Students can book an appointment at recess or lunch with either Anna Crocker or Di Richards.



BUDDING JOURNALISTS TAKE PRIZE

The Elizabeth College Media Production class won 'Best College News Page' at the 2015 *Mercury* Newspapers in Education awards ceremony in December. Student Maddie Burrows and teacher Chris Sierink accepted the award on behalf of the college and Chris received a special commendation for his long-term participation in the program.



Chris and Maddie receiving the award from Peter Bridley at the *Mercury*

NEW STAFF AT EC

This year we have a large group of excellent new staff members contributing to the dynamic learning experiences on offer to students. Here are a few of them, with more profiles to come in the next newsletter.

- **Kirsten Bacon:** Teaching VET Hospitality and is a passionate foodie. She has taught interstate and overseas and stills works in the industry. Loves to share the wonder of good food and the amazing hospitality industry in Tasmania.
- **Nick Turner:** Our new IT manager who was a student of VET IT at Elizabeth College. After ten years working in the Department of Education, he is back! Nick has already heard every "IT Crowd" joke you can think of. ;-)
- **Matteo Pantalone:** Teaching English at EC, Matteo and his family moved to Hobart two years ago from Perth, where he had been an English teacher for fifteen years in a range of educational settings. These days Matteo is part-time teacher and full-time parent!
- **Sarah Briggs:** Teaching in our HPE department, Sarah worked at Elizabeth College as an Outdoor Education assistant before studying in Victoria. This saw her spending time rock climbing at Arapiles,



New staff making a difference at EC: Front row (L-R) Louise Jones, Stephen Dodge, Kirsten Bacon, Shane Smith, Sarah Briggs; Back row: Kate Pedersen, Amber Knowles, Rachael Blackwood, Matteo Pantalone, Marie-Rose Genovese

kayaking in the Whitsundays, hiking around Mt Kosciusko and leading school groups around Victoria.

- **Amber Knowles:** Teaching Technical Theatre and Drama, Amber has a wide experience teaching creative subjects interstate and in Tasmania. In a past life she worked as a production designer on the ABC's *Playschool*.



OBJECT DESIGN AT ELIZABETH COLLEGE

James Clifford, a past student of Elizabeth College, graduated from the Tasmanian School of Art at the end of 2015 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. His final exhibition featured a series of coffee tables and was entitled Sustainability Tomorrow. James began his college studies undecided about his career and was one of the first students to enrol in and complete the UTAS College Program, Object Design, which led him to a Diploma in Furniture Making and from there to UTAS. Congratulations James!



Writers engaging the senses at Richmond
Below: Playing with patterns in English Communications

OUT AND ABOUT IN ENGLISH

English students have been getting out of the classroom to enhance their understandings of language and the world. English Writing students visited Richmond to find inspiration in day-to-day life. Character descriptions, old stone bridges, sensory descriptions and even visits to the jail all grabbed the attention of writers who are keen to refine their art. In English Communications, students visited the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery to learn about Aboriginal perspectives on Tasmanian history as well as having some fun in the Pattern Play exhibition. Students considered how our ideas and perspectives change over time, and how we might think about these ideas as patterns in language.



Costume design at the Art Gallery of NSW
Below: Romance and tragedy with Bell Shakespeare

PERFORMING ARTS TOUR – SYDNEY 2016

In late February twenty two EC students and staff jumped on a plane bound for Sydney to take in some truly breathtaking Performing Arts experiences.

Over the course of five days we experienced a whirlwind of arts and culture: the wonders of the Sydney Dance Company's *Countermove*, Sydney Theatre Company's *Arcadia*, Bell Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, a workshop at NIDA, the musical *Matilda*, a visit to the Art Gallery of NSW, a concert at the Sydney Opera House with Sydney Symphony Orchestra and direct from New York, iconic jazz trumpet player Wynton Marsalis and his big band.

We were in awe of these world class performers and came away having witnessed artists at the peak of their game on an international level.



Martha Galea with David Kronenberg, Academic Director – Undergraduate Program, Tasmanian School of Business and Economics

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

The Elizabeth College 2015 School of Business scholarship has been awarded to Martha Galea, who has demonstrated high levels of engagement, enthusiasm and dedication to all aspects of the program. The University of Tasmania has generously provided this scholarship to a Year 12 School of Business student who goes on to undertake study at UTAS in the business field. Congratulations Martha and we wish you all the best for your future studies and career!

VET CONSTRUCTION

VET Construction students participated in a 'site visit' in Howrah, where they viewed the construction of a residential project. The students observed work in progress, had an opportunity to chat to builders on-site about how they got into the industry and the project itself. After viewing the detailed plans and specifications, the group walked around the site and worked out which area they were standing in. A great mix of hands-on learning and careers education!



VET Construction students on-site

DUX OF ELIZABETH COLLEGE



YEAR 11 – JOHANNA ELLIS

After attending Cambridge Primary and Ogilvie High School, Johanna began at Elizabeth College in 2015, studying English Literature, Maths Methods, Modern History, French, and UTAS-College Music. Having always had a passion for debating and politics, she took part in the National Debating Championships, UN Youth Australia's National Conference, and the Evatt Trophy Competition National Finals, as well as co-convening UN Youth Tasmania's Voice Competition and serving as the Deputy Opposition Leader at the Tasmanian Youth Parliament.

This year, Johanna is studying Economics, Legal Studies, Philosophy, Maths Specialised, and French through the High Achievers Program at UTAS.

In her free time, she hopes to further her studies in flute, adjudicate with the Tasmanian Debating Union, go hiking and orienteering, and finally actually get her LIs.

We are proud of Johanna's achievements and she is continuing her successes this year as a member of ECAAD.



YEAR 12 – JARRAH DAY

Jarrah attended Taroona Primary and High Schools before studying at Elizabeth College. Jarrah studied a broad range of subjects, thoroughly enjoying Science, Mathematics and the Humanities. In Year 12, Jarrah studied Chemistry, Physics and Legal Studies, as well as studying University level Mathematics and Philosophy through the High Achiever Program.

Jarrah also represented Australia in the Under-23 orienteering team at the regional championships in New Zealand, as well as the Under-20 Junior World Orienteering Championships in Norway. He continued to play music throughout college, playing alto saxophone in the UTAS wind ensemble and spent his spare time mountain unicycling and juggling fire.

Jarrah enjoyed the extra-curricular opportunities offered through Elizabeth College such as Latin and Spanish, a barista course and Chuggy's Gym. He also participated in many of the academic competitions offered through the College program. Jarrah has also been keenly involved in athletics, being selected for the state team at the All Schools Cross Country Championships in Year 11, and participating in inter-school athletics competitions.

In 2016, Jarrah is taking a gap year to travel in Europe and pursue sporting interests. He is considering a range of options for University studies in the future, currently leaning towards combining mathematics or physics with human rights law or politics and philosophy, but he could end up doing anything.

We are proud of Jarrah and look forward to staying in touch and hearing about his future endeavours.



A gourmet menu provided by Hospitality and Catering students

FIVE-STAR SERVICE FOR INTERNATIONAL GUEST

Recently Hospitality and Catering students delivered a superb five-star menu at a reception for a prestigious guest from China, Joanne Wong, global CEO of Immerqi, a gap-year organisation. The menu was exquisite and the professional service was a credit to the students. Our guests were full of praise for every element of the meal and it showcased what our students can do even though they have just begun their learning.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Peter Wang Ngai Yau has been awarded the Elizabeth College International Student Scholarship for 2016. Peter was awarded this scholarship based upon his results in 2015, which were simply outstanding. Congratulations Peter – we would all like to wish you the very best for 2016.

Scholarship winner Peter Yau



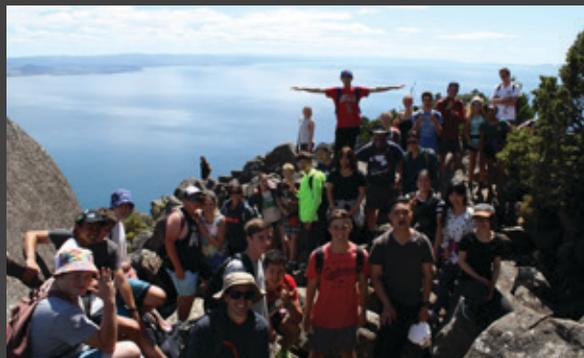
MARIA ISLAND ENRICHMENT!

At the end of February, thirty two students and five staff from Elizabeth College travelled to Maria Island for our annual Enrichment Camp. The glorious weather was ideal for sleeping under the stars and cooking over camp stoves and BBQs. Our neighbours were wombats, kangaroos, Tasmanian devils, and Cape Barren geese, some of which were so friendly that students were able to take close-up photos of them and even have a pat!

On the Saturday we hiked to the top of Bishop and Clerk and were rewarded with amazing views of the east coast of Tasmania in perfect weather. Other walks to the fossil and painted cliffs were a unique opportunity to see some incredible natural landforms. A trip to Maria would not have been complete without spending some time on the pristine white sandy beaches and marine reserve. Students braved the cool waters to swim and snorkel in crystal clear water; and spotted fish, seahorses, stingrays and even a small shark!



Student Zoe described the mood of the group: "This has been an incredible experience – I can't believe I haven't been here before. I will definitely come back!"



From left: Relaxing at base camp
Students and staff scale Bishop and Clerk
Making friends with the locals



ECAAD students at Woodfield Lodge

ECAAD

The Elizabeth College Advanced Academic Diploma (ECAAD) group has made a successful start to 2016. Our new Grade 11 students were introduced to one another early in the year with a bushwalk and BBQ at the Waterworks reserve. Then, on the weekend of 26-27 February, the entire group headed to the Woodfield Centre in Dysart for our Orientation Camp. Over two sunny days we enjoyed activities such as bushwalking, ropes course, scavenger hunts and team-building activities. The camp was a great way for the students to get to know one another and will provide a platform for a great year.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE PLAYGROUP

Join our Working with Children students and staff for a morning of fun at the Elizabeth College Playgroup. It runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10.30am – 12 noon. \$4 per session per family. Bring along a piece of fruit for a shared morning tea. Contact Nikki on 6235 6533 for more information.

Student Emma Warrington working at the college playgroup



ENRICHMENT ROUND-UP

Extra-curricular activity is an important part of college life, with our diverse Enrichment program offering something for everyone. Over fifty different activities are on offer: expeditions to Maria Island and skiing at Falls Creek; outdoor activities like SCUBA diving, surfing and mountain biking; music, dance and life drawing; debating, barista skills and mindfulness; and a range of tutorial options. There really is something for everyone and if it isn't there, please let us know what you want!





Building the sets in Theatre Tech

THE WIZ COMES TOGETHER

This year's musical is off and running and we are looking forward to showcasing some amazing talent. *The Wiz* is a seven-time Tony Award winning production that follows the traditional story of *The Wizard of Oz* but set to a lively mixture of rock, gospel and soul music. With over sixty cast members, the auditions have been huge, but everyone's hidden talents have started to shine through. The Technical Theatre Production class is busy building sets and they've started working on costumes. Opening at the beginning of June, we are excited to see how it will all come together.



We're off to see the wizard!



VISIT CHINA

Are you a lover of historic sites, diverse landscapes and rich culture? Elizabeth College is providing opportunities to visit China as part of the 2016 Study Tour as well as a range of gap year programs in 2017.

The study tour will visit the cities of Beijing and Shanghai and you will stay with one of the students of our sister school and experience daily life. You will walk on the two thousand year-old Great Wall, wander where emperors lived and worked in the Forbidden City, enjoy real Chinese cuisine and see the modernisation of big cities. For more information please contact bing.xu@education.tas.gov.au or heath.watts@education.tas.gov.au

We also have opportunities for students to live in China as a gap year, where you will work as an English tutor with Chinese students. For more information contact craig.carnes@education.tas.gov.au or visit <http://www.immerqi.com/teach>.

