

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The end is nearly in sight for students as they work their way steadily towards final assessments. We only have three more weeks of the College year before we move into the TASC written examinations. I encourage all students to identify their goals for each of their subjects. It might be attaining the highest award, achieving a particular ATAR, getting over the line or completing final assignments for strong internal ratings. Talk to your teachers about what you need to do for the remainder of the year to achieve these goals. Your classroom teachers, home group teacher and the Student Services team are all here to support you. This can be a stressful time for students and parents and there are some excellent resources available through the Reachout website to help. I would like to thank our Parent Association as well for their ongoing support throughout the year; the forums aimed at helping parents support their son or daughter through college gave invaluable advice. Our final meeting for the year is Wednesday 21 November. All are welcome to attend. I congratulate all students for maintaining their commitment to their studies, for their resilience and wish them every success.

Dr Dianne Purnell

KICKING GOALS

Josh McGuinness set himself the goal of playing AFL as a little fellow. Being drafted to the Brisbane Lions after Year 12 as pick 81 came after many years of dedicated training and, sometimes, thoughts of giving up. After getting tantalisingly close to playing a game in the big league, Josh broke his foot twice during training and, after several rounds of rehab and further injury, lost his contract and was left struggling with his mental health. Now Josh is kicking new goals; he is a mentor for the Auskick program with AFL Tasmania, plays for Lauderdale Football Club and has found a new passion for teaching, enrolling this year in a teaching degree. He gave a timely message about goal setting to the students and staff at our recent assembly: play the long game, work strategically to get there, seek support and be resilient in the face of setbacks. When you miss out, regroup and reset. It is not achieving the goal that will mean the most, but the person you become along the way.



Josh McGuinness with student presenters at the assembly

Still Life by Anjelika Dabravolskaya for Art Studio Practice 3



STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Sami Arbogast, Johanna Collins, Emily Curak, Alexander Kingsley, Martin Maire, Ellesha Meurant and Marie Polier all received placings in the Goethe German Language competition
- Nicholas Baker made a strong contribution to Lauderdale in the Senior AFL Sate League Grand Final
- Holly Ryan and Tahlia Strong were members of the Glenorchy AFLW team who won the State League Grand Final
- Elizabeth Eaves, Nikki Thinh, Isabella Dand and Samantha Ditchfield received placings or were commended in the Chinese speaking competition, with Isabelle Ward as MC
- Five students in Construction Certificate 1 received apprenticeships
- Emmaline Lonergan has been awarded second place in the statewide Science and Engineering Investigations
- Jack Stanwix, Sam Berry, Ruben Carlsson and Caleb Burrridge won the Year 11/12 3 v 3 Basketball Tournament
- Terry Boots, Sigourney Costa, Fatemeh Ghiasvand, Luke Harris, Ronan Longden, Molly McCausland, Luke Simpson, Madeline White and Sophie Marie Young all received awards in the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Quiz
- The HSEL team won the state grand final and played against the New Zealand league champions
- James Elliott got third place at the National Gymnastics Competition
- Marek Mikoda's design for Colony 47's Reconnect Program has been selected for all merchandising for the program
- Staff members, Sarah Hardy represented Australia at the World Triathlon Championships; Tyson Walker broke the record for a dead-lift in his age group and Jane Giblin received a grant from Arts Tasmania to tour her most recent work.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 20 - Monday 22 October	Theatre Performance students present <i>The Caucasian Chalk Circle</i>
Thursday 25 October	Show Day Holiday
Wednesday 7 November	WHAM! Exhibition
Thursday 8 November	VET Graduation
Wednesday 21 November	School Association Meeting
Monday 12 - Thursday 22 November	TASC Written Exams
Tuesday 18 December	TASC results emailed
Friday 21 December	Office Closes