

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There is always a buzz of excitement and energy around the College after the summer break. Maintaining this enthusiasm and a willingness to engage in learning opportunities throughout the year is a key focus and priority for our College.

Recently, our staff participated in a day of professional learning on resilience, presented by educator Mike Walsh. His message was loud and clear: engagement and resilience are paramount to student success both at college and throughout life. They say it takes a village to raise a child and our aim is to support your son or daughter alongside you during this significant and sometimes challenging stage in their life.

At Elizabeth College, we approach education holistically, knowing that social engagement is just as important as educational outcomes. Our Enrichment and Home Group programs, Student Services team and Breakfast Club are just some of the ways we create an inclusive and supportive environment for all students, so they feel valued and able to take on life's hurdles as they arise. Our aim is to keep all students 'Connected and On Track', which is achievable with your support and the value you place on their education.

Dr Dianne Purnell

EVERY LESSON COUNTS

A constant measure of success at college is attendance. Regular attendance has a substantial influence on academic outcomes and is vital in obtaining the Tasmanian Certificate of Education.

You will receive an introductory text message from your child's Home Group teacher over the next week and we invite all parents to attend our Meet the Teacher evening on 21 March from 4.30 – 7.00 pm. If you feel your child is struggling to attend for any reason, please contact their Home Group teacher.

We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or personal circumstances, but we also know that students who miss too many lessons fall behind. We issue weekly attendance reports to encourage students to be aware of their attendance pattern and Home Group teachers will discuss any unexplained absences with your child. Parents will also receive SMS messages if a class has been missed without reasonable explanation and regular attendance letters will be

sent home outlining your child's attendance rate. If your child is sick or going to be away for any reason, please ring the main office on 62356555. Remember, every lesson counts!



Isabelle Ward's Digital Art/Art Production work was selected to be a part of the statewide ArtRage exhibition

Students attending Government House to receive their awards



STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Emmaline Lonergan and Madeline White received TASC Outstanding Achievement Awards and Will Polley received a VET Outstanding Achievement Award for their 2018 results
- Former EC student Dara Campbell will represent the YWCA and Tasmania at the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York
- Archie Cumper, Oyinbra Enisuh and Kenny King have been awarded scholarships to study at the Tasmanian Conservatorium of Music
- Nicholas Davis travelled to Dubai with the U/16 Australian Cricket team to play against Pakistan
- Tas Compton has been accepted into the Melbourne season of the Australian Youth Orchestra
- Tyler McDonald has been selected to represent Tasmania for the International Hockey Tour
- Raphaela Corney competed in the NSW Junior State Athletics Championships, coming first in the pole vault, U20 age group and breaking four state records (U18, U19, U20, open)
- Teacher, Kate Camm is a finalist in the Tasmanian Women's Art Prize for a hand-stitched embroidery piece
- Teacher, Jane Giblin's art exhibition 'I Shed My Skin: A Furneaux Islands Story' opened the Furneaux Islands Festival, and will be exhibited around the state

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11 March	8 Hour Day – College Closed
Tuesday 12 March	Student Free Day – Teacher Moderation
Wednesday 20 March	Interim Reports to Students
Thursday 21 March	Meet the Teacher Evening 4.30-7.00 pm
Wednesday 27 March	Elizabeth College Prize Night
Wednesday 27 March	Elizabeth College Athletics Carnival
Thursday 28 March	Parent Group Meeting
Wednesday 10 April	Harmony Day & Assembly
Friday 12 April	Final Day of Term 1