

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

During our period of Remote Learning, I have seen in action the resilience demonstrated by both staff and students at Elizabeth College. Teaching and modelling resilience is an important practice at our college, and our staff have been exemplary in this. Over the past two months, students and teachers have adapted quickly to using unfamiliar technologies and new methods of teaching and learning. Certainly a positive to come out of COVID is that many teachers have welcomed new teaching methods and feel that their roles and practices as educators have been enriched by the experience. It has certainly provided a unique opportunity for their professional development.

We recently welcomed back our wonderful students to campus on 25 May. I know that staff missed the face-to-face contact with their students and the students were very happy to return to classes on campus. For those students who struggled with Remote Learning, now is a great opportunity to reconnect with their teachers and get back 'On Track' with their learning. It is not too late to catch up on work if they have fallen behind.

While we have had to cancel many of our calendared events, we have been able to modify some of these events such as parent teacher interviews, which were recently held via telephone this term. We missed the personal contact with parents/carers, but it was still a great success.

In a couple of weeks, the mid-year assessment period will begin (15th June), so attendance in class in preparation for this period is important. Our library is undergoing renovations and should reopen prior to the exam period. In the meantime, students are able to use the H Block Common Room as an alternative study space.

Dr Dianne Purnell



Students demonstrating physical distancing



*Image by Mehak Khanna
Art Studio Practice -
Mixed Media*

STAYING SAFE AT SCHOOL

We have put a lot of measures in place to create a safe environment for both students and staff at our campus, and even though there are no recent cases of community infection in Tasmania, it is important that we do not become complacent.

Physical distancing and personal hygiene still play a crucial role in preventing the spread of illness, and we have installed regular visual reminders around the college about safe practices, such as, educational posters and banners on hygiene, and floor markings to help with physical distancing. We have also cancelled college events such as assemblies, rostered more staff on duty to remind students of safe practices, and altered our timetable, so that the lunch hour is shorter, to lessen the time students are on campus.

At the start of each class, teachers provide students with hand sanitiser, chairs in classrooms are positioned at a safe distance, college laptops are cleaned with sterile wipes after use, and students have been asked to bring their own electronic device where possible. Our cleaners are also working hard behind-the-scenes to maintain a clean environment, paying special attention to regularly touched surfaces such as doorhandles, light switches, desks, chairs and rails.

If your child/ward is feeling unwell, please ensure that they stay at home and contact our office on 6235 6555 to explain their absence.

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

- Arewhy Abiyie has been awarded a place in the prestigious National Summer Art Scholarship by the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra
- Teachers, Kirsten Bacon, Kate Peacock, Mary Young, Dana Gerke, Steve Cameron and Tim Medwin have been nominated for the Mercury Top Teachers awards

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday - College Closed
Monday 15 - Friday 19 June	Mid-Year Assessment Period
Friday 3 July	Term 2 Concludes
Monday 20 July	Term 3 Begins