

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

If 2020 has taught us anything, it's that Tasmanians are resilient and compassionate. We have persevered and supported one another through the challenging and isolating times of the lockdown period and a bitterly cold winter. During June and July, our Student Leadership Group and Chaplaincy once again worked together to coordinate the Elizabeth College Winter Appeal, whereby students and staff donated items through their Home Group. Wheelie bins overflowing with warm clothing and toiletry items were presented to the Salvation Army at our recent assembly to help them support individuals and families who are doing it tough.

As we approach the end of another term, I would like to remind students and their parents/carers of the importance of planning ahead. During Term 3, students have been busy completing major assessment tasks and preparing for the end-of-year assessment period, however, it is also worthwhile taking the time to talk through their options and map out a plan for their pathway next year. While 2021 may still seem a while away, preparing for the future gives many students a sense of certainty, stability and confidence.

Students in Year 11 are currently discussing their enrolment choices for 2021 with their Home Group teacher and chatting to their teachers about potential subjects for next year. On Wednesday 19 August, Year 11s attended the Elizabeth College Subject Expo with each learning area presenting an information stand where students talked to teachers and students about their subject choices for next year. Students can also make an appointment to see our Careers Counsellor, Dave Newcombe, who can check they are selecting the right subjects for their chosen pathway, and they can visit our website for enrolment and course information at <https://elizabethcollege.tas.edu.au>. Over the coming weeks, future pathways beyond college, such as university, TAFE, apprenticeships and employment opportunities will be the focus for our Year 12 students.

Dr Dianne Purnell



Manager of Technology, Adam Bester, talking shop with a student at the EC Subject Expo



Watercolour painting by Katriel Sayer, Visual Art 2

THE NEXT STEP

It has certainly been a challenging year, but now is a good time for students to check they are 'On Track' with their plans, particularly for next year.

When considering future options, students should look at their interests and subject strengths, as well as their skills, talents and values. Gathering the latest information about occupations, education, training, and employment options is important, as is having a back-up plan just in case things change. This is particularly important for students who may be planning to study or work on the mainland next year, given the current uncertainties of the global pandemic.

Year 11 students should be confirming their course options for next year, whether that be pre-tertiary subjects for university or a VET program for a vocational pathway. It's important to be aware of any pre-requisite subjects which may be needed for further study or training, particularly at university.

Year 12 students should ensure they have the information they need about their options for next year which might include university, TasTAFE, an apprenticeship/traineeship, gap year or employment. There have been significant changes to application and enrolment procedures for many universities as a result of COVID, so students need to be aware of these and seek advice if they are unsure. For example, some universities (including UTAS) have the School Recommendation Program, which takes into consideration Year 11 results, subjects currently being studied and teacher recommendations, rather than just the end of year ATAR.

Students are welcome to see Dave Newcombe in the Careers Centre in the EC library. Dave can help with subject choices, university and TAFE applications, work and training applications, as well as general career advice. There is also extensive information on the Careers Counselling page of the EC website.

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

- Harry Tunks has been awarded a scholarship to study law at the Australian National University
- Holly Jury's poem *How to Build Better* and Tara Watzl's prose piece *Scenic* were awarded first prize in the EC Writing Competition
- Charlie Meadows has been selected to play at the Rock Challenge event in August

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4 September	Student Free Day (Moderation)
Monday 14 September	Enrolments for 2021 (Year 11s)
Wednesday 23 September	End of Term Assembly
Friday 25 September	Term 3 Concludes
Monday 12 October	Term 4 Begins
Thursday 22 October	Show Day Holiday