

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2020 was a year like no other. Our students and staff faced many changes and disruptions brought about by COVID. However, they stood up to these challenges, showing great resilience and flexibility in a time of uncertainty. Their achievements can be seen in their excellent final results, and our Year 12s have used this foundation to continue along their pathway of further education, training and work.

While Tasmania is currently COVID-free, we are still using COVID-safe practices on campus, with regular cleaning of high-use surfaces, hand sanitising and adhering to the 1.5 metre distancing rule between adults.

We know that when students are 'Connected and on Track' they are more likely to succeed in their studies and achieve their goals. Attending every class is critical to success, as regular attendance has a substantial influence on academic outcomes and is vital to obtaining the Tasmanian Certificate of Education. We encourage students to get involved in our wonderful Enrichment Program, Home Group activities, our upcoming Harmony Day and any wellbeing events that happen throughout the year. These activities are designed to enrich students' experience of college life, where they can learn new skills, build confidence, make new friends and feel like they belong.

We want our current students to feel supported at EC and to make use of all the services available to them. They need to speak up and talk to their Home Group teacher or a counsellor if things aren't going how they hoped.

Students will receive their Interim Report on 17 March, and our Meet the Teacher evening is on 18 March. Unfortunately, this event must be held via phone to meet COVID requirements. However, we are pleased to be able to hold our 2020 Prize Night on 24 March, and we look forward to celebrating the successes of our students.

The Hobart City Partner Schools agreement between Elizabeth College, Ogilvie and New Town High is currently under way and we should have more information about this partnership in the coming months.

Dr Dianne Purnell



Students enjoying Home Group Activity Day at the Waterworks



Amber Hicks, Visual Art 2
(Mixed Media)

THE TRANSITION TO COLLEGE LIFE

College is a significant period of transition into adult life. When students come to college, they often tell us that they feel they have more freedom and are treated like young adults by their teachers. While this is true, the increased freedom requires greater personal organisation. Our teachers still support students by encouraging them to attend all classes, meet deadlines and ask for tutorials when they require additional help, but students also need to take more responsibility for their own learning. This may involve simple strategies or changes like establishing a regular homework routine, getting regular sleep, and asking questions when they're unsure about what they need to do.

As a parent or carer, you can support them by encouraging them to take ownership of their learning and even asking them what they want to achieve by the end of the year. You might ask them what they need to change or do to achieve their goals, and what routines they might need to establish to get there. Goals are more achievable when there's a plan. If they go off track, then encouraging them to 'Connect' with their teachers and promptly get back 'On Track' is crucial. If you need support in this, you can contact their Home Group teacher, subject teachers or one of our friendly counsellors in Student Services.

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

- Harry Young won an Outstanding Achievement Award in VET in 2020
- Caitlin Ross participated in the National Youth Science Forum in 2020
- Sacha Flores and Erin Sherlock (student in 2020) performed at the Clarence Jazz Festival in February, and are two of three recipients of the Clarence Jazz Festival Scholarships
- Chloe Kitto and Zoe Banks will participate in the Australian Junior National Basketball Championships (Under 18) in Werribee, Victoria, in April
- Jasmin Lobb competed in the State Rowing Championships at Lake Barrington in February, coming second in the State U17 Single Sculls Competition and first in the Division 4 Single Sculls

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 3 March	Enrichment Enrolments
Monday 8 March	8 Hour Day Holiday – College Closed
Tuesday 9 March	Teacher Moderation Day – Student Free Day
Wednesday 17 March	Interim Reports to Students
Thursday 18 March	Meet the Teacher Evening (via phone)
Wednesday 24 March	Elizabeth College Prize Night
Wednesday 31 March	Harmony Day
Thursday 1 April	Final Day of Term 1