

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Traditionally, Term 2 is one of our busiest terms and that has certainly been the case this year. From 17-19 May we were visited by the External School Review team, who observed classes and spoke with staff, students and parents. The College will receive a comprehensive report which will contain affirmations and commendations, as well as suggested opportunities and recommendations for improvement.

On 19 May, reports were distributed to students during Home Group and emailed to parents/carers. I encourage parents/carers to make time to discuss the feedback contained in these reports with their child. If you were unable to attend the Parent Teacher Evening on 25 May, you can contact teachers via email or phone.

All subject areas are now in full swing with course delivery, and many pre-tertiary courses are preparing for the approaching Mid-year Assessment Period (MYAP). The purpose of the MYAP is for students to experience exam conditions, and to understand where they are in their learning progress and what changes they may need to make to improve. Exams/assessments will be conducted in the two hour class of each line during the MYAP week.

We are so excited to hold our annual musical after having to cancel last year's. Our theatre is once again humming with the sound of rehearsals and performances of the acclaimed musical, *Cabaret*, which opened on 28 May. We are also pleased that our theatre can once again seat an audience at 100% capacity. If you would like to book tickets to see *Cabaret*, go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=727696>

Last year, the University of Tasmania introduced the Schools Recommendation Program. This year's applications open from Monday 31 May. Students who are considering a university pathway can contact Dave Newcombe in the library to assist with their application, or they can discuss their options with their Home Group teacher. For more information, go to: <https://www.utas.edu.au/study/schools-recommendation-program>

To ensure we keep on top of COVID, and also seasonal cold and flu, it's important that we continue health and safety practices, such as:

- Being alert to any symptoms of cold or flu that you or your child may exhibit
- Getting tested for COVID if you or your child have symptoms
- Practising good hygiene, such as sanitising/washing hands, and covering coughs and sneezes

If you or your child do become sick, stay at home until the symptoms have passed, even if a COVID test is negative. Remember, the symptoms of COVID include: fever, tiredness, cough, headache, sore throat, sniffing and sneezing.

Another exciting development on the horizon is the Hobart City Partner Schools. Ogilvie High, New Town High and Elizabeth College are working together to provide a co-educational Years 7-12 offering in the city. In 2022, Ogilvie and New Town will become one school with Ogilvie Campus enrolling boys and girls in Year 7, as well as girls in Years 8, 9 and 10, and New Town Campus will have boys in Years 8, 9 and 10. Both schools will offer some Year 11 and 12 programs and co-educational classes will be offered for elective subjects in Years 9 and 10. In 2023, Ogilvie Campus will be co-ed for Years 7 and 8, offering a middle school program. New Town Campus will offer Years 9 and 10 co-ed and some Year 11 and 12 offerings. Elizabeth College will continue to offer an extensive curriculum for Years 11 and 12.

Dr Dianne Purnell



Students at our Commendation Morning Tea

Watercolour painting by Katriel Sayer,  
Art Production – Mixed Media



## TOP TIPS FOR EXAMS

Exam time is just around the corner and, as a parent/carer, you can help your child put strategies in place so they feel confident and prepared. Students can develop good study skills, especially when they feel supported and encouraged and see it as a part of their daily routine.

You can help them by:

- Creating a positive study environment, such as setting up a quiet study area that is free from distractions
- Planning a realistic study timetable, so they feel organised and know what to expect
- Suggesting shorter, more regular bursts of study rather than long, exhausting study sessions, to alleviate study fatigue
- Providing access to a healthy diet, encouraging regular exercise and sufficient sleep to keep both their mind and body healthy

Sometimes, due to the pressure and stress of exams, students can get tunnel vision and lose sight of the bigger picture. They need to be reassured that it is not the end of the world if they don't do well in their mid-year exams, and that they should treat it as a learning experience, so they are better prepared for their end-of-year exams.

## STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

- Rebecca Payne received the Women in Tourism and Hospitality Tasmania 2021 Encouragement Award
- Sam Payne and Magnus McCausland competed in the State Under 18 Men's Hockey team. Sam will also play in the Under 21 Men's Hockey team in July
- Natalia Leszczynski represented Tasmania at the Australian National Track and Field Championships at Sydney Olympic Park in the U18 discus and shotput events. She also represented Tasmania in the U19 soccer team against WNPL side Calder United – the women's team of A League club, Western United
- Liam McKenzie won the Interstate Title for boxing

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 28 May – Saturday 5 June	College Musical – Cabaret
Wednesday 2 June	Musical Gala Night
Friday 11 June	Study Day for Students (Taster Day Year 10s)
Monday 14 June	College Closed – Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 15 June – 21 June	Mid-Year Assessment Period (MYAP)
Wednesday 30 June	End of Term Assembly
Friday 2 July	Term 2 Concludes
Monday 19 July	Term 3 Begins