

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are now nearing the end of Term 3, with only four weeks left, so students need to focus on completing assessment tasks for each of their subjects. Those with external exams should be starting a revision program and seeking help from their teachers in preparation for these exams in Term 4.

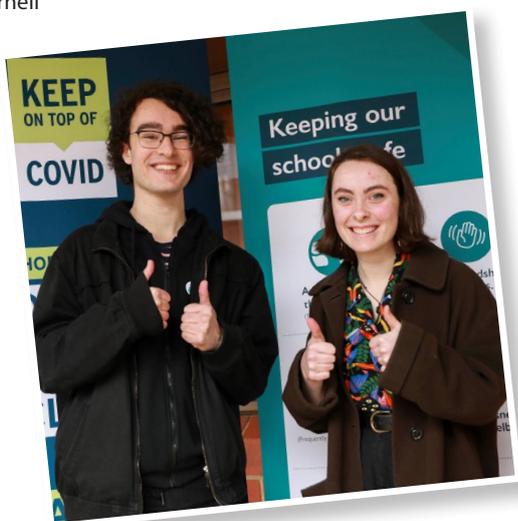
Term 3 is also a time when our students start planning for next year. Year 11 students recently attended our Subject Expo and will enrol in their Year 12 subjects on Monday 6 September. I encourage all parents/carers to have a conversation with them about the subjects they want to enrol in. They should consider subjects that they are interested in, taking into account their future study plans and/or chosen career pathway. Our Year 12s are talking to their Home Group teacher, our careers counsellor and other staff to explore their post-College options.

Term 3 reports were distributed in Home Group on 11 August. Teachers' feedback about their progress in each subject helps students to understand what they need to do to get ready and feel prepared for final assessments. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our face-to-face Parent Teacher evening on 19 August. This was a great opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to discuss how best to support their child through the final months of this year.

On 23 and 24 August, the College hosted a COVID vaccination clinic for both students and staff. It was a busy and successful two days with 583 vaccinations (and lollipops) administered. With the high number of COVID cases in many mainland states and constant lockdowns, this is a positive step for our students to take in supporting their community. The second round of vaccinations will be held on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 September. Any students who missed their vaccination can get their first dose on these days and will need to attend a community COVID clinic for their second dose.

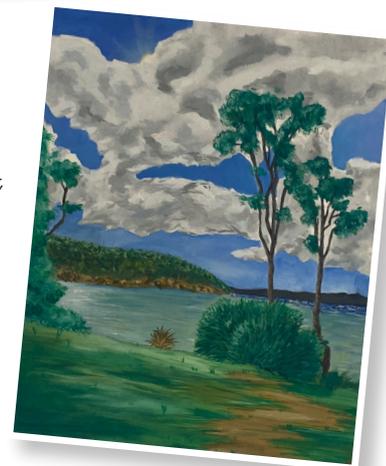
With the implementation of the Hobart City Partner Schools as a co-educational school in 2022, there is a lot of work going on across the three campuses, with staff working on teaching and learning programs, as well as wellbeing programs for all of the campuses. We hope to be able to announce more regarding the name and logo of the new school very soon.

Dr Dianne Purnell



Elliot and Holly, our Student Representatives for the COVID Vaccination Clinic, attending the media conference on Monday 23 August

Gouache on canvas by Alex Gallagher, Art Studio Practice



THE COVID REALITY

In the current COVID environment, it's quite easy to feel overwhelmed by the amount of information and updates in both the news media and social media. COVID is not going away any time soon and it's the new reality we will have to live with for a lot longer. Staying positive in such an uncertain environment can be challenging. Thankfully, Tasmania has been relatively sheltered from the impact of COVID. However, the constant focus on vaccinations and lockdowns can be quite stressful for many people, so it's important to be realistic and to stay informed. Reading and listening to expert opinion, whether it be from a reliable media source or a medical professional, is important. Avoid worrying about things that you can't control. Focus on things that you find enjoyable, such as spending time with friends, getting exercise, watching a favourite film or listening to music. Follow the guidelines: use the COVID app, apply hand sanitiser, keep the 1.5 metre distance and get vaccinated. We are very lucky to live in Tasmania, but we need to stay positive and be proactive.

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

- Hannah McCann is the Year 11 & 12 winner of the 2021 'What Matters?' Tasmania writing competition for her free verse poem, "Okay"
- Magnus McCausland has been selected in the Tassie Tigers (Extended Squad) for the upcoming Hockey One (National Men's Competition), to be held across various states in October/November
- Teacher, Jennie MacDonald, is the Tasmanian recipient of the Music Educating for Life Award for 2021, in recognition of Jennie's many years of service and high level of commitment to music education in Tasmania

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3 September	Moderation Day - Student Free Day
Monday 6 September	Enrolments for 2022 (Year 11s)
Wednesday 15 September	Wellbeing Expo
Thursday 16 and Friday 17 September	COVID Vaccination Clinic
Wednesday 22 September	End of Term Assembly
Friday 24 September	Term 3 Concludes
Monday 11 October	Term 4 Begins