

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to a new year at Elizabeth College. It has been wonderful to see our new and returning students and teachers back on campus, filled with excitement and energy.

I am sure you will all share my pride in last year's external examination results with:

- 47 students with an ATAR of 90+ and 20 of these with an ATAR of 96+
- Our duces, Joseph Fracalossi and Phoenix Robey, both obtaining perfect scores of 99.95
- 9 students in the top 100 in the state
- 4 students achieving the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for 2021 from the Governor
- 4 students receiving the Outstanding Vocational Education and Training (VET) Achievement Award from the Governor.

It has been an unusual start to the year with the influence of COVID-19 ever present; please see the following article for more information on our COVID response. Please be assured staff at EC are well prepared to continue to support your child's learning through this uncertain time.

You would be aware of our new BYOL (Bring Your Own Laptop) policy this year. Students without access to laptops are able to loan one from the college and should see their Home Group teacher about this if they have not already. We are really excited about this move forward with technology and the added benefit it will bring to support any home learning that may occur.

Hobart City High School (previously Ogilvie High School and New Town High School) is now operational and we will continue to work in close partnership with them and our other feeder schools.

We pride ourselves on our supportive culture here at Elizabeth College, our extensive Student Services team and our focus on wellbeing. Every student is encouraged to feel a part of our community and to achieve success. I am looking forward to working together with families to ensure all students remain 'Connected and On Track' throughout 2022.

Dr Dianne Purnell



Students enjoying their first day

## STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

- Han Li won the QVMAG Arts Foundation Medallion
- Toby Browning, Ollie Coulson and Henry Thomas won the Under 19 Coxless Quad Scull at the State Rowing Championships
- Teacher, Kate Camm, is a finalist in the Glover Art Prize

Acrylic on canvas by Han Li,  
Art Production Mixed Media



## LIVING WITH COVID

We have now entered our third year of 'living with COVID'. We know that the start of this school year feels very different with COVID-19 in the community, but we want to reassure parents that we are doing all we can to provide a safe learning environment. Proactive measures in place at Elizabeth College include:

- Frequent cleaning and increased hygiene practices
- Vaccination of all DoE staff, volunteers and contractors
- Wearing masks indoors by all staff and students
- Increased ventilation in classrooms and use of air purifiers
- Hand sanitiser is available and to be used in all spaces
- Use of outdoor learning areas

Over the last two weeks in Home Group, students were issued with COVID-19 care packs that included rapid antigen tests (RATs), face masks and useful information. We have plenty of hand sanitiser and masks available throughout the campus. Additional masks and RATs are available if requested in the first five weeks of term. Your child should test with a RAT if they are identified as a close contact or are showing symptoms. When a student or teacher tests positive for COVID, their teachers and class mates will be informed, they can still come to school and they will be asked to monitor symptoms and take a RAT test if they have symptoms.

During this uncertain time, our aim is to keep all students connected to their learning. If they are absent for any amount of time, it is important students continue to communicate with their teachers, regularly check their school email account and remain 'Connected and On Track'.

If students are feeling anxious or unsure about their return to school they can seek support from their Home Group teacher and our Student Services team. We will continue to update you of any changes in relation to COVID-19 directives. Please know Elizabeth College is a safe place for your child to be and we appreciate your flexibility during this time. If you have any concerns or questions please contact an Assistant Principal.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 14 March  
Tuesday 15 March  
Wednesday 23 March

Thursday 14 April

8 Hour Day Holiday – College Closed  
Teacher Moderation Day – Student Free Day  
Interim Reports to Students  
Harmony Day  
Last Day of Term 1