

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 2 is now in full swing with students and staff engaged in what is always a busy period. Our students continue to show great resilience and growth, maintaining their learning whilst managing the challenges that COVID safety brings.

On the celebratory front, congratulations to our English As a Second Language (EAL) team who were recently announced as recipients of the Department of Education's Together We Inspire Teachers Health Wellbeing Award for the teaching and support they provide to EAL students at Elizabeth College. This is a fantastic and well-deserved achievement and one of the many examples of the high functioning teams at Elizabeth College.

Progress reports were distributed in Home Group and emailed to parents/carers on 25 May. Another feature of Term 2 is our Mid-Year Assessment Period (June 20-24) where students in TASC Level 3 and 4 classes undertake a mid-year exam or major assessment that simulates their end-of-year experience and provides them with valuable feedback about their progress and areas to address moving forward.

We are excited to share that our musical, *Pippin*, will go ahead with a season slightly shorter than originally planned. Our theatre is abuzz as the cast and staff work tirelessly in preparation for the opening night on Wednesday 1 June and I wish the cast and crew the best of luck with the production.

Our links with Hobart City High School continue and collaboration between staff, sharing of resources and the co-construction of innovative programs is contributing to a more cohesive and articulated pathway from Year 7 to 12. Our Term 2 Taster Day has unfortunately been postponed, however, we hope to be able to offer this opportunity in a COVID-safe way in Term 3.

Thank you for all that you do and please stay connected with us to support our young people to thrive and to build the skills, knowledge and resilience needed for life after college.

Oliver Close

Acting Principal



The cast of Pippin

Yianna Kokkinofas,
Digital Art and Media 2



PREPARING FOR EXAMS

The Mid-Year Assessment Period (MYAP) is just around the corner and it is important to put some strategies in place to make sure students are supported to do their best, and don't become too stressed in the process! The TASC website has some great tips to prepare for exams:

1. Know your course and how you will be assessed – refer to the TASC website for course details and complete all class work and formative assessments.
2. Be familiar with your external assessment and assessment rules – look up previous exam papers and assessment reports on the TASC website, talk with your teacher about the external assessment for your course.
3. Practice (and ask for help) to master the skills and knowledge you need – use MYAP to prepare for exam conditions, use the resources available such as past exam papers, reach out for the support you need to feel confident.
4. Stay cool, calm and focussed during the exam – follow all instructions, use the preparation time at the beginning of the exam to review exactly what you are being asked to do and make notes, plan your approach to the exam on the planning paper required, read all questions carefully and make sure you answer them all fully.

In Home Group over the coming weeks students will be supported in developing their study skills and stress management through activities and opt-in workshops. Student Services staff are also available for one-on-one support if needed.

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENT

- Jocelyn McRae and Charlie Pilkington participated in the senior division of the Rostrum Voice of Youth Southern Tasmanian Final, with Charlie winning his division. He has been selected for the Australian Schools Debating Squad
- Kobi Gray represented Tasmania at the Australian Gymnastics Championships on the Gold Coast this month
- Magnus McCausland has been selected to represent Tasmania at the 2022 Hockey Australia Under 21 Men's Championships in Perth in July

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1 June – Saturday 4 June	College Musical – <i>Pippin</i>
Wednesday 8 June	Information Evening
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 20 June – Friday 24 June	Mid-Year Assessment Period
Friday 8 July	Term 2 Concludes
Monday 25 July	Term 3 Begins