



ELIZABETH
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we complete Term 1 it is important for us all to reflect on our progress to date. We know that our time together focusing on learning is precious and over the course of the last 10 weeks students have formed relationships with peers and staff, become familiar with the campus and expectations, engaged with courses and completed some assessment work. The support students establish and routines that they develop in this formative period can set them up for success academically over the course of the year, particularly around attendance, engagement and likely attainment.

Our parents/carers play a pivotal role in supporting our students in terms of them being at school, taking learning seriously and making good choices to achieve positive outcomes. Thanks for your work in supporting our partnership.

At our recent School Association AGM, the following were elected as representative committee members:

- Nadia Iusupova
- John Allan
- Kaylee Rudd
- Dave Gell
- Stephen Dodge

We thank them for their commitment to our school.



Term 1 is particularly important in developing our school culture and a number of key initiatives have already taken place. These include Home Group Activity Day, Cluster Assemblies, Meet the Home Group Teacher event, Parent TCE Forum, and Harmony Day. These opportunities build a sense of community spirit and support our values of connection, courage, growth, respect and responsibility.

Finally, you will have seen correspondence around our External School Review that is scheduled for May 13-16. This Review reflects our engagement in a continual improvement cycle and we thank students and parents/carers in anticipation of your support with this important work.

Best Wishes.

Shane Fuller
Principal



IN LOVING MEMORY OF CARMELA GOODWIN

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of our treasured friend and colleague, Carmela Goodwin, our Office Manager and Principal's Secretary. The EC community has been blessed over a 26 year period to have known and shared this time with her. Carmela had such a positive impact on those around her and she embodied our values. We are so grateful to have experienced her genuine care of others, warmth, positivity, sense of humour and support. Our thoughts are very much with her family and friends during this time. Thank you, Carmela, you will be dearly missed.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

With great pleasure we introduce our new teaching and support staff for 2024.



DAVID BIRCH

David is new to Elizabeth College and joins as one of the EAL (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) Support Teachers. His varied and interesting role sees him working with students who have recently arrived in Australia from other countries and helping them adjust to school life. Before joining the EC team, David worked at Risdon Prison as the English and Literacy teacher. When not working, he is often found holding up an instrument, typically a banjo and is also currently working his way through a Masters in Counselling. David loves the vibe at EC!



NAOMI COLBECK

Naomi is the new Curriculum Leader of English, Languages and EALD. She is teaching English 3 and English Inquiry and is also a member of the Attendance, Engagement and Attainment team. Naomi most recently worked in the Years 11 and 12 team within DECYP as a Principal Education Officer. Her first impressions of EC have focused on a sense of positivity and hum of activity around the campus and she feels very privileged to be working with the fantastic cohort of students. Away from work, Naomi loves to travel, swim and sail.



LUKE HEADLEY

Luke comes to EC from Southern Christian College and this year is teaching a wide variety of classes: Health Studies, Food and Nutrition, Essential Mathematics – Workplace, and Automotive Systems. He describes EC as friendly and welcoming, an eclectic community in eclectic buildings and spaces. Luke loves the outdoors and enjoys gardening, sports, camping and surfing – and once came very close to a surfacing orca while waiting for a wave at Shipstern Bluff, a doubly scary experience!



MARY GARLAND

Mary is teaching French and EALD this year but is also a German and Italian language teacher! She comes to EC from a role at TAC, as the Principal Education Officer: Curriculum Accreditation and Recognition. She has found both the staff and students at Elizabeth College to be very friendly, welcoming, and always happy to answer questions and help her settle in. In Mary's spare time she likes to sing and she also likes to cook and bake, especially patisserie, because it is so much a part of French culture.



SADIA RIFFAT

Sadi has joined the library team this year as Library Technician, recently arriving in Australia from overseas. She is loving being a part of the EC community, describing it as a wonderful place to work with wonderful people to work alongside. In her spare time, Sadi loves to read and write and she is also interested in photography.



TOBY KOP

Toby is an EC alumnus, now working as a Teacher's Assistant in the Foods area. He comes to EC from Austins Ferry Primary where he was a TA in Prep. Toby is enjoying working with the awesome cooking and hospitality teachers and loves his classes, saying they all have a great vibe with a mix of students from many different backgrounds. Away from work, Toby likes to draw and paint, and also surf; all these activities keep him grounded.



KELLY MCMANUS

Kelly has arrived at EC to join the HASS team, teaching Legal Studies 3 and Modern History 2. Before joining our college she was on maternity leave and before that, teaching History in Sydney. Despite only working 2 days a week, Kelly says she feels right at home within A Block and everyone has been so friendly and welcoming. Kelly loves to run and participated in the Australian Masters Athletics National Track and Field Championships in Hobart over Easter; she enjoyed representing her adopted state for the first time!



DAMIEN OLIVER-BLACK

Damien is the new Curriculum Leader for Performing Arts. This year he is teaching Music, Media Production and Contemporary Music and Song Writing. Most recently he was in a similar role at Claremont College. Damien plays in numerous bands around Hobart and regularly performs at festivals, corporate events and other gigs, and last year was nominated for the Aria Music Teacher of the Year Awards. He also loves spending time with his family, with a three-month-old and three-year-old at home.



TOM RAE

Tom is working as the Outdoor Education and HPE Teacher's Assistant. He has worked in a similar role at Carey Baptist Grammar School in Melbourne. Tom loves the outdoors, hence his career choice, and also enjoys cooking and trying new recipes. Tom is looking forward to the year, getting out and about on adventures with students!



MILLER STOLP

Miller is the Performing Arts Teacher's Assistant, working with the Theatre Performance class and others in E Block. He is a former EC student who has recently completed his Bachelor of Music at UTAS. Miller says EC is the same wonderful school that he remembers from his time as a student here, where all the staff really care about their students. Miller's favourite music to listen to and perform is J-Pop although his playlists are filled with lots of random music.



NERISSA FENTON

We welcome Nerissa as our new Aboriginal Educator. She is a proud Wotjobaluk woman who will work closely with Aboriginal students on their educational journey and support staff to incorporate Aboriginal perspectives into their teaching.

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Elizabeth College offers scholarships annually to students from our partner school, Hobart City High School. Scholarship recipients are chosen in consultation with Hobart City High School Year 10 staff based on academic excellence, commitment to learning, demonstration of DECYP values, and demonstrated leadership capacity. The successful students will represent Elizabeth College in various forums this year and will play a key role supporting Year 10 students with their transition to college. Each scholarship recipient will receive a bursary in Year 11 and 12 to support them with school related fees.

Congratulations to our new Year 11 and continuing Year 12 scholarship recipients:

2024 Scholarships – Current Year 11s

Academic Excellence Scholarship: Addison Nhan

DECYP Values Scholarship: Billie Lowenstein

Leadership Scholarship: Melinda North

Commitment to Learning Scholarship: Kaden Alley

2023 Scholarships – Current Year 12s

Connor Maguire, Lockie Fox, Janice Lui, Matilda Scott



SHINING STARS

Elizabeth College's annual awards evening for 2023 was held in February at Wrest Point Plenary Hall.

Over 180 students were honoured across all Curriculum Areas, highlighting their dedication and hard work throughout 2023. Guests were treated to musical interludes performed by talented current students and an inspiring address was delivered by guest speaker and distinguished alumna, Imogen Paine.

Mackenzie Stone was introduced as the esteemed Dux of 2023, and she spoke passionately about her pride in being a product of public education and shared her fondness for EC, emphasising the nurturing environment and supportive community. Our Year 11 Dux, Moanie Zier Williams, was also recognised for her outstanding academic achievements.



STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORTING ALL

The Student Services team are highly trained specialists who support and assist students facing a range of issues at college. The team is made up of counsellors, Sandy, Jane, Narelle and Dee, psychologist, Alana, social worker, Ange, careers counsellor, Dave, campus support manager, Jon, chaplain, Johnathan, support teachers, Damian and Marie-Rose, and school health nurses, Jesse and Ashley. Student Services is located in the terraced house, Nangaree, next to the main office on Elizabeth Street.

The qualified counselling team offer confidential counselling for a range of personal issues, focusing on mental health and wellbeing, also offering support with enrolment processes including course counselling and the transition to college. Alana provides educational assessments and recommendations for students who have specific learning difficulties. Ange can assist

students with connecting with other agencies such as Centrelink or housing. Dave, whose office is located in the college library, can provide advice on a wide range of pathways, including university, TAFE, apprenticeships, job applications and work experience. Jon offers security and oversees the safety culture on campus while Johnathan builds meaningful relationships with students, encourages social inclusion on campus and provides opportunities to engage with community organisations. Damian and Marie-Rose work tirelessly to support students with additional needs and disabilities, and the school health nurses work in health promotion across the college.

Call into Nangaree or complete a referral via one of the QR codes around the campus and have a chat with our friendly Student Services team!



STRAIGHT TO THE TOP! ELEVATE EDUCATION

Across the first two days of the school year all students attended a 90-minute presentation from Elevate Education, Australia's #1 study skills provider. The engaging and dynamic study skills session set a platform for a successful year for all EC students as they work towards their TCE. Presenter, Jas, spoke about utilising the syllabus to frame study, structuring and reviewing organised notes, conceptual learning to develop deep understanding, utilising past exam papers and standing out through independent learning. These presentations were a great way for students to start the academic year on the right foot.



A BIG BIG SOUND SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

The campus came alive in January to the sounds of the 19th annual Stage Band Summer School.

Students from over twenty schools came together from across the state and as far afield as South Australia for an exciting week of rehearsals, masterclasses, and workshops. There was a buzz in the air as the bands worked with an inspiring team of mentors during the week-long program, sharing ideas and making

music together. There were so many highlights - making new friends, sharing a common passion with other musicians, overcoming challenges, skill development, and all through playing great music!

Thank you to the students, parents and staff who made the 2024 Summer School such a wonderful experience!

A CULTURE OF SAFETY

To begin Term 1, each Home Group attended a presentation from our Student Services team about creating an environment that is inclusive and safe. Topics covered included the college code of conduct, a definition of bullying and why it is never ok, how to become an 'upstander' as opposed to a bystander, online bullying, and the support services available. Students were encouraged to continue to make Elizabeth College a place where everyone can thrive.



CHRYSALIS

Term 1 has been an exciting time in the Visual Arts department with a focus on our first student exhibition "Chrysalis". Each student exhibited one piece of work along with copies of 2 visual diary pages. Students explored ideas of growth, emergence and new beginnings as they begin their year's art journey.

Students have had experiences in the classroom and beyond, with Photography students undertaking a photoshoot at the Botanical gardens, Mixed Media classes venturing to Bett Gallery, and Art Studio Practice and Contemporary Art Practice 3 students attending exhibitions at Colville and Despard Art Galleries, with a talk from the curator at Despard for the Tasmanian Women Artists show.

In the classroom Digital Art students heard how artist Sam Lyne lives and works through sales of his digital art. Photography students experienced a talk and workshop from Rosie Hastie and Mixed Media students experienced a collage workshop from artist Amber Koroluk-Stephenson, building on their experience of her work at Bett Gallery. The students will use their collages as the basis for their second major piece of work for the year.

It has been a busy start to 2024 in Visual Arts and there is more to come!





HOME GROUPS HAVE FUN

Early in Term I, Home Group Activities Day saw the entire school depart campus for the day to five different locations, all with unique experiences for the Home Groups to share, collaborate and foster relationships. Some groups enjoyed a walk along the Alum Cliffs Track and lunch at Hinsby Beach, some went to Waterworks Reserve for a short walk and games, and some made pizzas in the wood fired oven

at Legacy Park and went for a short walk around The Domain. Others were bowled over by bowls, with both tenpin bowling and lawn bowling providing the fun. The weather for the day was spectacular and there was a genuine buzz around the various locations.



FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE GLOBE

2024 is a big year for the International Student Program at Elizabeth College. With 46 students, we have the highest number of full-fee-paying international students studying at Elizabeth College in the history of the college. There are also numerous other students from overseas studying at EC on various kinds of temporary visas. Our biggest groups of a single nationality in the full-fee-paying students

are our students from Vietnam, followed by our group from Brazil, the Philippines and Japan. We also have students from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Germany, India, Iran, Italy and Vanuatu. It is wonderful to see so many students from so many countries studying at Elizabeth College as they add so much to the cultural fabric of our school.



ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE

This year a new role has been created, for a teacher to work with our new Aboriginal Educator in the Aboriginal support space. Kate Camm has taken on this position, and part of her role is to help celebrate and create awareness around Aboriginal culture in our community. To start the year off, all staff made a pledge to close the gap in Aboriginal education. They brought country into the four walls of the library by writing these pledges on blue gum leaves; keep an eye on the front office as these will be displayed soon. Joe Cleary has already enacted his pledge with his Physics students, telling the story of "Gawargay" from the Kamilaroi People in Northern NSW. Gawargay is also known as the Celestial Emu or Great Emu in the Sky and the story changes as the constellation changes position in the sky throughout the year. We are proud at Elizabeth College to acknowledge and integrate First Nations perspectives in all we do.





HAPPY CAMPERS

The annual Elizabeth College Advanced Academic Diploma program (ECAAD) camp went ahead in March, focusing on forging friendships and creating a strong community. New Year 11s and continuing Year 12s bonded over cricket, miniature watercolour painting, a sandcastle competition, surfing and a swim at Stewarts Bay. Students also developed goals for the year by examining their core values, playing trust games and peer-coaching. ECAAD is all

about going a bit further and digging a bit deeper; the group also explored key aspects of Tasmania's identity: the convict past with a tour of Port Arthur Historic Site and the ancient wilderness with a boat tour of the Tasman Peninsula. This year the camp was catered for by the Cookery and Hospitality students as their first gig of the year; the food was amazing. Wonderful memories were created for all and the camp created a strong foundation for 2024.

READY FOR THE ROAD

Throughout Term 1, all Home Groups attended a series of presentations from the "Ready for the Road" program run by the RACT. This theoretical and practical program helps young people prepare to navigate roads safely and educates beginner drivers on topics such as the process of getting a licence, how to choose a safe car, the responsibilities of car ownership and The Fatal Five.

The beer goggles were a big hit at the presentation, where students could try on and see the effects of varying levels of intoxication; they were very scary!



A follow up program, "Distracted Driving", aims to empower young drivers to prioritise their safety when driving. This practical course simulates real-life distractions such as drink driving, texting while driving and travelling with passengers. Some classes are electing to pursue this follow up program.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP

The Student Leadership Group is a team of students with a keen interest in participating in the continuous improvement of facilities and processes at Elizabeth College – for the benefit of the whole college and wider community too.

Some of the projects that students have come up with this year and will be working on in small action teams include planning for the school formal, designing

and ordering 2024 hoodies, Harmony Day activities, City Mission Sleepout, fundraising for local charities and consulting with the Wellbeing and Health Group from DECYP.

The SLG is open to all students and it's never too late to join! They meet every Monday at lunch time in B105 and new faces are always welcome.





TOURISM ON TOP

Tourism in Tasmania is the largest tourism market in Australia! Coming out of COVID, there are more and more opportunities in this area and Elizabeth College is excited to provide students with the best chance of gaining employment in this growth industry by once again offering a VET certificate in Tourism. The new teacher for the course, Dan Conway, has over 20 years' experience in Tourism and a wealth of knowledge

to share with his students. The class will be working on a range of skills, particularly focused on customer service and they will be an integral part of the Betty's Café team. The café will be opening to the school community on Thursdays throughout the year. Other industry skills students will acquire include their First Aid and Responsible Service of Alcohol certifications and barista training. Students will also have an opportunity to undertake a number of work placements and we are thrilled to have Pennicott Wilderness Tours on board to host students.

WORKING 9 TO 5, WHAT A WAY TO MAKE A LIVIN'!

Rehearsals have heated up this term for our annual musical, *9 to 5*. Auditions were a great learning curve for those who have never undertaken an audition before. With a talented cast announced in late February, students have been working hard to perfect steps and songs, as well as raiding their parents' wardrobes searching for 80's shoulder-padded jackets and white court shoes.

9 to 5 tells the story of three women pushed to boiling point. They decide to get even with their sexist, egotistical boss, and in the process they give their office a dream makeover and turn the company around.

If you like a few laughs and love the music of Dolly Parton, this is the show for you. The season runs from Wednesday 29 May to Saturday 1 June. Tickets will be available through TryBooking from Monday 29 April. It is sure to be a sellout season, so don't miss out!





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