

The background of the top half of the image is a photograph of a tall, weathered wooden tower. Three people are visible looking out from a window near the top. The tower has a gabled roof and a small arched opening. The bottom half of the image shows a group of young women in various costumes, some with large hats and scarves, posing on a checkered floor. In the background, a screen displays the Consolidated Industries logo. The entire image is overlaid with a large red diagonal shape on the right side, which contains a repeating pattern of stylized circular motifs. A grey diagonal shape is on the left side, containing a large, faint version of the same circular motif.

ELIZABETH COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sincere thanks to all members of our community who gave their time and thoughts regarding Elizabeth College in our recent external school review. We had a panel of five members that included visiting College Principals and one of the DECYP Deputy Secretaries. In previous correspondence, I noted that we very much saw this as a mechanism to identify things we are doing well, as well as providing direction in our school improvement journey.

We received commendations around:

- Trust, respect and collegiality amongst staff
- Strong, positive, caring, trusting relationships between staff and students
- The high priority placed on student wellbeing
- Our focus on teacher collaboration through professional learning teams and inquiry
- The diverse range of curriculum offerings we provide
- Our commitment to tracking student progress
- Our inclusive culture

As a school, we are very proud that these important attributes have been recognised and we will ensure they continue into the future.

Moving forward, the panel noted the following recommendations for us to consider:

- Embed the improvement agenda to enable and empower collaborative teams
- Cultivate an expert teaching team through collective professional learning and collaborative inquiries to identify and continue to refine pedagogical practices
- Build a co-constructed vision and beliefs statement around wellbeing, teaching and learning

Members of our community (students, parents/carers and staff) have received a link to a short survey around our vision and beliefs. I would appreciate it if you could take the time to engage with it so you can have your say and we can capture the vision we all have for our school and community.

Lastly, thanks to parents/carers who attended Discussions of Learning at the end of May. These conversations can be very powerful, affirming and informative, and ensure students are connected to their studies and on track. It is hard to believe that we are around the halfway mark in the academic year with exams being held in early November.

Best wishes for the holidays.

Shane Fuller
Principal



A TASTE OF EXCELLENCE

On Thursdays and Fridays this term the VET Hospitality and VET Cookery students as well as Food, Hospitality and Enterprise students were able to showcase their skills, offering delicious food and drinks. Betty's Café is a hub for hands-on learning where students have gained practical experience in making coffees and mocktails, enhanced by state-of-the-art

Mixology Virtual Reality. In addition to mastering the art of beverage creation, students have developed skills in customer service and conflict resolution, preparing them for careers in hospitality and event management. Betty's is a popular spot for staff and plays a vital role in many college and community events.



CAREERS EXPO

Our annual Careers Expo was held in May with a diverse range of over 30 exhibitors providing valuable career information to students, including the Year 9 and 10 students we welcomed from Hobart City High School.

Exhibitors included:

- UTAS, Maritime College and TasTAFE
- Tasmania Police, Ambulance Tasmania, Tas Fire Service and Defence Force Careers
- INCAT, William Adams CAT, Arbre Forest Industries
- Pharmacy Guild, Personal Training, Pennicott Journeys and Tasmanian Museum & Art Gallery
- Various apprenticeship/traineeship providers

We also made excellent use of our experienced staff to provide advice on career areas including teaching, nursing, psychology, youth work, counselling and Vocational Education & Training pathways.

There were career-related activities in Home Group leading up to the Expo, so students were well-prepared and engaged enthusiastically with the exhibitors.

As always, we are very grateful for so many businesses, organisations and staff taking part to support our students.



WORLDVIEWS ON WEDNESDAYS

The Wednesday Spirituality Group, held in Chaplain Johnathan's cosy and inviting office, is a unique space where students from diverse backgrounds come together to share and explore their different philosophical and religious worldviews and hear from other students on topics such as the meaning of life, the essence of religion and the nature of reality.

Sometimes students just chat about things going on in the world that they find interesting or important. The culture within the group is vibrant and inclusive, encouraging open dialogue and respect. Whether you are deeply spiritual, philosophically inclined or simply curious about different worldviews, new faces are always welcome.



FUTURE PROFESSIONAL PATHWAYS IN ECAAD

The challenges and pleasures of work were the focus of the ECAAD program in Term 2. Students heard from inspiring speakers about finding meaning and purpose in the teaching, legal, medical and engineering professions. Guests shared practical advice about how to get started and the key messages were to take chances and have fun along the way. Excursions to the TEDx – Ripple Effect event and the incredible EC musical production

9 to 5 topped off our cultural program. So many ECAAD students supported college events and programs this term alongside the community and services activities they are involved in outside school. We value their contributions and leadership.



CREATIVE SHOWCASE – VISUAL ART

As well as lots of activity and artmaking in Visual Art classes this term, there have been excursions, exhibitions and guest speakers.

Digital Art students were privileged to hear from Graphic Artist Josh Pringle about his background, art practice and business, and then participated in his workshop using vector images in Illustrator.

Three of our art students had solo shows at the Moonah Arts Centre (MAC) in April - Amelie Moschberger, Ellie Barnes and Scarlett Tope. Madeline Smith also showcased her ceramic artwork in a group show.

EC has been working with Youth Arts (YARC) who have been in twice to talk with art students about opportunities for participation and Heidi Lobb recently held a solo show there. Contemporary

Art Practice 3 students are busily preparing for a group show they are curating in September.

Many art students were able to relate to the excellent artworks in the ArtRage exhibition to help inspire their own artmaking.

Level 1 and 2 students were busy preparing for the WIP (Work in Progress) show which opened in mid-June whilst level 3 students prepared a review of their work at the mid-year assessment interviews, held at the end of June.

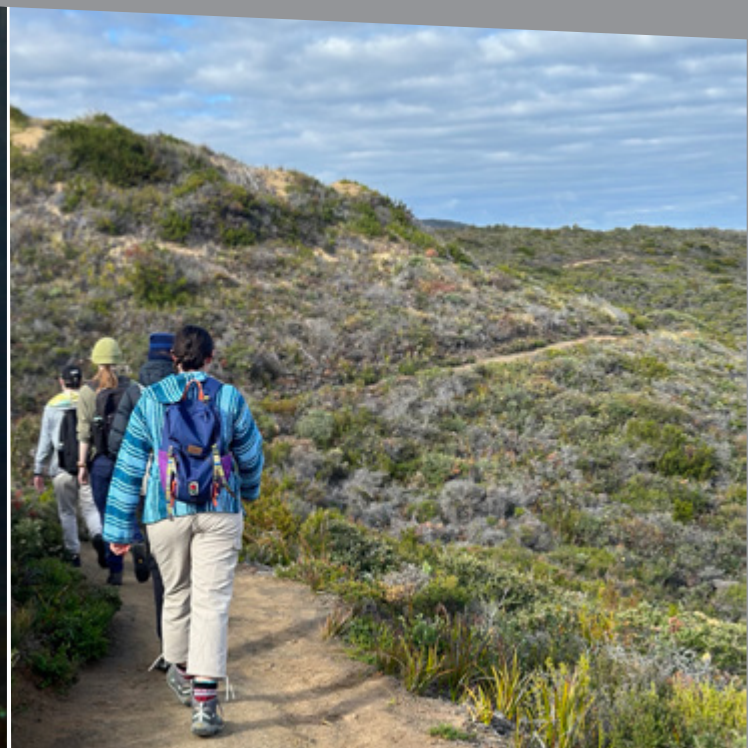




ENRICHMENT CONTINUES TO INSPIRE

2024 Enrichment has seen many of the popular offerings continue as well as some new and exciting enrichments take off. Each week Chess Club meets through the Enrichment Program and hopefully EC will put together a strong performance at upcoming competitions, backing up our recent success. The scuba course saw 7 students participate in the PADI Open Water Dive Certificate where they dived to depths of 18m! Canoe polo is a new offering this year which has been an exciting sport for the students willing to enter a pool in a small kayak and work as a team to score in the opponents' goal. It's a fierce and competitive sport like no other! Defence Force

enrichment is another new program this year and the students involved travelled to Launceston to attend a Defence Expo where experiences included an F-18 simulator. Favourites such as badminton and volleyball have been hugely successful with the gym being utilised at maximum capacity on the days they are offered, with students from all across the college participating. Certificate courses such as RSA and Barista have also been successful with many students gaining these respected qualifications, all set to enter the workforce. What a busy term and we're ready to do it all again next term!



CONFUSIONS

In May, the Theatre Performance class performed *Confusions* by English playwright Alan Ayckbourn. The play is made up of five shorter plays, ranging from naturalistic comedy to high farce. Set in the 1970s in England, students were faced with the challenge of developing their English accents and their understanding of the 1970s culture. The play was extremely well received by both student and public audiences.



FUN RUNNING THE CITY TO CASINO

Earlier this term, a large number of students and staff participated in Tasmania's longest-running fun run, the City to Casino. Established in 1973, the City to Casino offers four events across three courses, for all ages and abilities and takes place in May each year. This year, we had college staff representatives from Leadership, HPE, HaSS, VET, Maths, Science, Technology and the School Administration team! Students from both Year 11 and 12 participated, including international students, participants running the event for the very first time, and future students like Hugo Burrows who was our youngest team member at 4 years of age.

The EC team walked or ran 7km from Cornelian Bay to Wrest Point Casino. Red, white, and black EC uniform colours were seen far and wide through the crowd among 2,600 competitors, making their way up the hill by the Queens Domain past the Hobart Waterfront and downhill to Sandy Bay. James said as soon as he saw the



casino, he felt motivated to pick up the pace. Jove and Lucas said they found the home stretch the toughest part as it meandered beneath the carpark for longer than they expected. Holly said she was stoked to reach the finish line before her Sport and Rec teacher Scott.

Congratulations to speed machines Lockie Fox, Jove McKenna, Oliver Close and John Schuringa for impressively completing the race in under 30 minutes. Thank you to all EC students, staff, family members and friends who participated or came to support our team. We aim to make this event even bigger next year, come and join us in the City to Casino 2025!



THE WOMEN TAKE CONTROL IN 9 TO 5

If you were lucky enough to score a ticket to the sold out season of *9 to 5*, then this year's musical certainly didn't disappoint. It was big hair, big shoulder pads and a spectacle of colour as Violet, Judy and Doralee fought to be recognised for their hard work and initiative, to finally rise to the top at Consolidated Industries, while their egotistical boss, Franklin Hart took a tumble all the way to Bolivia.

The hundred strong cast, crew and band gave it their all, dancing and singing through Dolly Parton classics, like 'Around Here', 'Shine like the Sun' and 'Change It'. Even Dolly herself made a quick appearance!



GROUND SOUNDS

Ground Sounds was once again held to celebrate the end of a busy Term 2, and for music students to share what they've been working on. The concert also functions as the 'EC Heats' for the inter-school Rock Challenge competition held in Term 3. The F Block courtyard came alive with performances by students from the Contemporary Music class, the UTAS Songwriting class, and students participating in the Rock Challenge enrichment program. Despite the cold, a large crowd gathered under heaters and enjoyed the hot drinks and fantastic performances.



MEDIA PRODUCTION SHINES

This term, the Media Production class have been learning about the advertising industry and creating screen-based advertisements. The students completed their 'Advertisement Replications' as a skill building exercise and submitted exceptionally high-quality work, featuring some impressive videography demonstration and editing prowess. These skill builder ads demonstrate the level of quality of the students' work.

Everyone is very excited to start their largest project for the year, a short film. We are sure to see a whole range of exciting, nuanced and captivating narratives that will inspire and amaze. Watch this space for our end of year Media Showcase.





KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD & PROUD

Aboriginal Education is an important part of our school culture here at EC. During National Reconciliation Week in May, the whole school community was invited to make a commitment in line with the National Reconciliation Week theme 'Now More Than Ever'. This theme is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will – and must – continue. Staff and students signed their name or made a mark on the large serpent mural. This will be displayed throughout the year in various places for all to see. A small group

of First Nations students, along with some of our staff, attended the National Reconciliation Week breakfast held at MyState Bank Arena.

NAIDOC week took place during Week 10 and this was an immersive and expansive experience for the entire school. The event included a traditional smoking ceremony, traditional food, a whole school pledge using shells found on country, an art exhibition including digital projection and much more. The theme for NAIDOC week this year was Keep the 'Fire Burning! Blak, Loud & Proud'. We ran with this theme and had visuals of burning fires throughout the campus all week.

SLEEPING ROUGH FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Homelessness in Tasmania has reached crisis levels, with 1 in every 81 Tasmanians seeking support. To address this urgent issue, a group of concerned students participated in the City Mission's Sleep Rough event, a community sleepout held at the PWI shed in Salamanca. The goal was to raise funds for emergency shelter, transitional housing programs, and outreach services for those experiencing homelessness.

EC's participation and fundraising was both impactful and memorable. Throughout the evening, students and staff engaged in spirited games of Twister, Exploding Kittens, and Burble, drinking soup and looking through the offerings from the City Mission op shop pop-up.

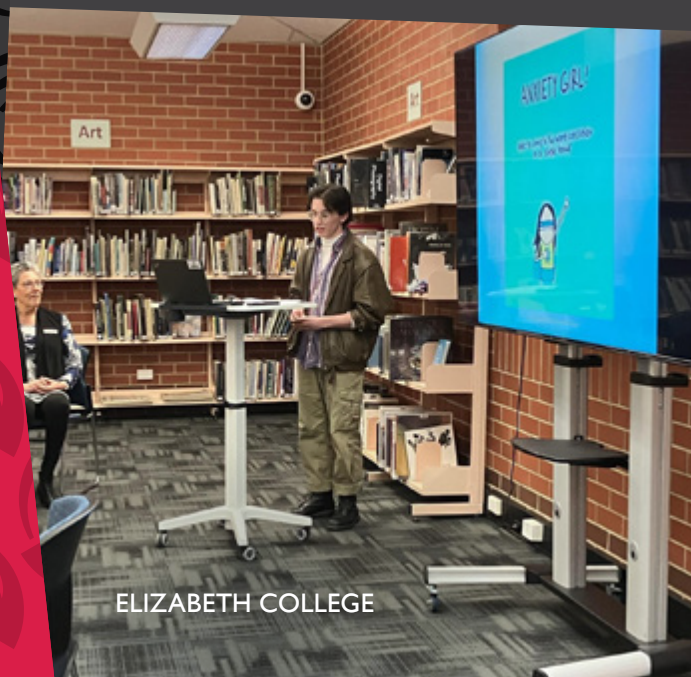


Some of the more adventurous students, along with intrepid teacher Eunji, braved the cold and slept outside, nearly freezing, while others opted for the relative warmth inside the shed. Despite the chill, the event successfully highlighted the importance of community support and solidarity. By participating, our student leaders contributed to a critical cause.



PRIDE GROUP UNITES

The Elizabeth College Pride Group have had a productive term, with in-group badge making, activities, and planning for Pride Month in June commencing early. For IDAHOBIT - the International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism, and Transphobia on the 17th of May - we prompted our staff to write messages of support and care for our colleges LGBTQIA+ community, which we proudly displayed in the A Block Corridor. Our Pride Group was also hard at work for our Pride Month stall, making badges and ribbons and some free education about LGBTQIA+ identities also included for those interested in learning more. Pride Group meets every Tuesday lunchtime and is a welcoming and inclusive safe space for all.



WHEN ANXIETY BITES!

Parents and carers attended the Parent Forum in June to hear about managing anxiety when it presents in their young person. Student Services staff shared tips and strategies to help young people cope when anxiety hits. River spoke about their own experiences and strategies they have developed to cope. Anxiety can strike for a variety of reasons. It's a 'normal' feeling which has become amplified by fear of what might happen. This often leads to rumination and can prevent people from performing the tasks necessary for everyday life. Life experiences can trigger this. Our focus at Elizabeth College is on teaching young people to manage anxiety.



THANK YOU VARIETY SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB!

This term we were fortunate enough to have staff from Variety attend our breakfast program to see it in full swing. The grant we receive from Variety School Breakfast Club allows us to provide up to 300 nutritional breakfasts a week to students. Toastie Mondays and Pancake Tuesdays continue to be a hit with students and the occasional staff member.

SYDNEY STEALS THE SHOW

Who wouldn't love five days swanning around Sydney? Twenty-one students and four staff took up the challenge and immersed themselves in some of the best art and culture the big city has to offer!

The days were jam-packed with *Chigaco* at the Capital Theatre, a workshop and tour at NIDA where it was amazing to see the next generation of industry professionals honing their craft, Puccini's opera *Tosca*, a spectacular performance by Bangarra Dance Co, and a peek at the inner workings of the Sydney Opera House.

Students saw fabulous musicians perform at the finals of the NSW Schools Concerto Competition, and for the jazz heads, a recreation of Miles Davis' *Birth of the Cool* album in the same day!

To top it all off there was a last-minute performance of *& Juliet* which was a huge highlight.





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