



ELIZABETH  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Now we are at the end of Term 3, it is crucial for students to be thinking about what comes next. For all our students, getting the best TCE results can help to open possibilities for life after school. Our advice as a school is to make the most of what is on offer. To do this, motivation is key with the finish line of the year in sight. With holidays approaching and Term 3 fatigue setting in, we can lose momentum, and it is important to prevent this as best as possible.

My tips for students approaching the exam period:

- Work at a steady pace between now and your exams. This should lessen the burden down the track.
- Make good use of the holiday period, noting you need a balance between being well-prepared and being well-rested. It is important not to feel like you are ill-prepared or worn out.
- Develop a plan for your preparation between now and your exams, mapping out what you need to do and when. The next challenge is to not procrastinate or blank it out of your mind, as that puts off the inevitable.
- Action your plan. When you do this, you should feel like you are achieving as you 'tick things off'.
- Be realistic about what you can commit to and your expectations of yourself. There is equally a risk in not challenging yourself to see what you are capable of.

- Study smarter, not harder. Being productive is key. Know what works for you and what doesn't and seek help if you are still working that out.
- Each day is a new day to reset and a new opportunity to build on your knowledge, skills and confidence.
- Make sure you are familiar with the TASC website, particularly the page at the link below, as well as your course-related specific sites (past exams and examiner's reports which can be very helpful).

**[tasc.tas.gov.au/students/years-11-and-12/preparing-for-exams/](https://tasc.tas.gov.au/students/years-11-and-12/preparing-for-exams/)**

- Seek support and feedback from your expert teachers.
- Remember, your best is all you can do!

Best wishes to all students in the lead up to the holidays and Term 4. It is a very important time. I have never seen a student not get what they ultimately deserve!

**Shane Fuller**  
Principal

# WELCOME NEW CHAPLAIN

This term we have welcomed our new chaplain, Johnathan Karisny, to Elizabeth College. Johnathan and his family have recently arrived in Tasmania all the way from Colorado, USA.

Johnathan's primary job is to help students stay 'Connected and On Track'. He will do this by mentoring and building meaningful relationships. Many young people can feel disconnected and isolated, and a chaplain provides a safe and stable presence on campus.

Johnathan is looking forward to getting to know all college community members. His office is room NI02 (Student Services building) and he is on campus on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



# PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TEAMS

In 2023 Elizabeth College has been making an exciting, sometimes challenging, but overall rewarding transition to becoming a Professional Learning Community (PLC). In simple terms, this means that as an entire organisation, we are giving structure to an ever-present commitment to providing the best possible teaching and learning opportunities for our students. Within the PLC, Professional Learning Teams (PLTs) are teams of teachers that meet a few times a term and investigate ways to improve the learning outcomes of students.

The teams have led some great initiatives across the college so far, including the Science team improving student understanding of assessment verbs, and Digital Technologies investigating ways to provide the most meaningful feedback for students in an innovative way. It will be exciting to see our growth as a Professional Learning Community in the coming years.





## CLOWNING AROUND IN THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Rehearsals are well under way for the Theatre Performance 3 class production of *Do We Ever See Grace?* Presented as a clown show, the production examines the idea of 'society's rejects' in England

in the 1980s. Students have really embraced the idea of clowning and recently undertook a workshop with Mark Sands from Sands Family Circus where they learnt skills such as juggling, tumbling and acrobatics.

*Do We Ever See Grace?* will be performed during the first week of Term 4; keep an eye on the Elizabeth College Performing Arts Facebook page for more details.

## CAREERS EXPO

The annual Careers Expo was held on 9th August with a diverse range of over 30 exhibitors providing valuable career information to students.

They included:

- UTAS, Maritime College, Monash University and TasTAFE
- Tasmania Police, Ambulance Tasmania, Tas Fire Service and Defence Force Careers
- INCAT, William Adams CAT, Arbre Forest Industries
- Pharmacy Guild, Physiotherapy, Personal Training
- Various apprenticeship/traineeship providers



Our experienced staff were also able to provide advice on career areas including teaching, nursing, psychology, youth work, counselling and beauty therapy.

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

We are very grateful for so many businesses, organisations and staff taking part to support the students of Elizabeth College.



## CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CONSENT

In July, a presentation about respectful relationships was designed by our Student Services team, particularly the School Health Nurses. This presentation was delivered by Sandy Verrier (Manager of Student Services), Jane Shearing (Youth Worker and Counsellor) and Jesse Blackaby (School Health Nurse) in the college theatre. Four assemblies were held in order to reach all Home Groups.

The strongest message delivered was about consent; the message was simple and impactful. All students were engaged and interested and invited to visit Student Services with any questions. Conversations about respectful relationships are extremely important and it was fantastic to be able to shine a light on this issue this term.



## THE BEST OF ALL WORLDS

The English as an Additional Language (EAL) classroom showcases the benefits of a multicultural society. This year with COVID travel restrictions lifted, Elizabeth College has welcomed students from China, Taiwan, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines, Somalia, Ethiopia, Iran and Italy.

Not only are the students from different countries and cultures but their backgrounds and life experiences are also diverse. Humanitarian, fee-paying and exchange students have studied together, developing their English skills and teaching each other and their teachers about their culture and world views. There are many benefits from this exchange which can challenge and broaden an individual's beliefs and perspectives.

Recently, the Italian exchange students were farewelled with a party featuring Aussie food. EAL students prepared and explained the origins of ANZAC biscuits, lamingtons, meat pies and swimming pool birthday cakes.

Anyone who wants to see and hear soft diplomacy in action should visit an EAL classroom!



## LEGAL EAGLES

This term our Legal Studies 3 class visited Hobart Magistrate's Court, seeing many criminal cases at various stages of the trial process. Students were fortunate enough to see two courts operating, with former EC students as the magistrates presiding! Students witnessed contest mentions (pre-trial hearings) and sentencing.

A highlight of the excursion was time with one of the magistrates who explained how the court worked, the role of court personnel and talked about some issues in our justice system. It is great that our courts are publicly accessible; what a learning experience for students of the law.

## TASMANIAN YOUNG COMPOSER OF 2023

Year 12 student, Henry Gell, was earlier this year awarded the prestigious title of Tasmanian Young Composer 2023. Henry's achievement opened doors for him as he was chosen to represent the state at the Australian Society for Music Education (ASME) National Conference held in July. He was able to showcase his creative prowess on a national platform and learn from some of the country's finest minds in the field of music composition. During the conference, Henry had the privilege of collaborating with internationally acclaimed Australian composer, Holly Harrison, as well as witnessing his composition come to life through a performance by the renowned ensemble, Offspring.



Henry's achievement as Tasmanian Young Composer is not only a testament to his own dedication and hard work but also a reflection of the nurturing environment in the Performing Arts Curriculum Area at EC. We couldn't be prouder of his accomplishments; we should all be inspired by Henry's determination to pursue his passion and excel in his chosen field!

# DEVONPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL

Who doesn't love a band road trip? In July the stage band and jazz combo headed north to the Devonport Jazz Festival to take in three great days of playing, working with local musicians and soaking up the cool jazz vibes.

Having recently returned from South Australia's damp Generations in Jazz, three days of North West rain wasn't going to stop students (and staff!) having a ball. Great gigs, making friends, good food, awesome music, what more could anyone ask for?

Students loved playing for the home crowd who made EC feel very welcome. The bands gave roof raising performances and checked out some awesome national and local jazz artists including Vince Jones and local artists Randal Muir and Spike Mason.



A highlight of the trip was hosting a workshop with local young musicians; lots of fun and laughs were enjoyed as well as the sharing of good music.



## DECISION TIME FOR YEAR 11s

Term 3 was a busy time for Year 11s as they began planning their courses for 2024. During Home Group time at the end of August, students were presented with a golden ticket to unravel the array of subject offerings for next year at the annual Subject Expo. Students engaged with Curriculum Leaders and current Year 12 students who provided insights to shape

Year 11 students' educational journey. Staff and students shared information about subject content, workload, assessment and exciting opportunities. Displays and brochures were informative and many questions were answered. The Subject Expo equipped all Year 11s to stride confidently into next year.



## SCIENCE SHINES AT EC

National Science Week runs each year in August and it is a spectacle to behold at Elizabeth College. This year over 550 primary students and Year 9 Hobart City High School students joined in Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Electronics and Biochemistry sessions. The event saw participation from 12 primary schools from all over Southern Tasmania. College students showcased their excellence by assisting the visiting students, and teachers from diverse subject areas collaborated, connecting Science with their own fields.

The week commenced with a reception at Government House, organised by Elizabeth College, hosted by the Governor of Tasmania and attended by 22 local schools and 40 local scientists.

EC's Science Week extravaganza garnered media attention with WIN News covering the event. Other highlights of the week included ECAAD students attending a Dr Karl lecture, and 150 STEM students visiting the Festival of Bright Ideas. Science Week's triumph owes much to Dr Jason Hoare, Curriculum Leader of Science, and the STEM department staff, especially Karen Drysdale – laboratory technician and organiser extraordinaire!





# FUTSAL FEVER

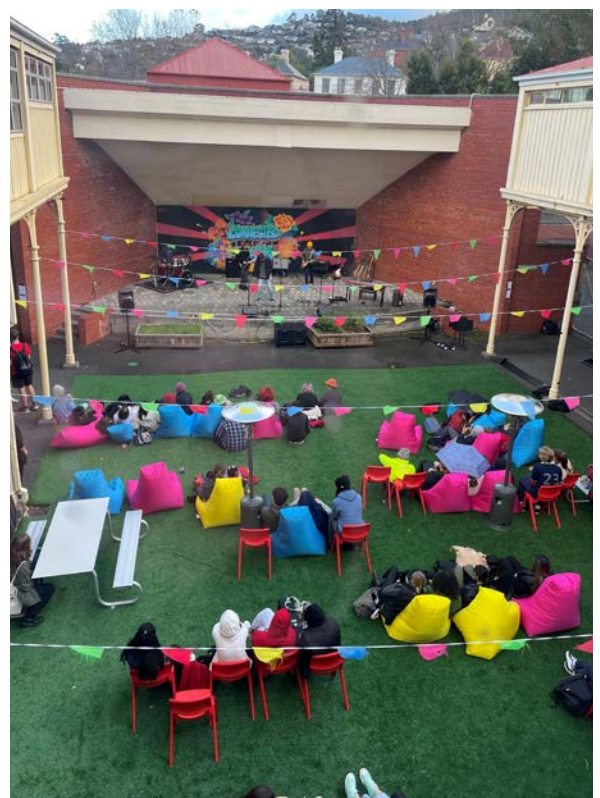
Students of the Certificate II Sport and Recreation program organised an intra-college futsal tournament as part of their ongoing coursework. The tournament involved teams competing within their respective Home Groups throughout Terms 2 and 3.

The students in the Certificate II class worked as referees, scorers and time keepers for the matches and handled the scheduling of the fixtures. The winning Home Group of this tightly contested competition was HG 1 and they received an impressive trophy and enjoyed a pizza lunch to celebrate.



# NEW LOOK FOR F BLOCK

Through our Trauma Informed Practice in Schools funding, Elizabeth College made a commitment to create inviting, inclusive spaces throughout our school. This year our focus has been on the F block courtyard. At the beginning of term, new astro turf was laid which immediately brightened up the space, along with 30 colourful beanbags to use as seating, and some Nepalese bunting hanging overhead. Next term, a mural will be added across the front of the stage and poles around the courtyard. This beautiful new space will be used for events, concerts, as an outdoor classroom and a social space during break times to encourage a sense of community and belonging.



# PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

In recent weeks, the Year 11 Pathways class have worked hard to gain their Responsible Service of Alcohol qualification. The process was not an easy one, but the students persevered through the course, which included an online test and a video and audio assessment. The teaching staff are so proud of all students who participated in the course. Many students successfully passed and can now add this nationally recognised qualification to their resumé. Well done Pathways!



# WORK IN PROGRESS

The library recently hosted an exhibition of Visual Art 2 Work in Progress (WIP). This showcased work from all studio areas including Digital Art, Graphic Design, Ceramics, Photography, and Mixed Media. The works shown will be part of students' final body of work, which will be assessed in Term 4. As such there were some finished and unfinished works in progress. It was a delight to see the talent and diversity of work displayed. Students and staff from across the college crowded to see and vote for their favourite artworks, in a People's Choice competition, won by Cassidy Hodge for her portrait of Roger Taylor. The donut opening was also a big hit!

Several prizes were awarded including:

- **Ceramics - Owen Jager**
- **Mixed Media** painting: 'The Mountain' by **Ivy Marshall** and collage: 'Mark' by **Mackenzie Dingjan**
- **Photography - Tamzin Graham**
- **The Principal's Award for Best in Show** went to **Chloe Hall**.

# VET SUPERSTARS

The Tasmanian Training Awards celebrates Tasmania's finest apprentices, trainees, vocational students, teachers and trainers each year. These awards recognise innovation and excellence in vocational education and training.

Elizabeth College is extremely proud of Year 12 student, Drew Wellard, who won VET Equity Vocational Student of the Year for 2023, as announced at the Tasmanian Training Awards Gala Dinner at Wrest Point Convention Centre earlier this month.

Congratulations also to Kirsten Bacon and Jason Clifford, both nominated as finalists in their category – VET Teacher of the Year and a further congratulations to Kirsten who was announced as winner of this award. She will represent Tasmania at the Australian Training Awards in November!

We are proud of their achievements and passion for Vocational Education and Training.





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