



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our first e-News for the year! We are excited for the year ahead and to be working with you all.

I was recently reading a blog from an entrepreneur by the name of Tim Gordon. His words resonated with me, and I was thinking about the choices our students have at this time in their lives. Starting at a new school presents many opportunities if you see it that way. Working towards attaining the TCE can be challenging but also a very powerful growth experience. I would like to briefly share some short pieces of wisdom from that blog that may be useful to consider as the year progresses:

- Don't let others determine what you can and cannot do - it is important to believe in yourself, even when others don't.
- Carpe Diem- seize the moment, look for the best in people, recognise and embrace opportunities, make proactive decisions, embrace change as a positive and live with purpose; you get more meaningful experiences that way.
- Don't have a fixed mindset when it comes to life's journey - opportunities exist when we have an open mind and give things a go.
- Be disciplined with the time you have - this means use time wisely by making the most of it and you will hopefully impact positively on others.
- Hope is not a strategy - planning steps proactively maximises the likelihood of success.

As a school we are very lucky to learn and work in a community typified by genuine care, amazing supports, with skilled experts and a diverse and talented student body.

I look forward to working in partnership so that our community can thrive and students can unlock their potential.

Best wishes,
Shane Fuller



Students
enjoying
their first day

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE

College is a significant time of transition. When students come to EC they often tell us that they have more freedom and independence and like being treated as young adults by their teachers. Of course this is all true, but increased freedom requires greater personal responsibility!

The College Welcome Guide, which was emailed to all families before the commencement of the school year is a great place for students to begin to orientate themselves with all that EC has to offer. Students should ensure they know WHO their important people at College are, WHAT each of their teachers expect of them, and WHEN and WHERE their classes are timetabled.

Parents and carers can support their young people by encouraging them to take ownership of their learning. You might help them establish routines and set goals for the upcoming year. Studies show goals are more achievable when they have a plan behind them, and support from others. All our expert staff at EC are also here to help make students' time at College as stress-free, productive and enjoyable as possible.

It's easy to make connections within our large community. Come along to Brekky Club in the HIVE every morning from 8am, have fun at the upcoming Communities Day and sign up to an Enrichment activity over the next few weeks. Let's make 2025 a great year!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- The Elizabeth College rowing team - Chloe Fenton, Charlotte Kilpatrick, Ava Loring, Hannah Midgely, Sarah Midgely, Melinda North and Jackson Smith - competed in the All School Championships at Lake Barrington, making four finals overall

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 5th March	Communities Day
Monday 10th March	Eight Hour Day Public Holiday - College Closed
Wednesday 19th March	Reports to Students
	Connections Group Photos (for Connections Groups 8,9 &19-37)