

ELIZABETH COLLEGE E-NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our first e-news for 2017. You will find a list of important dates and upcoming events for your diary, along with a snapshot of recent student and staff achievements.

If you are new to our college community, we look forward to working with you closely over the year. Our teachers are highly qualified, enthusiastic and keen to help young people on their journey. Your son or daughter's Home Group Teacher is the first person to contact if there are any issues you wish to discuss. Please feel free to contact teachers, as our partnership with you is important.

You may have seen photos on Facebook of our first assemblies where students gathered to celebrate the start of our new year. Their faces reflect their optimism for the future.

Research shows that being in class and engaging in all lessons is vital to learning so please let the office know of any unavoidable absences on 62356500, otherwise you will receive an SMS advising you of any non attendance. We are promoting the value of attendance in a new video on our website at www.elizabethcollege.tas.edu.au/elizabeth-college-attendance-video. Please take the time to view this with your son or daughter and discuss the importance of attending class and giving their best.

Dr Dianne Purnell

MAKING OUR COLLEGE SAFE

We welcome Constables Cary Millhouse, Stephen Rose and Simon Jones, who join us through the Police in Schools Program. These police officers will work closely with students and teachers to ensure safety in classes, around the grounds and online.

"Everyone has the right to feel safe at college," says Jonathan Klapsis, our head security officer. "We have a strong network of community services – if we can't help, we can direct students and parents to those who can."

The police officers form part of our Student Services Team and they will have a strong presence in daily college life.



Constable Stephen Rose with Jonathan Klapsis, who makes a mean cup of Greek coffee and is always available for a chat.



Work from Niamh Donnelly's Art Production 3 submission, awarded a perfect score.

SEEKING LEARNER DRIVER MENTORS

Our Safety Matters learner driver mentor program is in its third year and so far we have helped over 150 students get their L1, L2 or P1 car licences. We are seeking mentors to help our young learners get more experience behind the wheel. Contact David Brown if you are interested in supporting this excellent program.

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STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Monty Wain toured with the Australian Youth Orchestra in early February
- Hannah Price sang with Gondwana Voices over summer
- Alice Curtain attended an intensive Art workshop at the National Gallery of Australia during January
- Archie Cumper, Finn-Gabriel Bacon, Damian Macdonald, Oyinbra Enisuoh, Taylor Lewincamp, Sarah Green, Sam Pyefinch and Kristopher Nash are performing in the upcoming Hobart Theatre Summer School's 9-5 *The Musical*
- After years of planning, training and dreaming, staff member, John Schuringa came a close second in the Overland Track Run in February, clocking 9 hrs 18 mins.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 9 March	Parent Group Meeting
Monday 13 March	Eight Hour Day public holiday
Tuesday 14 March	Moderation – student free day
Thursday 22 March	Term I Reports to students
Thursday 30 March	Meet the Teacher
Monday 3 April	Prize Night
Thursday 13 April	Term I Ends