

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With strong enrolments again this year, I'd like to thank you as parents and carers for the support you provide your child and the importance you place on their education. I know teachers are looking forward to working with you to make sure your son or daughter achieves their personal goals.

As you will read below, good relationships with trusted adults fosters greater student achievement, wellbeing and resilience in the face of any challenges that might occur. Such relationships begin at home, so we welcome your involvement in the Parent Forums that run throughout the year. I also warmly invite you to join our first Elizabeth College School Association meeting for the year on Wednesday 7 March at 5.00pm in the Library Boardroom.

We know that attendance is crucial to success at college. This is why you will receive an SMS advising you of any non attendance in class; the Home Group Teacher is the first person to contact with any issues you might wish to discuss. It is with your support, in partnership with the dedicated staff at the college, that your son or daughter will thrive in 2018.

Dr Dianne Purnell

BUILDING RESILIENCE A PRIORITY

Staff have chosen resilience as a priority for the college in 2018, hearing from experts in a series of professional learning sessions. Resilience is the ability to recover more quickly from events in our lives that can set us back, whether a relationship breakdown, study pressures or even tragedy or trauma. Hugh van Cuylenburg, the Founding Director of The Resilience Project, quoted the statistic that one in four adolescents experience mental health problems. Building resilience in the young people at Elizabeth College is a timely and important focus.

While there is no magic wand for protecting our young people, staff learned that gratitude, compassion and mindfulness can lead to greater happiness and fulfilment for our students. We also know that talking to a supportive adult, whether a parent, teacher, friend or one of our caring staff in Student Support Services, can help students verbalise their issues, explore options and feel empowered to find solutions. We will keep you informed of some of the programs that we are planning and how you as parents can help your son or daughter build resilience.



The staff in Student Support Services are here to listen. Please contact Marissa on 62356559, 9am-1pm.



Selection of works from WHAM! by Samantha Hawley.

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Alma Nicolau, Jasmine Wong and Sophie Young achieved fantastic results in the official Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK)
- Mitchell Woolley was named as the Glenorchy Young Citizen of the Year for 2018 at the Australia Day celebrations
- Kate Peacock was on the leading women's boat of the SB20 World Championships in Hobart
- Heath Watts won his masters division of the Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series
- Michael Graham-Smith umpired the Womens Big Bash semifinal, ending a great season
- Les Johnston was seen out and about on the Mona stage supporting some amazing international acts
- Over 200 students attended the Maths and Music Summer Schools over the holiday break

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 7 March	Elizabeth College School Association Meeting
Monday 12 March	8 Hours Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 13 March	Statewide Moderation: student free day
Wednesday 14 March	Parent Forum: Understanding TCE, ATAR & assessment
Wednesday 21 March	Term I Interim Reports to students
Thursday 22 March	Meet the Teacher Evening
Monday 26 March	Prize Night
Wednesday 28 March	Harmony Day & Easter Assembly
Friday 30 March – Tuesday 3 April	Easter Break
Friday 13 April	Term I ends