From the Principal
Welcome to our first e-newsletter for 2013. These monthly e-newsletters are to keep all members of the College community informed about what is happening at EC and the activities available.

A special welcome to parents new to Elizabeth College. We view our relationship with you as extremely important in supporting the success of your son/daughter and invite you to make contact with the College at any time to discuss your son’s/daughter’s progress. We will also contact you if we feel we need to discuss any concerns. Our Meet the Teacher evening will be on Tuesday April 9th.

2012 was a very successful year for our students. We celebrated the success of our certificate program students last year at our VET Graduation and we look forward to recognising our high achieving students at our Annual Prize Night. I am sure you will all share my pride in last year’s results with eight of our students having achieved Tertiary Entrance Scores between 95 and 99 and twenty of our students having achieved Tertiary Entrance scores over 100.

We also saw a big increase in the number of our students obtaining an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank and the Tasmanian Certificate of Education.

We have an increased enrolment this year which is a great recognition of our staff, programs and the College.

We welcome to Elizabeth College new staff: Doug Pybus (English), John Schuringle (Maths and SOSE) and Justan Wagner (Performing Arts and English).

Our first Elizabeth College Parent Group meeting is on the 13th March and I encourage all parents/guardians to come along to this meeting.

I look forward to meeting many of you throughout 2013 and wish your son or daughter every success in their studies.

Dr Dianne Purnell, Principal

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary
12 March Student Free Day - TQA Quality Assurance
13 March EC Parent and Community Meeting
29 March Good Friday
03 April Students resume classes
04 April Elizabeth College Prize Night
09 April Meet the Teacher Evening 5.00pm -7.00pm

2013 Term Dates
Term 1 05 February - 19 April
Term 2 06 May - 05 July
Term 3 22 July - 7 September
Term 4 14 October - 22 November (exams conclude)

Student and Staff Achievement

- Tasmanian Institute of Sport Scholarship holders for 2013 are:
  - Danielle Mcconnell - Track and Field, Hugh Nicklason - Track and Field, Joshua Belz - Hockey, and Alec Guerzoni - Swimming. Congratulations to these students!
  - Congratulations to Lucas Green, Caitlin Fogarty and Tania Brooks who have received TQA VET this award as a result of their study across Vocational Education and Training and other subjects in 2011 and 2012.
  - Laura Morrisby performed as part of the Scallywags at the Hobart Wooden Boat Festival.
  - Claire Elliott, Alexandros Best, Danielle Luke, Stephanie Jeffrey and Louis Langan-King were selected to participate in the Tasmanian Youth Science Forum in January.

EC Musical 2013 - Leader of the Pack
There is a huge buzz around the College about this show. Chicago sold out in just four days so be sure to reserve your seats for the opening on June 14th, 2013. Tickets will go on sale in early May.

Shakespeare in the Gardens - As You Like It
This current production which closes on 02 march features a number of past EC students including the director Anica Boulanger-Mashberg, crew Raine Paul and cast Harley Mason, Beck Riley, Katie Robertson, Tom Byers and Ellen Roe.

The Drowsy Chaperone
EC students have been busy rehearsing for The Drowsy Chaperone as part of the Hobart Theatre Summer School program. We are fortunate enough to have had a number of past and present students successfully audition for this show which opens on February 22nd at the Mount Nelson Theatre. Elizabeth College congratulates Andrew Aisbett, Ella Cambridge, Noah Casey, Sam Lush, Will Maher, Laura Morrisby, Steven Mitchell, Jeremy Pyefinch, Harris Sari, Taylah Shirley, Emily Reiper and Clare Henry. We wish them all the best for the season.

VET Vacancies - Construction and Hospitality
There are limited places in these industry specific certificate programs. For more information contact Fran Moore on 6235 6583 or fran.moore@education.tas.gov.au.

Stage Band heads to Mt Gambier’s Generations in Jazz
On the first weekend of May, Jennie MacDonald, Les Johnston and the EC Stage Band (pictured) will head to South Australia’s Mt Gambier to participate in the 2013 Generations in Jazz. We wish them all good luck!

2013 Elizabeth College Overseas Study Tours
Elizabeth College will offer two study tours in July 2013, one to Italy and one to Hong Kong and Japan. The tour to Italy will include visits to sites of historical and artistic interest in Rome, the Vatican, Pompeii, the Isle of Capri, and Florence and will include a stopover on the return in Bangkok. The Japan tour travels to Inokuchii Senior High School (sister school to EC) via Disneyland and a ‘shop till you drop’ visit in Hong Kong and also tours Kyoto and Osaka (Universal Studios!). Both tours are open to all EC students however places are limited so please contact Heath ASAP if interested on 6235 6556 or heath.watts@education.tas.gov.au.

Mt Hotham Ski Trip 2013
The Mt Hotham skiing/snowboarding trip is on again this year (1st – 6th of September). This trip provides students with a fantastic opportunity to learn how to ski/snowboard in a fun, safe environment, build on their existing skills, mingle with mates and create an amazing memory for life! Information is available to collect from Monica Hayes in F104. If you are keen – you better be quick. Numbers are limited and spots are filling up fast!