Welcome to our first e-newsletter for 2014. It’s always a relief when over a thousand students find their way to the right classroom with the right teacher at the start of each year, and this year has been no exception. The year has started smoothly and as you can see from the faces of the students in their first assembly, they were happy to be here.

Our enrolments at the college are strong and we welcome new staff Marty Goss (Natural Sciences) Matthew Preston (Manager English) Rosanne Browning (Hospitality, Workplace Skills) Damian Stolp (Art, Alternative Program, Counsellor) and Laura Russell (Business Studies). Each bring new perspectives and skills that add to the diversity that is already so much a part of our college culture.

I am impressed by today’s young people and how they support each other, how much they focus on their studies and how they relate to teachers with such maturity. As I walked around the college this week I noticed students already accessing the resources in our library, talking to teachers in their tutorial times, studying and asking questions.

Student interest in our Enrichment Program has been overwhelming. Students have enrolled in activities such as camps, canyoning, rafting, surfing and theatre visits. These activities are unique opportunities to meet new people with shared interests.

Student Achievement
- Isabella Young, Cameron Weston and Eliza Cropp were recently accepted into the Golden Key Conference on Asia-Pacific Leadership at UTAS
- Saranya Costa and Kathryn Ellis both received Academic Awards and Ashlyn Brennan received a Vocational Education and Training Award at the TQA Achievement Awards Ceremony held at Government House on 5 February.

Let the Sun Shine In!
Rehearsals have begun for this year’s musical HAIR. Fifty three students quickly settled into learning classics such as Aquarius, Donna and Where do I go? They have been learning these songs and perfecting choreography in preparation for upcoming lead role auditions which are to be held in late February. Students are embracing the hippie culture of the 60s and learning about issues of the time such as conscription. HAIR promises to be a colourful, tribal experience and will be performed in the Elizabeth College theatre from 13 June - 21 June. For further information please email Georgie Perry here.

A Midsummer Night’s Dream
Directions Theatre Company is presenting A Midsummer Night’s Dream in the Botanical Gardens from 7 February – 1 March.

Brazilian Students and Home Stay Hosts
Following the success of last year’s program, Elizabeth College will welcome a number of Brazilian college age students in July this year. We are looking for people who may wish to host a student for homestay this year. Please contact Helen Maddox 6165 5732 if you are interested.

VET Construction
There are spaces still available in VET Certificate II Construction! Contact Stewart Gordon for more information 6235 6536.