



# Elizabeth College

inspired  
resourceful  
learners

## Facelift a combined effort

STEPHANIE NICHOLS

A NEW area is being developed at Hobart's Elizabeth College to create a place for students to use in breaks.

Located between the canteen and D Block, it is already a popular spot for students; one that is great for meeting up with people and for socialising.

There will be a focus on landscaping, with a lot more greenery helping to provide an even more calming and relaxing atmosphere. It will have

colourful, easily moveable furniture that can be changed to suit social groups of all sizes and there will be more areas under cover.

Elizabeth College principal Dianne Purnell says the redevelopment will be a great asset for the school.

"What we hope it will do is give them [students] a much more relaxed environment — something a bit more green, with trees, plants and some comfortable seating," Dr Purnell said.

"The college wants to have some-

where that all the students could go to in break times — somewhere where everyone feels comfortable."

Elizabeth College students and parents are contributing to the project, with a number of classes taking part in the work.

Woodwork students are going to be a big part of the development, especially the first stage which involves moving the groundsman's shed to a more appropriate place.

Another class is going to be looking

at building materials, particularly metal, to find the most appropriate, long lasting product.

The Housing and Design class will be looking at the space that is used and coming up with their own ideas of how they would use the area.

They will also be involved in the finer details of the design; things such as picking out the pots for plants, what plants should be in the pots, and where things should be placed.

It is planned that the Access to

Work and Training class will also play a part in redeveloping this area; from painting to putting down pavers, they will be doing some of the manual labour around the area.

If anyone wants to provide support for the project they can contact the principal on 6235 6555.

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## Leaders of the pack

**DA DOO RON RON:** Performers Genevieve Stather, left, Selina Cheers, Annie McCann and Amy Goss (front).

TAKANI CLARK

ELIZABETH College will take you back in time to the swinging 60s and the fluoro-coloured 80s in this year's musical

production *Leader of the Pack*. The jukebox-style show celebrates the life of songwriter Ellie Greenwich.

Directed by old scholar Justan Wagner, the production

will showcase unforgettable tunes such as *Chapel of Love* and *Da Doo Ron Ron*.

Featuring Samantha Lush as Ellie, Selina Cheers as the narrator Darlene, Noah Casey

as Ellie's fellow songwriter and love interest Jeff Barry, and Haki George as Gus Sharkey, the show runs from June 14-22. Phone the college on 6235 6555 for bookings.

## College's student leaders shine

STUDENTS at Elizabeth College are given full support to become inspired resourceful leaders.

Four students attended a leadership conference at the Hotel Grand Chancellor on March 26, along with others from schools and colleges all over southern Tasmania.

"The program gave me a new outlook on leadership and how I can be a valid student of Elizabeth College [and] gave me the necessary skills to be a great leader and guided me towards my leadership goals at school," participant Tom Warrington said.

The college also participates in the Tasmania Youth Parliament each September, where students form a "government" and "opposition" to debate current issues.

"Having the opportunity to participate in the program, tackling issues normally dealt with by qualified adults is the most uplifting and inspirational thing," 2012 participant Kathryn Ellis said.

Patrick Schwaiger went to the National Schools Constitutional Convention held in Canberra in March.

More than 100 students in Years 11 and 12 from all around Australia were able to increase their knowledge of the Australian Constitution.

Patrick met members of the Federal Parliament and had one-to-one conversations with them. "It was great meeting students from all around Australia, who were politically interested and informed," he said.

More than 100 students received awards for their successes in 2012 at the Elizabeth College prize night last month.

Most prizes were awarded for academic prowess in a specific subject, but a number of students were rewarded for service and citizenship.

College Dux and Gold Medal Award winner Will Maher was honoured multiple times, receiving prizes for economics and academic achievement and citizenship, and a place in the Honour Roll for Advanced Academic Diplomas.

He will spend 2013 working in order to support his upcoming studies of physiotherapy on the mainland.

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