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Students in the gym on the first day at Elizabeth College

## From the Principal

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.

Our first Elizabeth College Parent and Community Group meeting is being held on Thursday 13 March from 5.00pm – 6.00pm in the Library Board Room. This year we are planning on offering a range of speakers on topics of interest, so we would appreciate your input. Our Student Leadership Group will be part of this meeting, as we have strong student voice at Elizabeth College.

I look forward to meeting you throughout 2014 and hope your son or daughter has an inspiring and successful year.

## 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.

## Upcoming dates for your diary

<b>10 March</b>	8 hour day holiday
<b>11 March</b>	QA Day - Student Free Day
<b>13 March</b>	EC Parent & Community Group meeting 5.00pm
<b>27 March</b>	Meet the Teacher Evening
<b>03 April</b>	TQA Parent Session
<b>10 April</b>	Prize Night

## Term dates 2014

<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday 5 February - Thursday 17 April
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 5 May - Friday 4 July
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 21 July - Friday 26 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 13 October - Friday 21 November

## 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.

Justan Wagner and Georgie Perry are in the cast, as are ex-EC students Samantha Lush, Ellen Roe, Tom Hogan and Lucy Devine (Buttermore). The director is also an ex-EC student who went on to study at NIDA - Maeve MacGregor! Click [here](#) for dates and ticket prices.

## Elizabeth College Playgroup

Tuesdays 9.15am - 10.45am

Wednesdays 10.30am - 12.00pm

All children from birth to 5 years welcome



\$4.00 per session per family

Bring along an art smock and a piece of fruit for a shared morning tea

Phone Nicki on 6235 6533 for more information