



Ready for caving.

From the Principal

How quickly the term is flying by with Easter upon us already! The warm weather we have been experiencing has been great for our outdoor education camps and enrichment programs such as surfing, rafting, Bay of Fires bush walk and boat licence. I also recently attended a three day outdoor education camp based at Cockle Creek. During the three days we went kayaking, bush walking and caving. It was great to see the students develop new skills and bond as a class.

This year we have a new timetable which has tutorial slots to allow staff and students time in their busy day to discuss course material individually and in small groups. As the term has progressed more students have taken up these opportunities to meet with their teachers for additional support and this can only continue to grow throughout the year.

This year we have introduced cluster assemblies as part of the Home Group program. We run these assemblies in our theatre. Our aim is to involve as many students as possible in these gatherings. Students have the opportunity to present and share their experiences with the rest of the home groups. Guest speakers will also be a feature of these assemblies and will be able to use these forums to share information about the range of opportunities and services that are available at the College. These gatherings provide a venue to celebrate student achievements both within and outside of College. They are also a time for the students from the Student Leadership Group to discuss and obtain feedback from students on issues concerning the students.

We held our first Elizabeth College Parent and Community Group meeting on March 13. Thank you to Jo Bilson who is the current chair. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 15 May at 4.30pm and you are all welcome to attend. The group can be contacted via elizabeth.parent.group@education.tas.gov.au.

I hope you all enjoy the Easter break with your families. I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual Prize Night on the 4th April when we celebrate the successes and achievements of our 2012 students as well as at our "Meet the Teacher Evening" on the 9th April.

Dr Dianne Purnell, Principal

Polytechnic Students

Any student who is undertaking a vocational course at the Tasmanian Polytechnic will not have classes in the three days after Easter. Classes at Elizabeth College will run as usual.

Attendance

Students are required to attend all lessons and complete all set work as this gives them the opportunity to achieve the most from their time at EC. Parents/guardians are notified by SMS if there are any unexplained absences. If there is a genuine reason for an absence please notify the College Office either prior to or on the day of the absence.

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

03 April	Students resume classes
04 April	Elizabeth College Prize Night
09 April	Meet the Teacher Evening 5.00pm - 7.00pm
19 April	End of Term 1
06 May	Term 2 begins
22 May	Reports given to students in Home Group
28 May	Parent Teacher Evening
05 July	End of Term 2

2013 Term Dates

Term 1	05 February - 19 April
Term 2	06 May - 05 July
Term 3	22 July - 07 September
Term 4	14 October - 22 November (exams conclude)

Student and Staff Achievement

- Patrick Schwaiger was recently selected to attend the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra.
- Tom Schaap was awarded a scholarship in brass at the Clarence Jazz Festival.
- Danielle McConnell won the national junior hammer throwing title at the Australian Athletics Championships.

Save Money and Support the Student Leadership Group

The Entertainment Book is great value and can save you money if you visit: dining outlets - fast-food chains, cafes, restaurants 500+ in Tas; entertainment complexes e.g. ZooDoo; retail outlets e.g. bottle shops and supermarket chains; or over 1500 accommodation venues around Australia. The book costs \$60 but you can easily re-coup this with just three outings to one of the venues listed in the book.

The Student Leadership Group are raising money to support charitable causes and help improve the student environment. They will get 20% of the money raised by selling these books.

You can order a book through the College Office.

Parent Permission Booklets

Thank you to all those parents who have returned these. If you have not already done so could you please complete and return to the College Office as soon as possible.

Levies

Invoices for 2013 Levies have now been sent to all students not in receipt of Student Assistance (STAS). Reminder statements will be posted each month until the account is finalised.

Levies form a significant part of the Elizabeth College budget, which in turn supports the College's educational programs. Please support the College by paying your levies in full and on time.

All levies should be paid by Friday 19th April, 2013. If you are unable to pay by the due date, please contact the College to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

The contact person for this and other queries in relation to levy invoices is Lynne Williams – phone: 6235 6506.

TQA Special Exam Consideration

The TQA provides for special assessment arrangements in examinations to be made for level three students who, because of particular circumstances, may be eligible for some assessment provisions. Students who may be eligible will have pre-existing conditions such as significant health impairment, physical disability, learning disability, hearing impairment, vision impairment or refugee status.

A letter was sent to all students and parents in March, 2013, which outlined the process. Students who feel they may be eligible have been asked to consult with their parents and return their completed form to Di Richards (Student Services Manager) ASAP.