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### From the Principal

One of the highlights for me each year is attending a camp or Enrichment activity along with students and staff; my most recent trip with Outdoor Education to Freycinet Peninsula was no exception. This year I was struck by the way students challenged themselves as they kayaked, bushwalked and abseiled their way through the days. A comment one student made on the way home remains with me, *'How are the students who couldn't be here going to feel when we return?'*. She was concerned that they might feel left out. This shows the importance of the bonds formed over the time spent together and the quality of the relationships developed.

At Elizabeth College we have around seventy rural and remote students and Assistant Principal Andrew Kerslake hosted a morning tea recently for these students. Some students need to walk long distances and to take long bus rides to attend college and we admire their dedication to their studies. One student said, *'I walk thirty minutes and then catch a bus for an hour each way, each day, but I wouldn't have it any other way – I enjoy the classes here and making new friends.'*

To support these and other students, our chaplain Matt Burns offers free breakfasts for students in the Common Room. The breakfasts offer opportunities to relax over hot drinks and fresh food – a great start to the day!

On another note, I'd like to thank all of the parents who have already contributed to the success of our college in so many ways. Our Parent Group is in action and leading a session on Thursday 3 April from 5.30pm – 6.30pm for all parents who may be confused about assessment for years 11/12 and the TQA (Tasmanian Qualification Authority). If you don't know what ATAR or TCE mean, please come along and listen to an expert and ask questions.

Our 'Meet the Teacher Evening' is being held this Thursday from 4.30pm – 7.00pm. You should have received an information pack and letter explaining how to make an appointment with teachers. I look forward to meeting you there as we continue to work together to achieve the best for your son or daughter.

### Grounds Redevelopment

A committee is working on developing student areas around our grounds and we are currently building a deck area to provide additional seating for students.

### Upcoming dates for your diary

- 27 March** Meet the Teacher Evening, 4.30pm - 7.00pm
- 03 April** TQA Parent Session, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- 10 April** Prize Night, 7.30pm onwards

### Staff and Student Achievements

- One of our ex-students, Claire Sullivan has achieved success as a stand-up comedian. She has had performances in Melbourne as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.
- Hugh Nicklason, Inessa Corney and Louis Rose all performed very well in their respective events at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships last week in Sydney.
- Luke Yates, one of our new teachers, was one of the leaders of the Tasmanian Men's Gathering – an event that recently brought together over 50 men from around Australia.
- Romany Nicholls is one of ten dancers, and the only Tasmanian, to be selected to compete in the world championships of Performing Arts in Los Angeles in July to represent Australia.

### Elizabeth College Assessment Policy

This year we are all working together to help your child achieve greater success in managing work requirements. We have developed a policy called the *Elizabeth College Assessment Policy*, where we clarify our expectations of students and our own commitment to returning work. The full version of this policy can be found [here](#).

### International Program

Our International Student Enrolment is very healthy with around 13 students currently enrolled and we look forward to 15 Brazilians arriving in July. We have international trips going to Japan and Vanuatu (sponsor school, building a library) and an annual visit from our Japanese sister school. If you would like to host a student for a short or longer period please contact Heath Watts via [email](#).

### Donna Cross Community Forum - spaces available

Professor Donna Cross will be visiting the state and holding a Community Forum on Tuesday 20 May from 5.30pm - 7.00pm at the Derwent Entertainment Centre. Professor Cross has an international profile and her work is in relation to aggression and bullying (including cyber bullying) among young people. We have limited tickets available. If you interested in taking part in this forum please contact Stephanie Kelleher via [email](#) by Monday 31 March.

### Levies

Levy invoices have now been sent out to all parents. We appreciate your prompt payment.



Students with Principal, Dianne Purnell at the recent Outdoor Education trip to Freycinet Peninsula.