

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*"Believe you can and you're halfway there"*

Theodore Roosevelt

From discussions with other parents and as a parent of a year 11 student myself, I am aware of how challenging it can be to support your son/daughter as they complete Year 11 or 12. With more emphasis being placed on achieving good results, students are feeling under pressure to achieve and can find the coming weeks stressful.

We hear students express a mixture of emotions: fear of not doing as well as they hope, excitement about the future, anxiety about assessment processes such as exams or overconfidence due to a lack of understanding of the demands of this time of year. As a parent, just letting them know you are there to listen, support and love them no matter what, is a great starting point to help them get through these coming weeks.

As you are aware, we have strong support services here for students. Our Student Services staff are available to help your son or daughter and teachers are always available for extra tutorials. Some helpful tips are also listed in the Elevate link [here](#).

You can also find some useful tips young people have made up for college students to help them through this challenging time [here](#).

Dr Dianne Purnell  
Principal



Students working with their families in the Chemistry lab

## SCIENCE FOR THE FAMILY

Students' families were invited to participate in practical Science lessons recently. Parents, grandparents, siblings and family friends worked closely with students on experiments on chemical equilibrium and conservation of momentum, in Chemistry and Physical Sciences respectively. It was an enjoyable experience for all. The visitors left with an insight into teaching and learning and students took pride in displaying the skills and knowledge developed over the year.



Character animation  
by Computer  
Graphics and Design  
student Lincoln Kelley

## STAFF & STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Former student Jordan Kerr has been awarded a highly prestigious scholarship for the Berklee College of Music in Boston.
- Keelan Law won the Aussie Skate Division 4 Artistic category at the Crystal Challenge figure skating competition in Victoria.
- Sophie Woods won first prize in the Year 11/12 section of the UTAS Science Investigation awards for her work on Tawny Frogmouths living along Iron Creek.
- Elizabeth College Japanese teacher Heath Watts won Best Teacher at the international teaching Shine Awards, sponsored by GETI.
- 16 Music students participated in the UTAS Wind Ensemble concert, with the vital support of music tutor and band leader Les Johnston.
- Katerina Wood organised an event at Woodys Skate Centre and raised \$350 for Ndui Ndui Primary, our sister school in Vanuatu.
- Art teacher Jane Diprose, known as the painter Jane Giblin, was a finalist in the prestigious 2014 Paddington Art prize.
- Selina Cheers won a 2014 Clarence Jazz Scholarship, which entitles her to lessons with vocalist Mari Lurighi and she will perform at the 2015 Clarence Jazz Festival.
- French, Chinese and Japanese students, Zoe Douglas, Georgia Chau, Daniel Berry, Emma Parkinson, Kelsey Goldsworthy, Felix Grant, Jessica Hutchinson and Yasmine Shabaneh all received High Distinctions in the ACER Assessment of Language Certificates.
- Maddie Murphy represented the Tasmanian senior women's hockey team (the Van Demons) at the recent Australian Hockey League in Brisbane.
- Nina Pretty has been selected as Elizabeth College's Pierre de Coubertin Award nominee for 2014. We wish her all the best for the award ceremony on Fri 31 Oct in Launceston.
- Ned Goodman received a Distinction in Biology in the Australian Science Olympiad Exams.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| <b>04 November</b>      | Parent Group Meeting, EC Library, 4.30pm                 |
| <b>05 November</b>      | Opening of WHAM Art Exhibition/<br>Technology Exhibition |
| <b>06 November</b>      | Classes finish   |
| <b>06 November</b>      | VET Graduation   |
| <b>07 November</b>      | Final Assembly   |
| <b>10 – 20 November</b> | TQA Examinations   |