

# ELIZABETH COLLEGE E-NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the last few weeks I have been inspired by the achievements of our staff and students. How delightful it was to be entertained by our talented musicians at the contemporary music evening and the recital concert. Last week I attended the presentation of Rebecca Thomas's ACHPER secondary teacher of the year award and we have also had three of our staff recognised as finalists in the RBF DoE awards.

Such successes come from being part of a supportive educational community. At our recent parent-teacher evening many of you mentioned how the quality feedback given by teachers has helped your sons and daughters remain motivated to meet their goals. Our qualified counsellors are also keen to help students find their way through this challenging time of year.

It can be easy to forget how much influence we have as parents, how our words actually do matter. As the teachers at Elizabeth College work closely with you to develop 'inspired, resourceful learners', your support and advice is vital to their success. Sometimes our children might not appear to listen but at critical times, like the next few weeks, these supportive words do make a difference.

Dr Dianne Purnell



Physical Recreation students Simon Vieljeuf and Vincent Bideau take a stab at fencing

## STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Elizabeth College girls team won the Water Polo Tasmania Schools challenge. Stella Salter won MVP and the Jo Cuthbert award for best player in the grand final
- In the Southern Tasmania Badminton Association schools championships, June Watkins won the college singles competition and, with Laura Henry, won the doubles
- Genevieve Stather has been selected to play with the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra at their Family Classics concert on Thursday 16 October at the Federation Concert Hall
- VET Construction student, Jordan Taylor has secured a roof plumbing apprenticeship
- Sylvia Barnes, Connor Munnings, Esther Stanton and Johanna Paterson (Ogilvie) have received commendations in the national Dorothea Mackellar poetry prize
- Tobias Roat and Genevieve Stather have been awarded medals in the ICAS English competition
- Brenda Verasdonck has been awarded a High Distinction in the Australian Science Innovations Big Science Competition
- Joshua Spizick won a Distinction in the Australian Mathematics Competition
- John Klapsis, Helen Cooke and Joe Pavic have been announced as finalists in the RBF Tasmanian Education Awards

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Wednesday 24 September</b>	Whole School Assembly
<b>Friday 26 September</b>	Last day of Term 3
<b>Monday 13 October</b>	First day of Term 4
<b>Tuesday 21st October</b>	Apprenticeships and traineeships info session
<b>Thursday 23 October</b>	Show Day Holiday
<b>Monday 10 – Friday 21 November</b>	TQA Examinations



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## SEATS, SHADE AND GREENERY

The student-led development of the college grounds has continued this Term. Certificate II Construction students have just completed concrete pads for garden boxes designed and made by the 'seats, shade and greenery' student group. The boxes will incorporate new seating and face onto the new decking area, providing an attractive new space for students to enjoy in sunny Term 4.