

The College Knowledge

CLAREMONT COLLEGE E-NEWS - ISSUE I - FEBRUARY 2014



On behalf of all the staff here at the college, I offer parents and carers of our new and continuing students a warm welcome for 2014.

We are pleased to report that Claremont College has had an excellent start to the year. Our new Year 11 students are settling in to their study routines with our Year 12 students showing the way. During our first-day assemblies, students were reminded that Claremont College is a place of learning and the last two years of secondary schooling are important to their future.

At Claremont College we expect that students attend all classes, work hard and always follow the college rules. It has been encouraging to see students meet this expectation during the first weeks of the year.

Our teachers are committed to providing opportunities for every student to reach their potential. You are welcome to make contact with teachers if you have any questions or concerns. You are also welcome to speak with me or one of our Assistant Principals: Andrea Long, Megan Gunn, Janet Johnson, or Debbie Bryant. You can contact any of our staff members by phoning the office on 6249 6868.

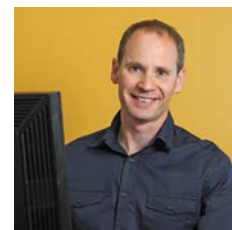
At Claremont College we have a dedicated Student Services team located in our hub in B Block. There is always a staff member available to assist students so that any issues that arise can be resolved with as little interruption as possible.

Parents/Guardians will receive an SMS from the college if there are any unexplained absences. If there are genuine reasons for a student being away, please notify the office either before or on the day of the absence.

We would also like to congratulate our 2013 students for their achievements. Student success will be celebrated at our Prize Night to be held at the college on Wednesday, March 26.

Our first Parent-Teacher evening will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 4pm-7pm. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend. This is a relaxed and informal time and your son or daughter is welcome to attend with you. No appointments are necessary. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,
Adam Potito,
Acting Principal



In Tune - Claremont College Music News

Nikayla Smith has been awarded \$2000 for a music mash up (advertisement) for the Health Department. This was put together in the College recording studio over summer with a theme relating to problem gambling.

Ben from the Health Department was at our first assembly to present the award to Nikayla. Congratulations Nikayla!

Naarah Barnes was the recipient of the Los Angeles Music Academy – Summer School Scholarship announced at our first College assembly. The scholarship is worth \$3500 and has been generously sponsored by the Telstra Business Centre – Glenorchy. Congratulations Naarah!

The scholarship covers her flights from Australia, accommodation and tuition. Steve Lance owner/manager of Telstra Business Centre – Glenorchy was on hand at the Assembly to present Naarah with her scholarship.

Put Saturday April 12th in your diary! It's the first "CC Rocks" show for 2014. Get to the Brisbane Hotel at the lower end of Brisbane Street in the city from 3pm – 7pm for a showcase of bands, solo artists etc.

Guthrie Govan – **Guitar Master Class will happen at Claremont College on July 25th.** This will be a public event and his visit to our College will be his only Tasmanian show during his Australian tour.

Did you know Claremont College music students provide live entertainment for the Hobart Chargers home games at Aurora Stadium? Students perform before the Men's and Women's game, at half time and play the National Anthem. This is part of an ongoing sponsorship arrangement.

The next home games for the Men's and Women's Hobart Chargers is Friday March 28th.

Music Staff

Random Acts of Kindness Month (RAK)

February is Random Acts of Kindness month and to promote this the library has a display and a few ideas about how you can spread this feel good experience. It has been scientifically proven that regular small acts of kindness have a positive effect on your physical and mental well being.

Other RAKs we have noted in the library have been Zac handing in a lost wallet, Hannah for helping out in the library during her spare time, Casey for encouraging Daniel to come to college, Jono for teaching us a new card game called Skipbo. Also thanks

to Beth and Jo, our brilliant Library Technicians, for getting all our new books ready for use!

We are challenging everyone to surprise 3 people with a random act of kindness. You could smile at a stranger, give chocolates to a teacher or just compliment someone. Start planning now! If you see someone who has done a RAK let the library know and we will issue them with a certificate.

Share the Love – feel the love!

If you can't see the bright side, polish the dull side!

Your Kind and Friendly Library Staff



Cody, Tash and Sharnie planning their next RAK (Random Act of Kindness)

Devil Robotics

The Claremont College Devil Robotics team are underway again in 2014 and are building towards their trip to Sydney in late June for the "Duel Down Under III" Robotics Tournament.

They are having a BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings, Rosny Park on Saturday March 8th and planning a demonstration event at the "Dads Day Out" to be held at Berriedale Foreshore, Berriedale on Sunday April 13th.

To get involved in Devil Robotics interested students should contact our amazing Robotics teacher, Rob Torok.

Music Teacher Awarded Scholarship

The College was proud to hear that one of our sensational music teachers, Greg Souter, has been awarded an Arts Council Scholarship to travel to Los Angeles later this year.

The scholarship will allow Greg to study at LAMA (Los Angeles Music Academy) for two weeks.

This is a wonderful recognition and support for Greg to build on his considerable expertise and musical practice and to further enhance our relationship with LAMA for the benefit of our College music program. Congratulations, Greg!

Artist in Residence at Claremont College

Selina De Carvalho is an exciting emerging multi-media artist who will be the Artist in Residence at Claremont College during the first half of this year. Her residency is part of the Artist in Residence (AIR), a tremendous program offered in partnership with Arts@Work and the Australia Council for the Arts.

This is the third Artist in Residence at Claremont College in the last three years, and we are looking forward to working alongside Selina as she develops her project *The Evolutionary Straightjacket*. For more information about Selina you can visit her website selenadecarvalho.com.

Over the past 4 years the Tasmanian AIR program has built a reputation nationally and internationally as a unique residency model offering both professional development for artists whilst contributing to the arts learning for students and staff in schools.

Art Staff



HIA youthBUILD and Claremont College Partnership

Claremont College and the Housing Industry Association have agreed to continue their partnership to enhance the opportunities for students wishing to study building and construction.

The HIA have secured funding from the Tasmanian Building & Construction Industry Training Board to ensure that the successful youthBUILD Construction program can continue in its purpose built facility at Claremont College. These funds will be used for staffing the program and upgrading the workshop.

YouthBUILD students not only learn valuable construction skills, but also contribute to the community. Last year, the students raised over \$3000 for the Make A Wish Foundation.

Artrage

Artrage is an annual art exhibition curated by the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery. It features the best work by year 11 and 12 Art Production and Art Studio Practice students from around Tasmania. Three students from Claremont College have been selected for inclusion in this prestigious exhibition – Tegan Brooks (photography), Clare Hunniford (photography) and Georgia Hurd (drawing). The exhibition is currently showing at the QVMA in Launceston and will travel to Hobart later this year.

Art Staff



Health Initiatives for Claremont College Students

Claremont College is committed to supporting our students lead healthy and productive lives to enhance their future life and learning opportunities.

A new initiative this year is to begin a quit smoking program at the College. The aim of the program is to support and assist people who smoke and wish to stop in order to improve their personal health and wellbeing.

If you would like to know more ask one of our Student Services team. They will be more than happy to help.

We will also be commencing a daily breakfast program in the very near future. Research shows that students who miss breakfast reduce their opportunities for effective learning while at College.

The breakfast program will run every day from 8.20am to 8.45am in the Student Common Room.

The breakfast program is another great example of the value of community/college partnerships. We sincerely appreciate the assistance of Food Bank with the support of Second Bite in providing the breakfast goodies.

In 2014 the youthBUILD program is offering Certificate II in Construction and Certificate II in Construction pathways, as well as being part of the new Claremont College Core Skills course.

Stuart Clues, Executive Director HIA said, "youthBUILD has been working brilliantly with Claremont College for over 7 years now and it is one of the most satisfying projects we have been involved in.

The partnership has seen over 400 students get a real world experience in construction and whether or not the student ultimately chooses a career in construction is really neither here nor there; the program is about granting opportunities and making informed choices.

HIA is blessed to have great support for the youthBUILD program from K&D Trade, CBA and TBCITB whom also partner in the program. We are currently working with the College to secure the program's future over the next 5 years with a range of exciting options."



Meet the Student Services Team

The Claremont College Student Services team, located in B Block, are here to help students get the most out of their College studies.

The team are:

Megan Gunn

Assistant Principal - Student Services

Bill Duhig

Youth Transition Officer

Helen Ransom

Youth Liasion Officer

Kath Palfrey & Ian Baillee

Social Workers

Luke Campton

Chaplain

Karina Huntley & Luke

McDiarmid

IT Support



THE 2014 CLAREMONT COLLEGE STAFF

2014 College Timetable

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------------|--------|---------|-----------------------|----------|--------|
| 8.50-10.40am | Line 1 | Line 4 | Line 2 Tutor Group | Line 5 | Line 2 |
| 10.40-11.10am | Recess | | | | |
| 11.10am-12.40pm | Line 2 | Line 5 | Line 1 | Line 4 | Line 1 |
| 12.40-1.30pm | Lunch | | | | |
| 1.30-3pm | Line 3 | Line 5 | Line 3 | Line 4 | Line 3 |

DIARY DATES

Monday March 10th
Public Holiday - 8 Hour Day

Tuesday March 11
Secondary Colleges Quality Assurance Meetings - STUDENT FREE DAY

Wednesday March 26th
Prize Night - Student Common Room from 7pm - ALL WELCOME

Tuesday April 8th
Parent Teacher Evening from 4pm to 7pm

Thursday April 17th
Last day Term 1

Monday May 5th
Classes resume for Term 2

Friday June 13th
Semester 1 classes finish

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