



# Claremont College News

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## Principal's Message

**I extend a warm welcome to new and returning students and parents.**

I was absolutely thrilled to be asked to undertake the role of Acting Principal of Claremont College for Terms 1 and 2. I am totally committed to continuing the outstanding work started by our former Principal over the past three years, Dianne Freeman, to improve standards and attainment across our College. We thank Dianne for her tireless work with us and wish her well in her new appointment as principal of Newstead College in Launceston.

Through these newsletters we will share with you photos and stories of our journey throughout the year in the hope that you will feel more connected to your College. We invite you all to join us on Tuesday, 21 March from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm in the College Library where you can "Meet the Teachers" and enjoy an informal chat over some light refreshments. We are also busy organising our Awards Evening, where we will celebrate the outstanding achievements of many of our hard working students in 2016. Our Awards Evening will be held at College on Thursday, 16 March from 7:00 pm until 9:30 pm.

At our first assembly I spoke to our students about our expectations of them, and our hopes for them. I made it clear that their right to learn, to be respected and to be safe at all times were top priorities for us. With those rights, of course, comes their individual responsibility to allow learning to take place and to conduct themselves in a respectful and safe manner at all times. These are the basic rules of our College; they are essential if students are to thrive and excel. We will work hard to ensure our students' rights are protected and their responsibilities are met and we ask you to support us in that work.

We are an academic college: our primary goal is to prepare students for further education and training, or work. Our students will be given every opportunity to achieve at the highest level possible. Regular attendance in all classes is critical if courses are to be completed satisfactorily. The Tasmanian Certificate of Education (the TCE) cannot be attained if courses are not completed satisfactorily. Your son or daughter's Tutor Teacher will work closely with your child to monitor his or her progress toward achieving the TCE throughout the year and we will alert you when we are aware of factors that may impede the attainment of the TCE.

If your child is absent from a class we will send an SMS message to you at the end of the day. For this system to work well, we need your support. Please encourage your son or daughter to attend classes. Satisfactorily completing a course becomes more difficult with each class missed. If a student is absent for any genuine reason, please respond to the SMS message when you receive it – this is a courtesy that is valued highly by our College and, indeed, in the workplace too. This system also alerts us immediately to any student who is absent from class without a genuine reason so we can then take prompt action. Absences can be a sign that

students are unhappy in their classes and if we know, we can discuss their options with them and get them back on track quickly.

I also spoke at length with students about the advantages of completing Year 12 studies. Gaining the TCE is an important advantage but there are others. Completing Year 12 studies leads to a longer, happier life. Research tells us that people who complete Year 12 enjoy better health and wellbeing, have better social interactions, less unemployment and earn more money. So, let's start our journey this year knowing the benefits to our students of staying at College and completing their Year 11 and 12 studies.

I am very fortunate to have four outstanding Assistant Principals working alongside me. Sharon Reibel, Cheryl Davis, Sue Le Messurier, Janine Bowes and myself are available to discuss any concerns you may have around attendance or the TCE, or any other matter. Please phone the office and an appointment will be made for you.

I grew up and went to school in the Northern Suburbs. I know and understand the challenges that face some of our families. I also know that each and every one of you wants the very best for your son or daughter. Guiding your young adult through the successful completion of Years 11 and 12 may well be one of the hardest challenges you face, but it may also be one of the most valuable gifts you will ever give your child.

I wish all of our students and parents a safe, happy and rewarding year. Let's get to work.

Deb Bryant  
Principal

## Introducing the 2017 STUDENT SERVICES TEAM

The Student Services Team comprises the four assistant principals (APs), an attendance counsellor and a social worker. They are located in B Block and provide a wide range of services to support student academic life and wellbeing.

Students have one of their subject teachers as their Tutor Teacher. The Tutor Teacher is your main contact person at Claremont College when you wish to make enquiries or discuss anything about your child. The Tutor Teacher looks after your child's academic progress, general wellbeing and checks attendance and helps to guide plans for future study and work.

Each Assistant Principal oversees a cluster of Tutor Groups and can answer general queries parents/carers may have about College processes.

# Outstanding Achievement in VET ADF

Beth Dureau, one of our VET Certificate I in Defence Force Cadets students from 2016, was awarded a Medallion and Certificate for outstanding achievement in a VET course.

This was presented by the Governor of Tasmania, Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC at a reception at Government House. In attendance representing Claremont College were Deb Bryant, Beth Coombe and Patrick Sullivan.

Beth was one of 16 Tasmanian students to win an award for demonstrated excellence in VET programs, as judged by an independent panel of experts. Beth has also successfully achieved her Tasmanian Certificate of Education.



## Assistant Principals



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## Attendance Counsellor



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## Attendance Matters – Every day counts

**It is compulsory for students to attend all of their timetabled classes and Tutor Group.**

This ensures they will be connected with their course work and be working towards their short and long term goals that they have discussed with their Tutor Teacher. If for ill health or extenuating circumstances a student needs to miss a class or a day of classes, parents/carers are required to explain the absence, preferably by notification on the first day of absence.

If students miss five consecutive days or more due to illness a medical certificate is required to explain the absence.

If a student has been absent from a class and the absence has not been explained, an SMS message will be sent to inform parents/carers at the end of the day.

If parents/carers have concerns about their child's attendance they can contact the Tutor Teacher to discuss.

Absences can be explained in any of the following ways:

- Reply to the text message from the College.
- Telephone the front office on 6249 6868.
- Send an email to [claremont.college@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:claremont.college@education.tas.gov.au).
- Send a text message or SMS to 0438 394 298.
- Use the eform on the college Skoolbag app.
- Write a note to be handed to the Tutor Teacher, subject teacher or the Student Administration Office.

**Meet the Teacher Evening**  
**Tuesday 21 March**  
**4:30-6:30pm**  
**In the College Library**

Parents and carers are warmly invited to come along to meet their son/daughter's teachers for 2017.

## Interns Join our College Staff



**The College has been successful in applying to participate in a new initiative which links exceptional young teachers in training directly to schools for a full-year internship during their final year of study.**

We have two interns joining our staff in 2017. Greg Timms is a highly qualified physicist, formerly employed by the CSIRO, who is making a career shift into teaching; he will be working with our teachers in Physics, Maths Methods and Robotics classes this year. Hannah Powell is a Bachelor of Arts graduate with a passion for the performing arts who has been heavily involved in theatre performance and singing since 2004; she will be working with our staff in English, Sociology and Drama classes this year, and assisting with the College production. We welcome Greg and Hannah to the College; we are excited about the energy and talent they will contribute to our teaching team.

## HMAS Choules

**On Saturday 11 February, students and their families from the VET Certificate I in Defence Force Cadets class visited HMAS Choules, a bay class landing ship which was visiting Hobart as part of the Regatta weekend celebrations.**

Lt McDonald and Sub Lt Phillips took the students on a tour of the ship covering all aspects of life in the Navy and talked about the critical part HMAS Choules played in the deployment of army personnel in the aftermath of cyclones in the Philippines. The students visited the galley, living quarters, bridge, submersible dock, large storage bay and viewed the cargo deck. This was a wonderful experience for the students and their families who were also fortunate to view the Roulettes performing manoeuvres as they waited on the dock to board the HMAS Choules.



# RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET

*Return to the Forbidden Planet* is a Jukebox musical by playwright Bob Carlton based on Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and the 1956 science fiction film *Forbidden Planet* (which itself drew its plot loosely from *The Tempest*). It was billed as Shakespeare's forgotten rock and roll masterpiece.

This year students at Claremont College have the opportunity to participate in this quirky sci-fi musical under the direction of well-known Hobart theatrical identity and teacher Jeff Michel. Nearly 40 students are enrolled in the show and rehearsals are underway and the cast has been announced. They are a talented group and you are guaranteed an entertaining and hilarious evening including well known songs 'Great Balls of Fire', 'Shake, Rattle and Roll' and 'Good Vibrations'.

Mark the dates in your diaries for another exciting, energetic and entertaining production. Performances will be at the Don Bosco Theatre at GYC in Glenorchy and tickets will be available on-line ([trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)) and at the College Office shortly.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

**OPENING NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 15TH JUNE AT 7.30 PM**

**FRIDAY 16 JUNE AT 7:30 PM**

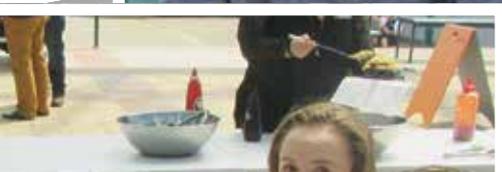
**SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2:00 PM**

**SATURDAY 17 JUNE 7:30 PM**



# FIRST DAY





# Former Student Grace Williams



Grace Williams has always had a passion for visual arts completing both Art Production Foundation 2 and Art Production 3 during her time at Claremont College.

She received the People's Choice Award for the end of year art exhibition in 2015. During that year, Grace worked closely with the college's artist in residence Mish Meijers and was selected to hang a piece of her work in the Symbiosis exhibition at the Moonah Art Centre.

During 2016 Grace also completed a mural at Leprena which was sponsored by Arts Tasmania where she was supported by her mentor Jarmin Kluss. Jarmin also undertook a mentor role for Grace as she undertook work as part of the Ten Days on the Island Festival. During this event, she worked on a collaborative exhibition with both Jarmin and Nico Moles (from New Caledonia) called *Two Islands One Speculation*. The exhibition opened at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in Launceston in mid-February, and runs through to mid-March 2017. It is wonderful that Grace has been able to make connections within the community to support her own art practice and her developing identity in the arts community. Grace is also currently undertaking a traineeship as a tattoo artist.

## Careers Centre Open for Business in 2017

This year our Careers Centre will be staffed by Katrina Hutchinson, Anna Branch and Gillian Cannell. These teachers bring with them a diverse set of skills which will enable them to guide students in taking control of their futures.

The Careers Centre Team supports students in their decision making and steps towards independence beyond Claremont College, particularly in regard to their future education and career aspirations. The Team aims to ensure that students are aware of a wide range of career, education and training opportunities beyond college, and supports students in making decisions about what pathways and strategies are best for them. Deciding on a career pathway is easy for some students and harder for others. The Careers Team is very aware that every student will follow a different pathway which may, or may not, include a university degree, a qualification through TasTAFE or an Australian School-Based Apprenticeship (ASBA).

Katrina, Anna and Gillian can provide guidance regarding university courses and entrance requirements, prerequisite subjects and industry requirements through online career resources and direct personal counselling.

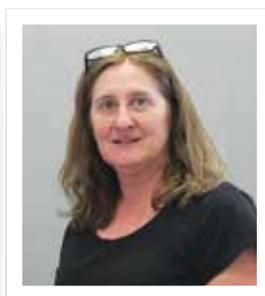
The Careers Team also assists students in their course selections while studying at Claremont College so that students have a study plan that will achieve their educational goals. The Team can also provide support and strategies to help students manage or modify their course load to ensure they are on track to achieve their TCE. Study plans are tailored to suit student aspirations and may include vocational training or off-campus subjects as well as those offered on site.



Katrina Hutchinson



Anna Branch



Gillian Cannell

## Claremont College Association Inc.

If you would like to be a parent member of the Claremont College Association Inc. please contact Deb Bryant (Principal) on 6249 6801.

There will be at least one Association meeting each term which will be held at Claremont College. The time of each meeting will be decided by the Association.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 March 2017, at 5:00 pm in the College Boardroom B005.

If you have something you would like to raise with the Association or have any questions please contact Jan Dunsby (Chairperson) on 0419 328 469.

# Cup Cakes and Car Washes - an Enterprising Combination

The students in VET Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways, under the direction of teachers Max Cross and Tania Beattie, have started their own enterprise business – FSK.

Starting with a college investment of only \$20 per enterprise the class has organised to run two car washes and to run a third enterprise selling creatively decorated cupcakes. The aim, like all businesses, is to cover the costs and to make a profit.

Future enterprise plans may include a college BBQ or Street Party so watch out for more information on further exciting ventures. Some profits raised will go towards fund raising for a college learn to drive car.

Students are also learning business skills by designing invoices, managing budgets, selling products and interacting with customers. What is certain at this stage is that the class is working well in teams, problem solving, showing initiative, developing employability skills, helping others and having fun.



## College App Makes Life Easier



Claremont College has adopted the Skoolbag app as a direct communication tool for students and parents. The app is available for IOS, Android and Windows smartphones and other smart devices such as iPads or tablets.

The app is available for download from your IOS, Android or Windows app store. Simply search for Claremont College and look for the logo. Detailed

instructions are available from the Student Administration Office.

The app includes

- calendar of events
- weekly Tutor News
- current year's newsletters
- useful information for day to day college life e.g. timetable, who to contact in Students Services

- eform for students to make Student Services appointments
- eForm for parents to notify or explain student absences.

The app will continue to have added features in response changing needs and feedback.

## Tutor Group Program

Every student at Claremont College attends Tutor Group each Thursday between 12:00 pm and 12:40 pm.

During this time students study a subject called Personal Pathway Planning (PPP), a course required for TCE attainment and worth five TCE points. PPP covers a range of topics focusing on future pathways, employability skills and personal development.

This year tutor groups have the opportunity to hear from a range of speakers from the community to assist with planning and preparing for life after college.

Attendance is compulsory and this weekly time ensures up to date information is passed on to all students. Individuals can discuss any concerns they have around any aspect of their college program with their Tutor Group teachers.

Part of the discussion in the first weeks was around coming to an agreed understanding of the rights and responsibilities of students at Claremont College and what this means to enable successful learning to occur.

Claremont College

<b>Rights</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
✓ to learn	✓ to allow learning to occur
✓ to be respected	✓ to respect ourselves and others
✓ to be safe at all times	✓ to act in a safe manner

# TUTORIAL PROGRAM

Teacher	Subject	Day and Time	Room
<b>English and Humanities</b>			
Sue Hawkins	English Communications Legal Studies	Tuesday 12:00 pm – 12:40 pm	G008
Emily Bullock	English 3C English Writing 3C	Monday 1:00 pm – 1:40 pm	G004
Beth Coombe	English Writing 3C	Tuesday 12:00 pm – 12:40 pm	G010
Graeme Oddie	Ancient Civilisations	Tuesday 12:00 pm – 1:40 pm	G004
James Broad	Psychology	Tuesday 12:00 pm – 12:40 pm	A009
Katrina Hutchinson	Sociology	Tuesday 12:00 pm – 12:40 pm	A008
Robyn Hibbard	Japanese	Thursday 12:40 pm - 1:30 pm	J007
<b>Maths and Science</b>			
Adam Lovell	Maths Methods 3C General Maths 3C	Tuesday 12:00 pm – 12:40 pm	K005
Brian Moss	Physics 4C Maths Methods 4C	Tuesday 12:40 pm – 1:30 pm	H002
Leahanne Reid	Physical Sciences 3C General Maths 3C	Wednesday 12:40 pm – 1:30 pm	H006
Natalie Robinson	Biology 3C	Tuesday 10:20 pm – 10:40 pm	H001
Satwinder Kaur	Chemistry 4C	Tuesday 12:00 pm – 12:40 pm	H006
<b>Business and Computing</b>			
Cheryl Davis	Business Studies 3C	Thursday 12:40 pm – 1:30 pm	K007
<b>Performing Arts</b>			
Dave Wilson	Music Technology Projects	Wednesday 12:40 pm – 1:30 pm	I018
Gillian Cannell	Music 3	Tuesday 12:00 pm – 12:40 pm	I018
Amber Knowles	Drama 3	Monday 1:00 pm - 1:40 pm	Drama Studio
Amanda Fletcher	UTAS Music	Wednesday 12:40 pm - 1:30 pm	I018
<b>Visual Arts</b>			
Dean Schuettpeiz	Art Studio Practice Media Production 3C	Wednesday 12:00 pm – 12:40 pm Wednesday 3:10 pm – 5:30 pm	F008
Stephanie O'May	Art Production Art Production (Photography)	Wednesday 12:40 pm – 1:10 pm Wednesday 3:10 pm – 5:30 pm	F010
<b>Health and Physical Education</b>			
Sue Hancock	Health Studies Sport Science	Tuesday 12:00 pm – 12:40 pm	J008
<b>Technology</b>			
Kaleb Smith	Technical Graphics Computer Graphics and Design	Monday 1:00 pm – 1:40 pm Thursday 3:10 pm – 4:10 pm	A015
Laura Barrow	Computer Graphics and Design	Monday 1:00 pm – 1:40 pm	A015

Claremont College offers a regular tutorial program for students studying Level 3 and 4 subjects.

The aim of this program is to provide opportunities for students to seek more intensive small-group or individual assistance than teachers are usually able to offer in class time.

Teachers may use this time to coach students in specific skills or to develop understanding of particular concepts, or they may work to assist students individually with current assignment tasks.

Students studying Level 3 or 4 subjects are expected to attend at least one tutorial each week; they make a choice each week about which subject represents their area of greatest need.

Each teacher has nominated a regular weekly timeslot and room for tutorials – please refer to tutorial timetable on this page.

Of course, all teachers welcome any opportunity to help students in any way they can, and individual students, whether studying Level 3 or 4 subjects or not, are always welcome to seek out their teachers outside class time for extra assistance.

# 2017 STUDENT TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45-10:20 1	8:45-10:20 5	8:45-10:20 4	8:45-10:20 2	8:45-10:20 4
Recess 10:20-10:45	Recess 10:20-10:45	Recess 10:20-10:45	Recess 10:20-10:45	Recess 10:20-10:45
10:45-12:00 2	10:45-12:00 1	10:45-12:40 3	10:45-12:00 5	10:45-12:30 3
12:00-1:00 3	12:00-12:40 Enrichment & Tutorials		12:00-12:40 Tutor Group	
Lunch 1:00-1:40	Lunch 12:40-1:30	Lunch 12:40-1:30	Lunch 12:40-1:30	Lunch 12:30 – 1:00
1:40-3:10 4	1:30-3:10 2	1:30-3:10 5	1:30-3:10 1	1:00 – 3:00 Enrichment/ Tutorials

## 2017 Diary Dates

### 21 March

Meet the Teacher 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

### 13 April

Term 1 ends

### 14 April – 18 April

Easter break

### 2 May – 7 July

Term 2

### 12 June

Queens Birthday (public holiday – no classes)

### 14 June to 17 June

College Musical Production

### 28 June

Year 10 Orientation Day (no classes)

### 29 June to 4 July

Mid Year Exams

### 24 July to 29 September

Term 3

### 1 September

Moderation Day

### 16 October to 23 November

Term 4

### 24 October

Student Formal

### 26 October

Show Day (public holiday – no classes)

### 10 November

Last day of formal classes

### 13 November to 23 November

Exams

### Week of 18 December

TASC Results available/posted home

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