

# Claremont College

# **Orientation** Guide



Tasmania Explore the possibilities

Department of Education Claremont College

### **Secretary's Foreword**



This Student Information Booklet is designed to give you essential information about the school you are attending for Years 11 and 12.

If you're continuing from Year 11 into Year 12, you probably know much of the information in this booklet already. However, some things change from year to year so I encourage you to read through this booklet and make sure you're up-to-date with the choices available.

If you're entering Year 11; welcome.

The Student Information Book has been designed to complement and build on the information provided in the Course Information for Years 11 and 12. It provides detailed information about courses, prerequisites and learning pathways.

During Years 11 and 12 you will have an opportunity to choose the subjects you wish to study.

Some students already have a career in mind and know what subjects they need to achieve that outcome. However, most students haven't yet decided on a career path and choose to study a range of subjects.

What's most important is that you complete your studies and obtain a qualification, be that a school-based apprenticeship, a Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) or a vocational education qualification.

Once you've got a qualification the world opens up so many opportunities and life is always better when you have choices.

I wish you well in your studies for 2015 and beyond.

**Colin Pettit** Secretary



### **Principal's Welcome**

Welcome to Claremont College.

You have the chance to make Years 11 and 12 two of the best years of your life.

Colleges are exciting, vibrant places with so many subject choices, pathways and opportunities. Whether you are on an academic pathway to university or a vocational pathway, enrolling at Claremont College will ensure that you reach your goal.

Many of you are still probably undecided about your future career path and that is absolutely fine because we have the teachers and support teams here to assist you make wise choices, choices which are going to affect the quality of your life in the years ahead.

These choices start with your course enrolment at the College. Some of our teachers have



already met you at your high school and Orientation Day gives you the chance to get information on some of our courses on offer and college life in general. We will continue visiting you in your high school to answer questions and assist with your enrolment into Year 11.

You are your parents are welcome to contact us at any time either by phone or email. Please make an appointment to visit if preferred.

At Claremont College we value individual programs, study support and tutorial assistance for all students in all subjects. We will give you every opportunity to succeed and we believe you can succeed. Success in Years 11 and 12 will increase your chances of employment and therefore a secure future.

#### **Dianne Freeman** Principal

### Claremont College offers:

- Academic courses which lead to university study
- Courses offering university accreditation
- Foundation courses
- Vocational programs
- Flexible delivery programs
- Study support and tutorial programs
- Extracurricular activities



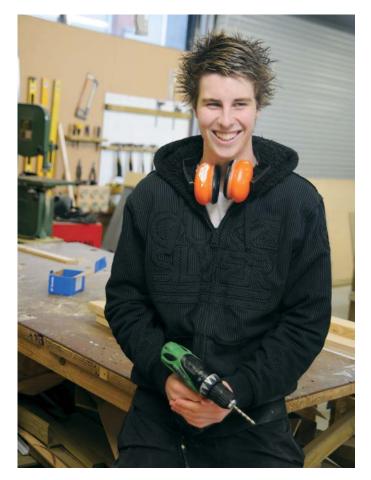
### Studying at College

Claremont College teachers have already visited your high school and had meetings with your teachers. During these sessions you have heard about the facilities and curriculum at the College. Orientation Day is another important step towards making a choice for next year.

We are very aware that making choices is not easy and we are here to help you. Before you enrol you can see one of our teachers who will assist you in making appropriate choices based upon your background, interests and abilities.

Towards the end of the year a team of Enrolment Counsellors will come to your school to discuss your options in more detail before you make your final selections for next year. Parents are encouraged to attend.

After enrolment you will be sent an enrolment confirmation form that will detail your course. Naturally there will some students who will still decide that they want to make changes. We will provide times for this to occur before the end of the College year and at the commencement of 2015.



### Where do I go?

- Walk up the central street to the Student Common Room (D Block).
- On the Student Common Room windows will be a list of student names in alphabetical order.
- Your name will be there, we're expecting you!
- Our friendly staff will be available to assist you to your first Tutor Group session.
- You may also see your Pathway Planner from high school.
- Your Tutor Group teacher will guide you through the rest of the day's program, including giving you your timetable and answering your questions.

### When do I start?

- Year 11 students start on Wednesday 4 February, 2015 at 9am.
- You will be shown how your timetable works and given information about lockers, email, internet access, library and bus passes.

### What do I bring?

- Pen
- Notebook or excercise book
- Padlock (lockers are available) on Day I
- there will be a free BBQ Lunch on the first day and the canteen will be open.

### Getting my course right!

# Are there courses to suit my needs and ability?

We have a range of courses and subjects at different levels to cater for all students. Our Enrolment Counsellors will help you with subject selection and match your abilities, interests and career goals to find the right course for you no matter what your pathway is.

### What is a VET course?

VET stands for Vocational Education and Training. Claremont College is a Registered Training Organisation which means we offer a large number of Nationally Accredited Training Programs. These programs are designed to provide pathways into work or further study.

Our VET programs run for 150 hours or 300 hours depending on the level and type of course.

VET Certificate II and Certificate III programs have a workplace component, where you spend time in the workplace being assessed on the job.

# Can I do VET and other subjects at the same time?

Yes you can.VET and TCE subjects can be studied easily together, and allow students the best of both worlds, as you can find out more about work and still leave your options open for further study at university. Many of our students choose this type of mixed course.





### Do I have to do exams?

Most Level 3 subjects have an exam at the end of the year and a mid-year exam in July. Other subjects have tests and assignments during the year as part of their assessment. Some subjects have folios, independent studies and practical exams. Enrolment Counsellors will be able to tell you the type of assessment required for each subject.

# How many Level 3 subjects should I do in Year 11?

Only your best two scores from Year 11 will count towards your Tertiary Entrance (TE) score. The College recommends that students who are contemplating university entrance undertake two or three Level 3 subjects.

Students undertaking these subjects will be able to discard the subject with the lowest score. The emphasis is on gaining high quality awards rather than a large number of awards and so it is important that you can manage your workload – quality is more important in your studies.

If university is your goal, talk with a Enrolment Counsellor about how you can advantage your score and make sure you study Level 3 prerequisite subjects required for your university degree.

# What happens if I want to go to university?

To qualify for entrance to university you must complete at least four Level 3 (university entrance) subjects. However, to maximise your chances of gaining entry to your desired course you should count scores from your best five Level 3 subjects over two years, with a maximum of two scores counting from Year 11.

### **UTAS College Programs**

The University of Tasmania provides extension programs for college students that offer considerable benefits. In addition to the academic challenge, successful participation in an extension program means credit toward your chosen degree and a saving on the costs of studying University units.

Course details, delivery and assessment differ for each program. There is a mixture of on-line delivery, class work and weekend workshops.

Assessment will be completed by University teachers and can be both criterion and competency based. Some units will be assessed jointly by both the College and University teachers. Information about entry into these programs is available during Term One from College teachers.

Your teacher will discuss entry requirements with you and assist you with enrolment details and completing the course work.

### Handy hints

- You are required to attend all lessons
- Be on time to class
- Be willing to have a go join in
- All schools and colleges are smoke-free
- Our staff are here to help you succeed



### **Other Programs and Activities**

#### Student Representative Council (SRC)

The SRC organises a variety of lunchtime activities such as food events, Market Day and the College Quiz. They also conduct fundraising for charities and the College Formal Ball. SRC members represent the student body at forums and council meetings. By joining the SRC you will:

- develop skills in meeting procedures, public speaking and managing events
- develop an understanding of teamwork and participation
- demonstrate an awareness of youth issues.



#### Music Tutoring

Claremont College employs specialist tutors in a variety of music genres, instruments and styles. The tutors work in the classroom, offering tuition, support and guidance. They participate in performances, accompanying rehearsals and assist in choice of repertoire.

### Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Course

This course is offered during the year and allows students to gain the knowledge and awareness necessary to serve alcohol in licensed premises. You will gain a nationally recognised Statement of Attainment.

## Claremont College Links with the University of Tasmania

Claremont College works in close partnership with UTAS to support students.

While you are still at college opportunities are provided for you to explore courses and find out about university life. We organise visiting speakers and visits to the University campuses (Hobart and Launceston).

### Tutorials and Enrichment

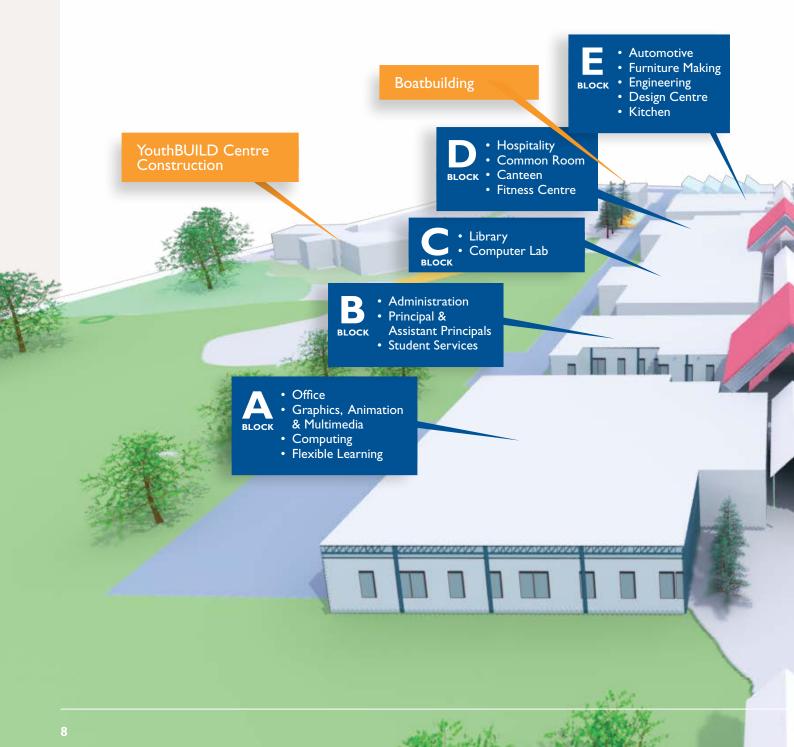
Claremont College teachers are dedicated to helping you succeed in your study. They offer special tutorials and opportunities for enrichment, either in the lunch hour or in the afternoon, after classes.



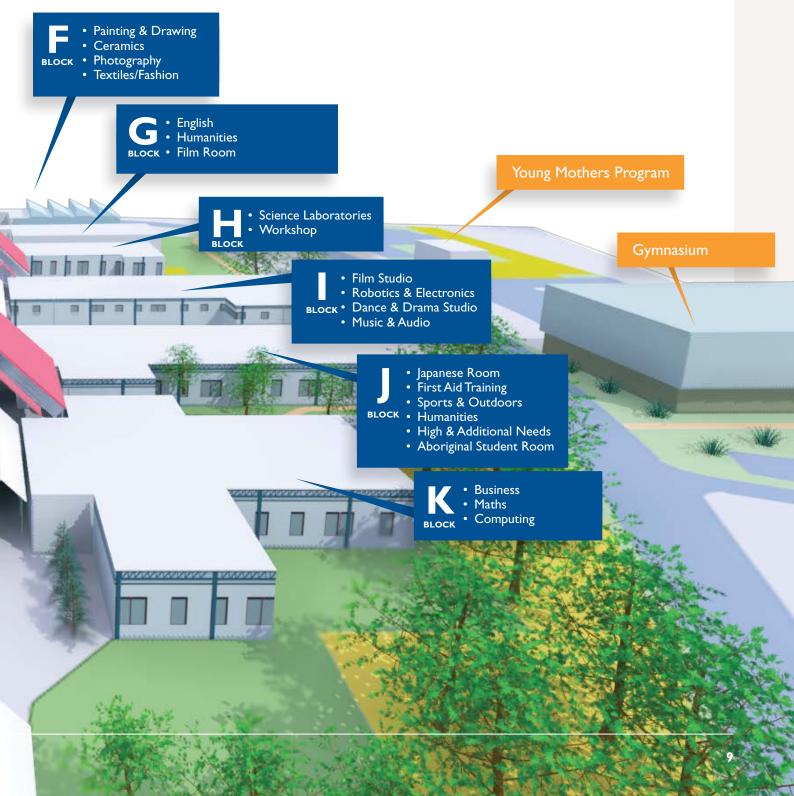
### College Map

Claremont College is a modern campus with excellent facilities:

- Most learning areas are arranged on either side of a central "Street". It is easy to find your way around and there is access for wheelchairs.
- Learning areas are well-equipped to provide top quality learning experiences, with interactive whiteboards and projectors, computers with special applications for science subjects, auto workshops, graphic design, photography, audio design and music.
- The Library is a great study centre with a wide range of print resources, up-to-date computer facilities and study areas.
- Laptops are available on loan to students for use at home as well as in the college.
- The Student Common Room and Canteen offer food, drinks and a place to chat with friends or listen to performances.



- There are great recreational facilities including a gym and a well-equipped weight room.
- There are two commercial kitchens and a dining room for catering and hospitality classes, and a café bar for barista courses.
- Specialist facilities are available for drama and dance, audio and visual recording, ceramics, photography, wood, metal, construction and boatbuilding.
- Our YouthBuild facility offers excellent workshops and a classroom.
- Student support services are centrally located and accessible to all students.
- College buses allow excursions in outdoor education and many other subjects.
- Student car parking is available in a designated area.



### **Student Support**

The College has a number of specialist staff and programs to support you:

- Principal and Assistant Principals
- Teachers
- Course Counsellors
- Social Workers
- Chaplain.
- Your Tutor Group teacher

Your Tutor Group teacher provides support and advice in areas such as career planning, health issues, recreational opportunities and using community resources.

#### Your subject teachers

If you have questions about your subject and the work required, you can always discuss it with your subject teacher.

### **Course counsellors**

Course counsellors are located in B Block and are available to discuss course changes.

### Breakfast Program

The College runs a breakfast program for students who have to leave home early to get to College.

#### Student Accommodation

Housing Connect reserves accommodation for Claremont College students. Spaces are limited. Contact our Social Worker to discuss options.

#### Timetable

The timetable is divided into five Lines. Most subjects take one line, but some VET courses are organised to take up one or two full days. A full time student is required to choose subjects that fill four of the five lines.

### Car Parking

For students who drive to college a student car park is provided. You should not be in your car or the car park except when arriving at or leaving College.





### **Attendance Information**

for you and your parents

#### Do I have to attend all classes?

Yes. Subject teachers check and record attendance at every lesson.

You are expected to attend all classes for all subjects in which you are enrolled. including Tutor Group.

#### Supporting students:

Parents play an important role in supporting their child's education including Years 11 and 12.

Text messages (SMS) are sent each day to inform you if your son or daughther misses a class. Printouts of each student's attendance record are also sent home during the term.

If absences occur without a valid explanation, the Tutor Group Teacher or senior staff member may contact parents to discuss any problems the student may be having.

### Why is it important to attend all classes?

• If a student misses a class they are missing important subject work. This may affect their final results.

Exemptions for absences are granted for specific purposes as listed below:

- Illness of student
- Death in the family
- Participation in State sporting, academic or cultural events
- VET vocational placement
- College excursions, activities.

Students may also be able to get exemptions for personal reasons depending on the circumstances.

Exemptions will not be granted for excuses such as: missing the bus or sleeping in. These absences are noted as 'unauthorised' in the students' records.



### **Assessment and Reporting**

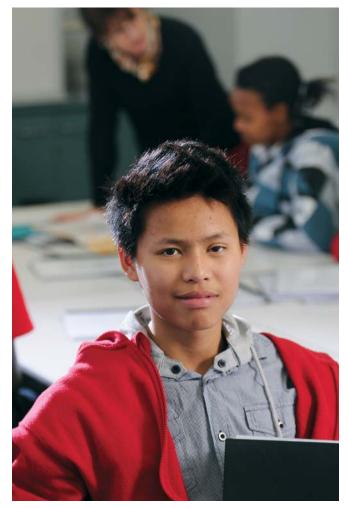
Assessment for each subject begins from the first day and continues throughout the year. Your teacher will build up a record of your work and assessment, and give you regular feedback.

It is important to attend every lesson and complete every assessment task to ensure you get the best results possible.

Parent-teacher evenings are held in first and third term to enable you and your parents to meet with teachers and discuss your progress. Written reports on your progress in each subject are issued in May and August.

Near the end of your course you are informed of your expected final results in the course. In the case of Level 3 subjects with examinations and other external assessment, you are informed of your expected internal results.

Your final results and certificates are issued by the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority.





## Bus Times

Route	Morning	Afternoon	<b>Bus Details</b>
Glenorchy	8:06am (bus stop E – Route 36) – via Chigwell	3:10pm departs College (Route 33) for Chigwell, Berriedale and Glenorchy	Metro 13 2201
Old Beach Gagebrook Bridgewater	7:40am departs Mountain View bus stop (Old Beach) for Gagebrook, Bridgewater and Claremont	3:10pm departs College (Route 331) for Gagebrook and Old Beach	Metro 13 2201
Collinsvale	7:42am departs Collins Cap 8:03am Allunga Road	3:25pm departs College 3:28pm Allunga Road	Millingtons 6268 6114
Derwent Valley	6:50am departs Ellendale 7:40am Burnett St, New Norfolk 8:00am Main Road, Claremont	3:58pm departs Main Rd Claremont 4:25pm Burnett St, New Norfolk 5:13pm Ellendale	O'Driscolls 6249 8880
New Norfolk	7:40am departs Warner Ave 8:20am Claremont College	3:15pm departs College 4:03pm Toll House, New Norfolk	-
Bothwell	6:48am departs Bothwell 7:08am Melton Mowbray 7:50am Main Rd, Claremont	4:30pm departs Claremont (Main Road) 5:18pm Melton Mowbray 5:35pm Bothwell	O'Driscolls 6249 8880
Oatlands	Transport is by Walker Coaches to to link with Kempton bus		
Kempton Brighton	7:20am depart North end of Kempton; 7.25am departs Kempton Hall Transfer at Brighton 7:45am	3:20pm departs Claremont College (via Brighton)	Cresswell Coaches 6234 1818
Strahan	2:00pm Sundays departs Strahan. Arrives Hobart 7:40pm	4:10pm Fridays departs Springfield Stop A. Arrives Strahan 10:15pm	Tassie Link I 300 300 520

### Courses in 2015

#### Level 3 Courses

(University entrance courses)

- Accounting
- Ancient Civilisations
- Art Production
  - Digital art and media
  - Drawing
  - Painting
  - Photography
  - Art Studio Practice
- Audio Design
- Australia in Asia and the Pacific
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Graphics and Design
- Computer Science
- Dance Choreography and Performance
- Drama
- Economics
- Electronics
- English as an Additional Language or Dialect
- English Communication
- English Literature
- English Writing
- Environmental Science and Society
- Food and Nutrition
- General Mathematics
- Geography
- Health Studies
- Housing and Design
- Information Systems and Digital Technology
- Japanese
- Legal Studies
- Mathematics Methods
- Mathematics Specialised
- Media Production
- Modern History
- Music
- Music Practical Study UTAS
  (Performance or Composition) Year 11
- Music Practical Study UTAS
  (Performance or Composition) Year 12
- Outdoor Leadership
- Physical Sciences
- Physics

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Sport Science
- Student Directed Inquiry
- Technical Graphics

#### Level 2 Courses

- Adventure Recreation
- Art Production Foundation
  - Ceramics
  - Digital art and media
  - Drawing
  - Painting
  - Photography
- Athlete Development
- Audio Design Foundation
- Business Studies Foundation
- Community Services Learning
- Computer Graphics and Design
- Contemporary Music
- Creative Arts Event Production
- Dance
- Design and Production
  - Metals
  - Textiles
  - Wood
- Drama Foundation
- Electronics
- English Applied
- English as an Additional Language or Dialect
- English Foundation
- Essential Skills Maths
- Essential Skills Reading and Writing
- Essential Skills Using Computers and the Internet
- Food, Cooking and Nutrition
- General Mathematics Foundation
- History and the Environment
- Introduction to Sociology and Psychology
- Japanese Foundation
- Legal Studies
- Life Science
- Mathematics Method Foundation
- Media Production Foundation
- Music Studies
- Outdoor Education
- Personal Health and Wellbeing
- Personal Pathway Planning

- Physical Sciences Foundation
- Sport Science Foundation
- Technical Graphics Foundation
- Visual Art Practice
- UTAS Object Design
- Work Readiness
- Working with Children

#### Level | Courses

- Art Making
- Automotive Workshop Practices
- Basic Computing
  - Business
  - Game design
  - Programming and control
  - Robotics
- English as an Additional Language or Dialect
- Everyday Maths
- Financial Literacy
- Focus on Children
- Food and Cooking Essentials
- Introduction to Catering
- Personal Care
- Physical Recreation
- Practical English
- Work Readiness
- Workshop Techniques Introduction

#### Other Courses

- Basic Communication
- Basic Number Skills
- Building Connections
- Community and Me
- Environment and Nature
- Expression through the Arts
- Prepare for Work
- Prepare to Live Independently
- Sport and Recreation for Life

#### **VET Courses**

- Certificate I in Agrifood Operations
- Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate I in Defence Force Cadets
- Certificate I in Furnishing
- Certificate I in Hospitality
- Certificate I in Information, Digital Media and Technology
- Certificate I in Retail Services
- Certificate I in Spoken and Written English
- Certificate I in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate II in Animal Studies
- Certificate II in Automotive Body Repair Technology
- Certificate II in Business
- Certificate II in Community Services (focus on Aged Care and Disability)
- Certificate II in Community Services (focus on Children's Services)
- Certificate II in Construction
- Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)
- Certificate II in Hairdressing
- Certificate II in Horticulture
- Certificate II in Hospitality
- Certificate II in Information, Digital Media and Technology
- Certificate II in Music
- Certificate II in Retail Services
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Certificate II in Spoken and Written English
- Certificate II in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate II in Tourism
- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Fitness
- Certificate III in Information, Digital Media
  and Technology
- Introduction to Nursing Statement of Attainment for selected units from Certificate III in Health Services Assistance
- Introduction to Plumbing statement of attainment for seclected units
- Introduction to Primary Industries

### More Information

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