



THE PRINCIPAL

This is my last newsletter for Newstead College as I am taking up a position of Project Manager Year 11 and 12 Expansion. An acting Principal will be put in place for terms one and two.

I have been fortunate to lead such an amazing College. Working with students of this age group is such a privilege as you observe them flourish with the opportunities provided, spread their wings and make their way into an adult environment. Newstead College is a safe and supportive community where students are able to follow their chosen pathway, meet like-minded individuals and make lifelong friends. The strength of this College is the wonderful passionate and caring staff who are experts in their fields.

It is with sadness that I leave the College, but I look forward to sharing what I have learnt over the last eight years with my colleagues and future leaders. I know that Newstead College will continue to flourish into the future and be shining example of all that is good in the education of 16-19 year old students.

I wish the current students and staff all the best and thank our wonderful College Association, parents and community members for their great support.

Janet Sims
Principal

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WE WANT YOU...

Nominations close 24 Feb
See Amanda Williams
or Roy Stewart for details



Important Dates 2015

Wednesday 25th Feb
Launceston Cup Day
(No Classes)

Monday 9th March
Long Weekend

Tuesday 10th March
QA Day
(No Classes)

Tuesday 24th March
Parent Teacher Interviews

IMPORTANT INFO

College Quality Assurance – March 10th

On Tuesday 10th of March, Year 11/12 schools and Colleges will be involved in the quality assurance of all TQA subjects. Therefore students will not attend classes based at Newstead College, on Tuesday 10th. Those students who are enrolled in certificate courses taught on TasTAFE campuses or the Certificate II Agriculture at Lilydale will attend as normal. We will provide a bus from Newstead College to the Alanvale Campus and return as we always do.

Attendance

Attendance in classes has been shown by research to be one of the most important factors in successful student outcomes. Students who are absent miss out on learning

opportunities that are never recovered. We expect students to attend all classes unless there are genuine reasons for absences, such as illness. A student under 17 years of age is required by law (The Youth Participation in Education & Training (Guaranteeing Future) Act 2005) to participate in education and training until he/she has turned 17 or achieved a TCE or Certificate III vocational qualification.

www.parliament.tas.gov.au/bills/Bills2005/pdf/4_of_2005.pdf.

Operating Hours

The normal operating hours for Newstead College are 8.20am through to 4.05pm with morning classes starting at 8.50am and afternoon classes finishing at 3.40pm

DESIGN AND PRODUCTION IN WOOD

2014 students, Sam Thompson gained a High Distinction for his desk that he made for the UTAS Object Design brief for 2014, 'Mutation'. Object Design is a UTAS College program that allows students from around Tasmania to work with lecturers on a common design brief to complete a project whilst enrolled in Design and Production in Wood.

Comments from Sam's assessment:

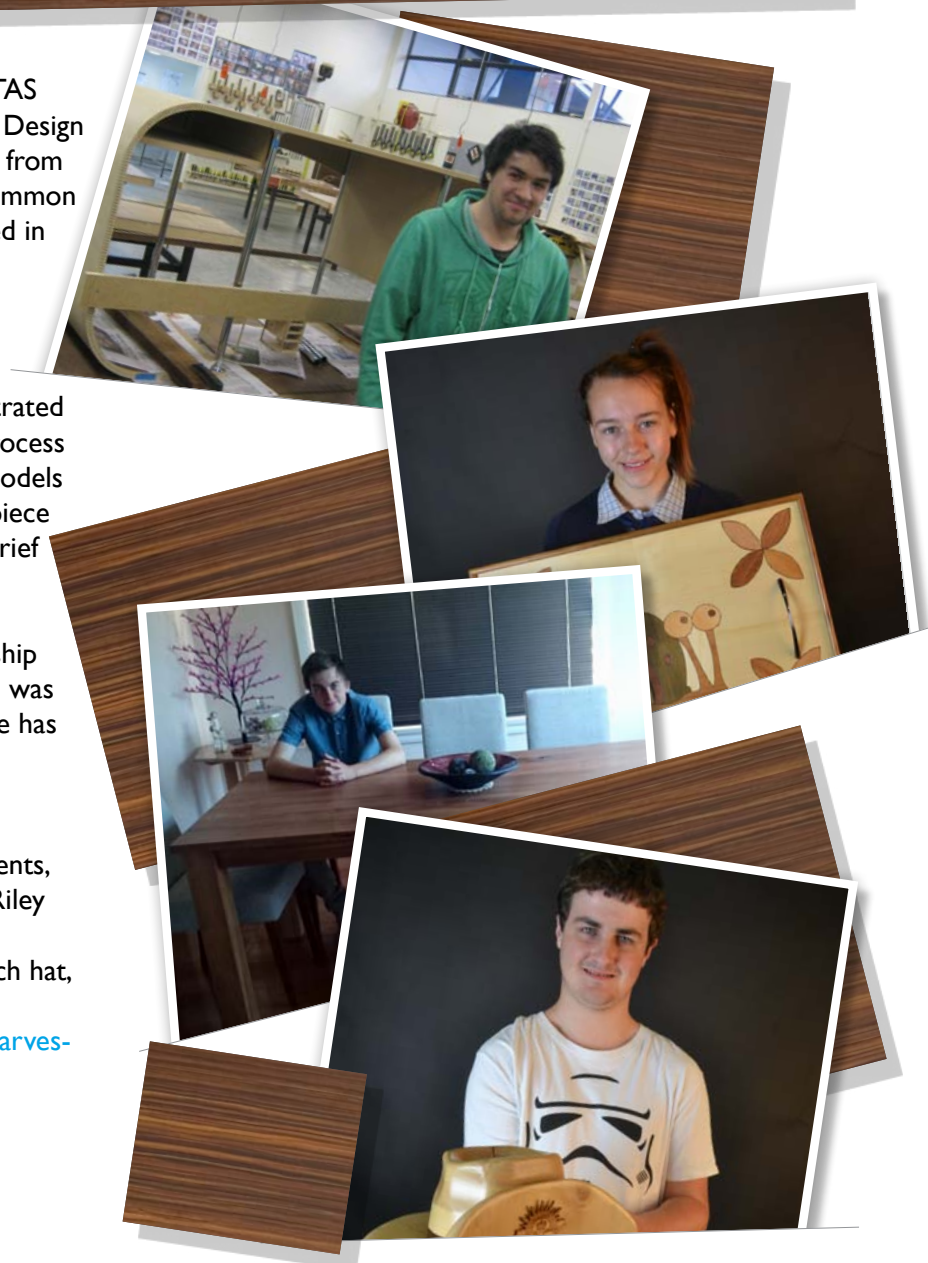
"Strong design and originality evident. Demonstrated a high level of technical skill in the fabrication process and choice of materials. Sam's journal and his models evidenced his design development and his final piece demonstrated a sophisticated response to the brief with well integrated design elements".

As part of his award, Sam was offered a scholarship to study Furniture Design at UTAS. However, he was also offered a carpentry apprenticeship, which he has accepted.

Dorian Airey has his work entered in a national competition for Year 11 and 12 woodwork students, together with entries from Shenae Wilson and Riley Neville. The winners of this competition will be announced in March. Dorian constructed a slouch hat, and his story recently featured in The Examiner.

www.examiner.com.au/story/2863005/student-carves-piece-of-history/?cs=95

Alan MacFarlane
Teacher of Design and Production in Wood



Cambodia



Project

In December 2014 ten students and three staff travelled to Cambodia for a cultural and altruistic journey. This was the sixth trip to Cambodia for Newstead College students and it was an unforgettable trip for all concerned. The first part of the trip involved staying in the capital Phnom Penh and visiting sites commemorating the horrors of recent Cambodian history including the Tuol Sleng detention centre and the Killing Fields of Cheong Ek. We also had our orientation at the Tabitha Foundation in preparation for our housebuilding. We travelled from Phnom Penh to Kampung Chnang province and built five houses for impoverished rural families. This was a wonderful, rewarding and humbling experience. We then travelled by bus to Siem Reap. Unfortunately, extensive road works for the first one hundred and fifty kilometres ensured that a long trip became interminable and rough. Fortunately, no one was car sick!

At Siem Reap we explored the Angkor Wat archaeological zone, went on a boat trip to an isolated fishing village and visited the Savong School and Child Centre in rural Bakong village. Here we taught classes and dug vegetable beds. The highlight was the presentation of a generator to the school. We raised three thousand US dollars to pay for the generator which will enable the school to function far more effectively. A school assembly was held as a gesture of appreciation and one of our staff members (who may or may not be called Christine Gilmore) blubbed all the way through it. It was a great day and immensely satisfying.

The college would like to thank the students for their vibrant and good-humoured participation and to many individuals whose generosity made the project possible.



HAWKS



On the 16th of February, Hawks premiership defender Taylor Duryea visited Newstead College passing on words of wisdom to students in Newstead College's AFL-focused Athlete Development class.

"Part of what I'm trying to pass on to them is about how they approach the game, their work ethic, things which are not about kicks, marks and handballs," he said.

"This is being drilled in with this class, that they have to be here on time, do the warm-up properly so you can do the best that you can at training, those little fundamental things."

Along with teacher Tom Viney, Duryea completed a number of drills before closing with 'question and answer' session.

Duryea was in Launceston thanks to the college's long-term partnership with Hawthorn.



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