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Student Free Day Tuesday 15th March

Parent Teacher Interviews Tuesday 22nd March

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Good Friday Friday 25th March

Term 1 Ends Friday 8th April

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Term 2 Begins Tuesday 26th April

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THE PRINCIPAL

Our start to the year has been excellent. Students are positive and keen to get into the college culture. There have been a few changes to the timetable and requirements for students' presence on campus.

Good Neighbour Agreement:

Every student when they enrolled into either year 11 or 12 signed their form to abide by the following expectation:

.....I agree to be a good neighbour to local residents and businesses. I understand that students are only permitted in the surrounding streets to travel to and from college. Loitering, littering and smoking are **NOT** permitted.

Whilst students may need to leave the college when they do not have any scheduled classes, it is a requirement that if they are returning they need to sign out and indicate where they are going. Our preference is that students only leave the college if they are leaving for the day or have an appointment such as doctor, dentist, driving lesson etc. I would appreciate parents' support with this process.

Personal Pathway Program/My Education:

To achieve the TCE (Tasmanian Certificate of Education) all students must be complete this program. It gives students 5 points every year and there will be other activities and short courses available to ensure students have every opportunity to accumulate the 120 points and standards required over 2 years. PPP will occur either on Mondays or Tuesdays at 12.30.

Attendance:

If a student misses a class (not a day) a text will be sent home to notify parents. If the absence can be explained please let the school know otherwise it will be recorded as an unexplained absence. If students incur 15 or more absences, parents will be notified and intervention will occur. It is crucial that students attend classes unless they are ill or there are other extenuating circumstances. Activities such as driving lessons, haircuts, shopping, visiting friends, birthdays etc, are not considered to be approved absences.

I'm looking forward to a great year. There will be many opportunities for students and we welcome parent and community involvement.

Parent Association:

We are seeking parent representation on our Association. We only meet around 4 times per year and there is no fundraising aspect to the group. Our Association consists of community members, staff and parents. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact our office on 63 323232.

Deaine Coyle Principal



Newstead College Department of Education

COLLEGE DUX



Congratulations to Matthew Pearce for gaining Newstead College's highest academic accolade, Dux of College.

Matthew's studies focused predominantly on Maths and Science, gaining subject awards in 2014 for Computer Science 2, Physical Science 3, Maths Methods 3 and the Award for Academic Excellence for Outstanding Results in Year Eleven, with a scaled score of 83. In 2015, Matthew achieved a Distinction in the International Competition for Science for his Chemistry paper. He has also achieved the subject prizes for Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics Specialised and the Award for Academic Excellence for Outstanding Results over Two Years, with a scaled score of 99.6.

Matthew's talents and skills were not exclusive to the areas of maths and science. During his years at Newstead College, Matthew made a great contribution to the Newstead College Production Band for Godspell in 2014, in which he played clarinet and saxophone, as well as 2015's production of Pippin, where he played keyboards.

Matthew will soon begin his university studies in the UTAS Science Department in Hobart and will be involved in the Catalyst program. He has also received a Dean's Scholarship, which will provide him with \$30,000 over three years and the prospect of completing a third year of study overseas. It is clear that Matthew is well on his way to becoming one of the leading maths and science students in Australia.





On the 9th of January this year I travelled up to Canberra to partake in the National Gallery of Australia's National Summer School Scholarship. Two students from each state and territory were selected, after a competitive selection process. We had the opportunity to be involved with the National Gallery, and learnt so much about the life of a practicing artist, as well as the other areas within the industry, such as curatorship, conservation and registration, among much more.

One of the most valuable aspects of the scholarship was the chance to interact with practicing artists. First up we visited the studio of Canberra based artist Peter Vandermark, where we listened to him talk about his own practice and the life of an actual contemporary artist. We were also fortunate enough to be given a life drawing session at the Australian National University School of Art. On

top of that, we were very lucky to meet Torres Strait Islander artist Brian Robinson. He talked to us about his own practice, his inspirations and work ethic, and we also collaborated with him on a sculptural and projection installation piece exploring constellations and navigation in relation to our own individuality.

Something that I was particularly excited about was touring the massive and extensive collection of the gallery. The NGA is home to some of the most important works in art history (for instance, Jackson Pollock's Blue Poles, Constantin Brancusi's Bird's in Space) and pieces by the most significant names in Australian and international art. We talked with contemporary, photographical and indigenous art curators about their various sections of work and how they go about preparing an exhibition.

Though there was so much more that happened, in the end, the highlight was meeting so many other students as passionate about art as I am, and I still keep in contact with them. We learnt and taught so much to and from each other and have made connections that will last a life time. For any year 11 student who enjoys art and would like to pursue a career in the arts, I couldn't recommend the scholarship enough. It was one of the most significant moments in my life and am incredibly thankful for the opportunity. For any student interested in applying for the scholarship you can visit the NGA website or contact the art teachers, Leigh Price and Tania Glanville. I encourage you to apply. You won't regret it.

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Just a friendly reminder for parents and students, who drive to the college on a daily basis, especially at the end of the college day, from the college police officer and staff.

Please obey all traffic rules, such as not parking on yellow lines, or crossing solid white lines (unless turning into a driveway or avoiding a hazard.) If a bus is indicating to pull out into traffic, please give-way to the bus driver (against the law to not do so) and for schools buses if the rear yellow lights are flashing the speed limit is 40km/h. The speed limit in Cypress St and surrounding streets is 50km/h. This should be obeyed by all drivers, but overall be courteous to other drivers and road users, as the safety of our students is paramount.

College Police officers Deon and Justine



