

# NEWSLETTER ISSUE 4: October 2023





**Outdoor Education** 

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Heathers Success

National Skills Week

UTAS Hobart Visit



What an exciting and eventful term! Term Three commenced with our production Heathers The Musical. Congratulations to the staff, cast and crew for such a professional and flawless performance which portrayed important messages about values to our audiences.

This was followed by a music workshop and a concert by Professor Richard Smith who was visiting from Los Angeles. It is not often that students get the chance to have a one-on-one with an internationally acclaimed musician and teacher.

Transition visits to high schools have continued and high school students have been welcomed into the College to work alongside our students in several classes. This will be ongoing until enrolments commence later in Term Four.

We have had some fun interactive visits from primary school students, including a celebration of science, hosting Esk Band students from several primary schools, and hosting the Feast of Knowledge again this year.

Events have included our annual Careers Expo which grows every year. This gave our students and some of our high school neighbours insight into career pathways which will assist in course selections for Years 11

## Principal's Message

and 12. Our Market Day was a first this year and was organised by the Business Studies Foundation class. Students decided that their proceeds would be donated to Guide Dogs Tasmania. Well done students!

We continue to make stronger connections with UTAS, and two groups of students visited UTAS in Hobart to learn more about university pathways, as well as having a lot of fun! Gemma has visited high school parent-teacher evenings to answer questions about UTAS and her work as liaison officer at Newstead College. This term, students have been applying for university placements under the guidance and support of Gemma as well as applying for scholarships.

Tasmania's 2023 Australian of the Year, John Kamara, spoke at our last assembly as part of the Peace in Schools program which we host annually. We were invited by Monash University to host their Illuminate the Day workshop for high school students about problem solving, enterprise skills and creative design.

Accolades to our music students who were judged the 'best-of-the best' in the Tasmanian Rock Challenge. Michael received an honourable mention and Scattabrain tied as best College Band in the state.

More recently, four students from our Maths Specialised class participated in the prestigious Northern Maths Relay and won first prize in the senior secondary division. Congratulations Eason, Archie, Will, Henry and coach/teacher Charlie! See photo below.

During the last week of term our new 2023 volleyball team, Turbo Chooks, won their volleyball grand final. The players had never played volleyball before this year and have been coached by teachers Roger and Caz. Congratulations to Dusty, Aleron, Mia, Zali, Kobe, Hayden, and Rory.

We ended the term with the College Ball, where students dined and danced the night away at the Tailrace Centre. Photos of the Ball are in our Yearbook which students will receive next term.

And so much more as you will read about in the pages that follow.

Term Four is short, and students will be finalising units of work, finishing assessments, revising for exams and Year 11s selecting courses for 2024. I hope students make the most of these final few weeks and Level 1 and 2 students use Weeks 4 and 5 to improve their results and ensure success at gaining the TCE. Teachers are here to guide and support you as well as for individual tutorials.

I wish all students the absolute best for their final assessments.





#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

#### **Final Assessments**

Classes finish on Friday November 3.

TASC Exams commence on Tuesday November 7 until Friday November 17. Students can seek tutorial assistance for exams in person, by email or by phone. The Library and classrooms are available for study.

All work for Level 3 and 4 classes should be submitted for assessment by Wednesday 1 November. All work for VET classes should be submitted for assessment by Friday 3 November.

Please take note that students in Level I and 2 classes can continue to submit work for assessment until Wednesday November I5. Students can seek assistance from teachers and work in College during this time.

This extra time could make the difference in you gaining a satisfactory award.



# **Experience by Ethan Stebbings**

Every year, the Newstead College community comes to life around the second week of August as they nervously anticipate the best time of the year, the school musical. This year's production of Heathers was no exception and thankfully everything ran smoothly. With a cast filled to the brim with talent, heart, and compassion for others, it was a joy to be a part of. Playing Ram was a delight, but it wouldn't have been possible without everyone who was involved with bringing the production to life.

The show's incredibly talented and supportive cast are the aspects that audiences will remember, but our job cannot be completed without the help of some very important figures, who I need to mention here: the incredibly funny and hard-working director, Alarna Hingston, her faithful companion and dance choreographer Ingrid Reynolds-Larsen, and the incredibly helpful tech team, who was supported and encouraged by their director Simone Rigby. These people and so many others make the show the experience it is, and I can't praise them enough for their patience and kindness that they showed to everyone in the cast and crew. The cast were incredible and it was a real privilege to work alongside each of them.

For me, the best part of this experience was getting work alongside my brother Campbell, who played Kurt. I was accepted as part of his friendship group, and it was an absolute pleasure to have three lessons a week in a loving environment where support was just around the corner.

After five months of committed and dedicated rehearsals, we finally reached show-week. Show-week was an incredible and exhilarating experience that was helped immensely by a live audience. The audience clapped, cheered, and laughed all the way through and that really helped boost my confidence in every show. The production overall was an incredible experience and one I'll never forget but will genuinely miss.

The siren has sounded, but we won.









#### **Primary School Science Fun**

In Weeks 6 and 7 of this term, over 100 primary school students visited Newstead College to undertake a series of science-based activities organised by students from Physics 4, Chemistry 4, and Biology 2 classes. The primary students were from Newstead Christian School (Years 1 to 4) and Mowbray Heights Primary School (Year 3). These sessions were designed to engage these young students and inspire them to take an interest in science. Our students noted that designing and explaining the science behind the activities to such a young audience was very demanding, but overall, it was an enjoyable and rewarding experience. A big thank you goes out to our students for all the extra work required to make this a successful experience for the primary students.



"In the Chemistry Lab we mixed chemicals to make things change colour and temperature. We really enjoyed mixing the chemicals and predicting what was going to happen. We were surprised by how hot the heat packs got."

"In the Physics Lab it was fun driving the cars and seeing our hair stand on end. The laser activity was interesting, and trying to draw while looking in a mirror was very challenging.

In the Biology Lab we learnt some interesting facts about Biomimicry, and how animals can help us create new technology to help people and the environment. We loved doing the quiz and winning the prizes."

"We would really like to thank all the students and teachers who made such fun and interesting activities for us to do. The Year 11 and 12 students did a great job at teaching and helping us to be scientists."

"Everything was excellent and we can't wait to go back to Newstead College again."

"I liked how there were so many different activities to do."

"We had fun. I liked the one with the mirror and trying to draw in the lines."

"The hair zapping one where my hair went up and we got to see the lightning zap."

"I liked the laser one that we moved and made a rainbow."



#### Careers Expo

It was all action at the Newstead College Careers Expo, held on Tuesday September 5. Newstead College hosted over 40 exhibitors from industry, employment agencies, further education and training institutions, and volunteering organisations. Students from Newstead College and visiting high school students from Queechy, Campbell Town, Cressy and Launceston Big Picture connected with exhibitors and explored career possibilities, discovered new options and took away more tools in their career toolbox to help them make career decisions. We appreciate our passionate exhibitors for providing a fantastic opportunity for our students.

We would like to thank our exhibitors for making this event so great and supporting our students with their career

journey.

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#### Behavioural Barbie

The Behavioural Studies students dressed in pink and visited the Star Theatre to view Barbie. The movie touched on a number of themes and issues relating to their studies, including: gender, stereotypes, the patriarchy, inequality and of course 'beach'. Our Kens and Barbies enjoyed seeing the film on the big screen, and the tasty treats at the Star.



#### Academic Extension Students Visit UTAS Hobart

On Thursday July 20 students from the Academic Extension Support Group travelled to Hobart for an overnight visit to the UTAS campuses. We packed a lot in to two days which included visiting uni accommodation at Jane Franklin Hall (who also hosted us for lunch!) and 42 Melville Street. At UTAS, we had sessions with Pharmacy, Engineering and Earth Sciences at the Sandy Bay campus. We visited the UTAS Medical Precinct and in addition to some hands-on activities, were given an amazing tour of the medical research labs.

It was then onto IMAS (Institute of Marine and Antarctic Science) where three scientists shared their research with us, before we headed off to the Schools of Media and Communication at Salamanca. On the way home we called into Mt Pleasant Observatory and Grote Reber Museum where Astrophysicist, Dr Simin Salarpour, in addition to giving us the history of this incredible facility, treated us to a tour of the control room – she was amazing!! And who knew we had connections to Space X and NASA in our own backyard! Thursday night we were joined by our former students who are now studying in Hobart who generously shared their experiences and insights with our current students. We are SO PROUD of our alumni and catching up with them is always a highlight.

This trip was fully funded by the UniHub who received a Federal Government Emerging Priorities Program grant this year to support the UniHub Model. A trip like this would not be possible without the generous support of UTAS academics, PhD students and student ambassadors who so willingly took part and the UTAS Future Students team who organised our program around our students' interests and passion areas to support their aspirations.



# The HASS Report

#### **SUPREME COURT VISIT**

The Legal Studies classes have followed up their visit to the Magistrate's Court by going to the Supreme Court to watch a trial in front of a judge and jury. The Supreme Court was much more formal, with the judge and lawyers in wigs and gowns and the defendant brought in from the cells in handcuffs.

The class was interested to watch an aggressive witness and follow a case that had some interesting twists and turns. Opinion was originally divided on what verdict the jury would decide, however by the end of the case the future lawyers had decided the verdict would be guilty. Reading the report in the newspaper in the following week showed that they were right.



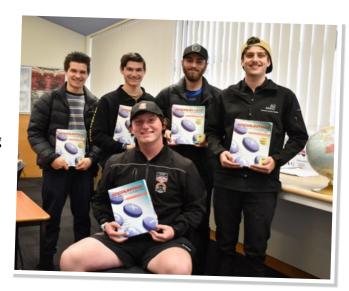
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#### ACCOUNTANTS VISIT ACCOUNTING CLASS - INCLUDING OUR DUX FROM 2022

The Accounting class have finished the year of visits from accounting firms with a chat with accountants currently working for Johnson Breward Brown (JBB). The students always enjoy hearing about career opportunities and life as an accountant. However, this visit was very special as Sophie Clark (Newstead College's Dux for 2022 and current employee of JBB) was able to point out where she had sat in the classroom last year and discuss how she was enjoying her current job and studies.



Five members of the 2023 Accounting class have just completed their last assessment task for the UCP Accounting course at UTAS. On top of their already busy and fulltime loads at Newstead College, these students have undertaken studies through UTAS to gain a qualification that can be counted towards future degrees (not just business degrees). They have gained insight into what it is like to study a university course, whilst extending their knowledge in the accounting field.



# POLICE

#### **POLICE VISIT LEGAL CLASS**

The Legal Studies classes were very lucky to have Constable Justine Hartam visit the class to talk about police procedures, the age of criminal responsibility and life as a police officer. Katrina even got to test how heavy it was to carry the police equipment.

#### Visual Arts Hit Hobart

On Thursday September 7, Performing and Visual Arts students travelled to Hobart with Drama teacher Alarna, Music teacher Brendon and UniHub coordinator, Gemma, to experience some of the Arts subjects in the South. Our first stop was The Hedberg, which is a newly built facility for UTAS Music, Theatre and Performance. The students were amazed by the design of the building and the state-of-the-art facilities it housed. Lecturers Andrew Legg and Davina Wright informed Newstead students of the various pathways they could follow.

While the Music students became involved in a song writing session, the Theatre and Visual Arts students travelled to Government House to take a tour, including the "Royal Suite", where the Queen has stayed several times. We also viewed the esteemed art collection, followed by a very fancy tea and refreshments in the sitting room. Following this, these students visited the ABC Broadcast centre. Here, students spoke to the producer of a radio programme, Greer, and even chose a song to be played on air. One of the radio's presenters, Joel Rheinberger, held a Q&A session and taught us the science behind why we don't like the sound of our voices through headphones. We had the opportunity to look around the TV studio and saw how the presenters use the green screen for the weather and the teleprompter for their script.

Later, all students reconvened at one of the many UTAS student accommodation buildings for a tour and a Q&A session with previous Newstead College students who are now studying in Hobart. Here we learnt about what a communal culture the university encourages and even got to look inside the different rooms available. Then it was time to check-in to our accommodation and enjoy a feast of chicken parmis and chocolate pudding.

On Friday September 8, we loaded the bus, filled our tummies at the breakfast buffet and said thank you to the friendly staff at the Riverfront Motel. We split into two groups and headed to Salamanca where we went to Hunter Street School of the Arts. Uni lecturers Greg Jordan and Jan Hogan taught us about Visual Art and Science at the same time, providing us with a workshop on botanical illustration. Next, we visited the School of Media where lecturer Donald Reid and PhD student, Bliss Sandhu, taught us about the courses, toured the facilities, then filmed a snippet of action to make our very own Gifs.

It was a remarkable experience which our UniHub coordinator Gemma Burns curated, and we wish to thank her for all of the detailed planning and opportunities she provided students. All lecturers, ambassadors and staff we encountered were friendly, helpful and engaging and we feel very privileged to have had the chance to broaden our horizons. The purpose of this excursion was to experience a taste of university to inform decision-making around post-year 12 pathways and student feedback has demonstrated that they are now feeling more confident about following their Arts pathway.



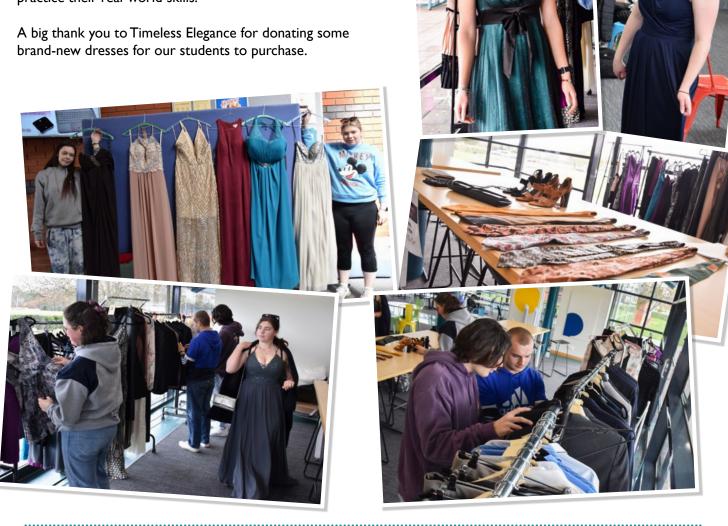






# Formal Wear Pop Up Shop

The Pathways to Work class organised a formal wear 'pop up shop' in preparation for the College ball. Students were able to purchase a range of clothing, including, suits, pants, dresses, and shoes. This was a great opportunity for students to purchase some glam fits and allowed the Pathways to Work class to practice their real-world skills.



# Tasmanian Association of College Students (TACS)

On Thursday August 24 all College Leadership groups in Tasmania met at Launceston College for very first TACS meeting. The LC Student Voice organised workshops for participants to discuss college life and the transition from college to future pathways.

Representing Newstead College, Charles Smith and Katrina Reid contributed their ideas as well as discussed Newstead College's commitment to many of the issues raised in the the workshops. Both Charles and Katrina are eager to discuss and implement many of the ideas with the Student Leadership team.



#### VET Health – Hands-on Experiences

Term Three has included more opportunities to find out first-hand about working in the health sector. We have welcomed guest speakers from the health industry into Newstead College to find out more about health roles and different workplaces.

We were lucky enough to spend a morning at Oral Health Tasmania learning about the service and gaining hands-on experience in their well-equipped student training area. We tried out some of the everyday procedures performed by oral health practitioners. We were also able to explore behind the scenes to see how skilled technicians create dental prosthetics and dental assistants sterilise different types of equipment.

Experiences like these help students to apply some of their learning about infection control and find out more about the many interesting careers within the health sector.





# Student Leadership

Throughout the year, student leaders at Newstead College engaged in and organised several events to promote the wellbeing of students. Contributions included, selling pancakes for the Health Expo, providing hot drinks and live entertainment during Winterfest and planning the Hollywood themed ball. Students also represented the College by attending the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, making Easter themed cards to deliver to our neighbours on Cypress Street, assisting Year 10 students during Open Day, and attending various leadership events in the broader community.

Student Leadership at Newstead College provides students with an opportunity to develop their confidence, problem solving skills and share their own views on issues relating to young people in a casual, inclusive environment. Meetings occur once a week during lunch, and it is a great way for students to engage in extracurricular activities related to leadership and meet new people with a minimal time commitment.

Ella Williams - Year 11





#### LAWFEST 2023

Legal Studies students participated in Lawfest 2023 online. A bonus is always receiving the bag of freebies that comes with participation. Lots of interesting information and guest speakers helped to extend knowledge on legal issues, in particular, adding to conversations regarding The Voice being enshrined in our constitution.

#### Peace Week

On September 19, Newstead College students attended the Peace in Our School's assembly as part of the Tamar Valley Peace Festival for 2023. We were fortunate enough to hear the 2023 Tasmanian Australian of the Year, John Kamara, speak about his experience as a migrant in Tasmania and the work that he does, to ensure the security and rights of all new migrants entering Tasmania. John shared stories from migrants who had experienced racism and students were engaged and eager to learn how to drive change within our own college community to combat racism. At the end of the assembly John said that the most important thing to take from this is that we must "call it out" when we see or hear racist behaviour. This is something that I am very eager to

expand upon in my final weeks as student leader.



Charles Smith – Year 12.

# Music Legend Richard Smith Visit

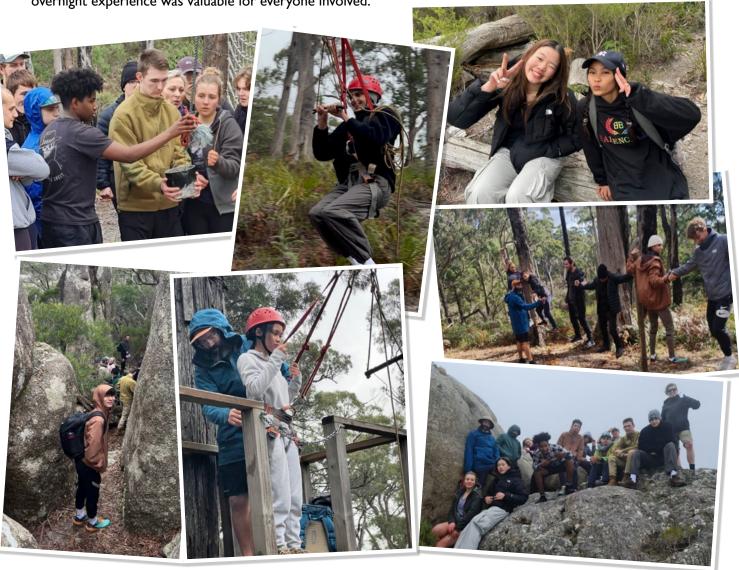
This term music students from Newstead College and surrounding high schools had the opportunity to work with Professor Richard Smith from the University of Southern California.

Students participated in several workshops that covered not only musical skills but discussed how to become a professional musician and gave students practical tips on how to release a successful album independently. Richard performed for students and the public in the evening, it was a real privilege to watch such a talented and experienced international musician.



#### **Outdoor Education**

During Term Three, Fletcher Paine (Outdoor Leadership student) led a group of Outdoor Education students during an overnight expedition at Mount Cameron, located in the Northeast of the state. This experience involved a hike to the summit of Mount Cameron and various group challenges that required effective communication and cooperation from the group of 15 students. This leadership role allowed Fletcher to facilitate a group and refine his communication skills throughout the two days. He included some valuable information about the 'leave no trace principles' concept to educate others about how we should act and assist in preserving our natural environment. He received excellent feedback from the participants and overall, the overnight experience was valuable for everyone involved.





# Course Counselling for Year 11 into Year 12



During Term Four, teachers will be working with Year I I students to select their subjects for 2024. In Support Group sessions, students will be discussing current studies, subject offerings for Grade 12 and future pathways. With their teachers' help, they will be completing a Course Planning form to help make important decisions about choices for next year. Students are asked to share the form with parents so that they can discuss the information and make decisions together. Parents are asked to review and sign the form before it is brought back to College.

Once the Course Planning form is returned, each student will be given an appointment with a Course Counsellor who will complete the 2024 Subject Enrolment form. Parents are welcome to attend the course counselling appointment, which can be made outside College hours if needed. Parents of Year 11 students have received information in the post outlining details about the re-enrolment process, an explanation about the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) and TASC and VET subjects that will be on offer at Newstead College next year.

For further information, contact an Assistant Principal.

# Considering a VET Course Next year?

Expressions of Interest are now open for the following VET offerings for 2024:

CHC22015 Certificate II in Community Services (Health Focus)

SIT20421 Certificate II in Cookery

SIS20419 Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation

SHB20121 Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics (Statement of Attainment)

SIS20122 Certificate II in Sport and Recreation

BSB20120 Certificate II in Workplace Skills

FSK 10219 Certificate I in Skills for Vocational Pathways

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Attainment)

CHC30121 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

SIT20322 Certificate II in Hospitality – Bar Operations Skill Set (50 Hours)

Expression of Interest forms are available from the Newstead College Office or by emailing Jeni Freeman jennifer.freeman@decyp.tas.gov.au

All students who complete an Expression of Interest will participate in a suitability discussion with the VET Teacher as part of the application process. These will be held during Term Four, Weeks 1-5.







## Forestry and Agriculture

On Tuesday August 1, students heard about a range of programs in Forestry and Agriculture. These included work experience, ASbA's (Australian school-based apprenticeships) and cadetships.

Denise DeBattista, from Arbre, and Stephen Hansen, from Rural Business Tasmania, discussed the wide range of careers available. Some of these include tree planter, builder, mechanic, truck driver, forklift operator, warehousing, manager, sales, environmental scientist, agronomist, dairy farmhand, crop harvester, veterinary assistant and shearer. We already have a few opportunities in these programs being pursued by Newstead College students! If working outdoors in one of these areas appeals to you, come and see our Careers Team for more information.





#### **Defence Forces**

Our Career Education Program provides an opportunity for students to connect to the world of work through our Futures Sessions. In August, Defence Forces Recruiting visited our students and provided information on all avenues of the Australian Defence Forces including entry and recruitment processes, Australian Defence Forces Academy, trades and apprenticeships, non-technical roles, reserves and one year roles. Students were able to speak directly with current serving ADF personnel and ask questions about opportunities in the Defence Forces. We are grateful for all our visiting business and organisation representatives, as they support our students to explore and be curious about future pathways.





#### Youth Parliament

During the first week of the July school holidays, I travelled to Hobart to participate in Youth Parliament. This was a week that comprised of debates, workshops, speakers' panels and activities to engage and inspire young Tasmanians from grades 10-13.

Upon arrival we were divided into the opposition or sitting party and were then introduced to the other students. The following day, we toured Parliament House and our first mock debate took place in the House of Assembly Chamber. Our debates mainly focused on current issues facing young people. Participants were told that Bills that had passed in the House, would be seen by the forty Tasmanian Members of Parliament in both the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council. It was therefore no surprise that all nine bills passed successfully.

This was a truly valuable experience and has cemented my interest and passion for politics.

Charles Smith - Year 12



# Tasmanian Rock Challenge

Newstead College has taken out this year's State Rock Challenge. Students that represented Newstead College in the Northern heats were: Michael St Michael, Frances McKenzie, Imogen Prince, Jordyn Tome, William Anderson, Daniel Bender, Ronan Blackburn, Ryan Pearce-Davis and Kobi Witte. These students were either acoustic acts or part of the bands Scattabrain and Staunch.

It was a massive effort from all our students, given that the majority of them stepped straight off the bus from the overnight Performing Arts trip in Hobart and straight into a taxi to the Launceston Convention Centre until midnight.



#### **FINAL RESULTS**

**Michael St Michael** receivied an Honourable Mention in the Final of the College Acoustic section.

**Scattabrain** won best College band in the state.



# RYDA Day at Symmons Plains

Driving for Jobs students attended the annual Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Day at Symmons Plains Raceway on Monday September 18.

During this activity, students watched a live exercise in speed and stopping distances. They also learned about driving challenges, how personality impacts risk on the road, driver decision making and choices, a talk from a crash survivor about his acquired brain injury, and the role of mood as a road risk factor.



# **Queechy Foodies**

Queehy High School visited the College twice during Term Three. Their 'Travelling Chef' class embarked on a flavourful visit to the College, with a pizza and parfait luncheon at Café Cypress, prepared and served by our wonderful Food and Hospitality Enterprise students. Tasty slices of pizza followed by layers of sweet indulgence satisfied appetites, whilst students gained valuable insights into the workings of the Food and Hospitality Enterprise class.

Following this, the Cookery students joined our Food and Hospitality area to learn the art of making Bombe Alaska, a mouth-watering dessert that's both fiery and icy! Students were pros at whipping up fluffy Italian meringue, toasting it to perfection using the blow torch and revealing the hidden treasure



Certificate II in Salon Assistant Students on Work Placement

Work placement provides an authentic learning opportunity for students. Students can apply what they have learnt in class to a real-world scenario. Students from Certificate II in Salon Assistant have completed work placement in hairdressing salons around Launceston and surrounding areas. Newstead College have excellent industry partners supporting our students in 2023. A special thank you to Kendra & Krew, Eclipz Hair, Hampton Hair and Harmony Hairdressing.



#### National Skills Week

National Skills Week in August, is a week-long celebration of all things VET. This year's theme was **What are you looking for?** The theme showcases that whatever you are looking for – starting out, changing careers, upskilling – can be achieved through VET.

We celebrated "starting out" in Salon on Cypress with competitions.

Eleven students entered the makeup competition. Judging the evening look were Millie from Olivia Jones Makeup and Anita Kidd

Ist - Narges Moradi

2<sup>nd</sup> - Grace Richardson, Sky Spicer and Caysie Hayes.

The hair competition was judged by Yulanda Browning and Carlie Daniels.

I<sup>st</sup> - Lucy Porter 2<sup>nd</sup> - Katie Palfreyman

Well done to everyone. Thank you to our industry partners for their time.



#### **End of Year Examinations**

#### Are you ready for your exams?

The 2023 TASC Student Examination Guide will be given out to you in the first week of Term 4. Please note the TASC website has a very helpful section on preparing for exams, which can be accessed at: https://www.tasc.tas.gov.au/students/years-11-and-12/preparing-forexams/

You will recall as well that, prior to the mid-year assessment period, the Elevate program offered students of pre-tertiary subjects an opportunity to attend seminars here at the College which provided many useful tips about effective study techniques and time management. You may like to visit their website:

https://aus.elevateeducation.com

#### I. Revision

If you are not one of those lucky people who can remember everything you have ever read or heard, you will need to revise for your exams.

- Make a list of the topics you need to revise for each subject and how many hours each one will take - be realistic.
- Once you know how many hours you need to set aside for each subject you can set up a revision timetable.
- Check you have all the resources you need – notes, textbooks, reference sheets, work samples, previous exam papers.
- Begin to summarise your notes changing the format of your notes
   can help your brain to process the
   information. Some students like to use
   flash cards, bullet lists or mindmaps,
   and many like to summarise aloud.
- The TASC website www.tasc.tas.gov. au has previous exam papers, along with answers and assessment reports

   use them! You will feel a great sense of relief if you have answered previous exams accurately and within the set time limits.
- Sleep well, eat well, organise a space to study and get some exercise. If you have paid work, ensure you have spoken to your employer about your reduced capacity during revision and exam weeks.

#### 2. Exam Technique

Feeling nervous is normal. While you are waiting to go in to your exam breathe slowly and deeply, sip water, get some fresh air. Rushing at the last minute will add to your stress so allow plenty of time to get to your exam

- Check out the section 'Tips for Staying Calm during Exams' in the TASC Student Exam Guide 2023: these tips cover how you can get comfy, adjust your mindset, line up ready to tackle the exam and manage your time effectively.
- You are to bring your Notice of External Assessment (sometimes referred to as a 'pink slip') to each exam. The Notice of Enrolment will be given to you by your Support Group teacher early in Term 4.
- Listen carefully to the instructions given by the supervisors. They are there to help you.
- You will be given 15 minutes preparation time. You are not to write answers in your exam paper/ answer booklet, nor are you able to use a calculator during the preparation time. Use the fifteen minutes to: read the questions carefully, highlight or underline key words or information, choose the questions you are going to be attempting taking note of how much time you should spend on each question and how many marks each question is worth. You are able to do planning or writing down formulas or definitions you may forget on the note paper provided.
- Do not leave early there is always an answer that can be improved upon.
- Having clearly numbered questions, margins, space between sections and legible writing all help the exam marker to navigate your answer paper and find ways to give marks.

#### 3. What do I do if I miss an exam due to illness or other reason?

The TASC Student Exam Guide 2023 includes information about what to do in the event of not being able to attend an examination due to illness. It also includes a copy of the relevant medical certificate referred to below.

If you are ABSENT from an examination due to illness you must:

Visit your medical practitioner (registered GP, paediatrician or a hospital doctor) and request the completion of the TASC medical certificate. Certificates MUST be provided using the TASC medical certificate form to ensure that all information required by TASC

is supplied. The appointment with the medical practitioner should be on the same day as the examination, or not more than 7 days before OR two business days after the exam. The GP is to submit the form directly to TASC within three days of your appointment.



# Internal Results & Review Policy

You will receive final internal ratings from your teachers in the week prior to the examination period. This will help you to prepare and plan for success in the examination and overall award.

All parents and students have a right to request a review of internal assessments either during the year or at the end of the year, which includes the nonverification of student work by a teacher. Requests to formally review assessments after the student/parent has met with the teacher and AST will be investigated by the Internal Assessment Review Panel.

Please discuss this with your teacher in the first instance or contact:

#### **Brad Cottam**

(Assistant Principal)
by email: bradley.cottam@decyp.
tas.gov.au for further information
about the policy.

## 2023 Folio External Assessment Dates

As part of their external assessment requirements, a Level 3/4 course may have a written examination, a folio of work, an oral or practical assessment and/or display. Below are the dates which have been set by TASC; please note that teachers can request an earlier folio due date.



#### **Folios**

18 October	Dance Choreography and Performance: Choreographic reflections			
18 October	Sociology			
20 October	English Writing			
25 October	Media Production			
I November	Art Production			
I November	Art Studio Practice			

#### **Oral, Practical & Displays**

18 - 29 October	Drama
20 – 27 October	Theatre Performance (including Written Folio - IRS)
23 -31 October	Dance Choreography and Performance
28 October - 5 November	Music
31 October - 3 November	Oral Examinations for Languages and EALD
6 - 17 November	Visual Art
6 – 17 November	Art Studio Practice Display



# **Managing Exam Stress**

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People deal with stress in different ways. Sometimes feeling nervous is normal but not if it makes one feel overwhelmed, depressed or unable to sleep. The TASC website has a very useful information sheet about managing stress, including resources that can be accessed and support available that can help. This can be found at: <a href="https://www.tasc.tas.gov.au/2021/09/managing-exam-stress">www.tasc.tas.gov.au/2021/09/managing-exam-stress</a>.



The Student Wellbeing Team at the College can also offer support to you:



Helen Brown, the **TASC Liaison Officer** for the College, is another person who can offer information and advice that might help you prepare for your examinations. Contact Helen on - ph: 03 6332 3251 e: helen.brown@decyp.tas.gov.au

#### 2023 Exam Timetable

WEEK I	DATE	MORNING EXAMS (commence 9:00am)	AFTERNOON EXAMS (commence 1:30pm)
	Tuesday 7 November	Chinese (CHN315114) Electronics (ELT315114) German (GRM315114) Italian (ITN315114) Psychology (BHP315116)	Chemistry (CHM415115)
	Wednesday 8 November	English (ENG315117)	Drama (SDD315120) Economics (ECN315116)
	Thursday 9 November	Physical Sciences (PSC315118) Physics (PHY415115)	Business Studies (BST315116) Computer Science (ITC315118)
	Friday 10 November	General Mathematics (MTG315123)	French (FRN315114) Health Studies (HLT315118) Japanese (JPN315114)

	DATE	MORNING EXAMS (commence 9:00am)	AFTERNOON EXAMS (commence 1:30pm)
WEEK 2	Monday 13 November	Mathematics Methods (MTM415117) Sociology (BHS315116)	Mathematics Methods – Foundation (MTM315117)
	Tuesday 14 November	Legal Studies (LST315117) Sport Science (SPT315118)	Biology (BIO315116)
	Wednesday 15 November	Australia in Asia and the Pacific (AAP315116) English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL315120) English Literature (ENL315114)	Housing and Design (HDS315118)  Modern History (HSM315117)
	Thursday 16 November	Accounting (ACC315116)  Environmental Science (ESS315118)  Media Production (MED315117)  Studies of Religion (REL315116)	Ancient History (ANH315117) Outdoor Leadership (OXP315118)
	Friday 17 November	Geography (GGY315120) Information Systems and Digital Technologies (ITS315118) Mathematics Specialised (MTS415118) Philosophy (PHL315118)	Computer Graphics and Design (CGD315118) Food and Nutrition (FDN315118) Music (MSM315120)

# Receiving TASC Results 2023

Students completed an online Student Declaration form, which included registering an email address so that results can be sent to them as soon as they are released. Results will be issued electronically on **Wednesday December 13**. Hard copies of results, including certificates, will also be posted on this day.

#### Exam Rules – A Student Guide



TASC has updated the rules that all students must follow for their external assessments.

Please make sure to read the External Assessment Rules in full before your exams.



#### Appealing a Decision

TASC's Executive Officer may decide that a breach of the rules is sufficiently serious to require a penalty determined by the Conduct Review Committee. You have the right of appeal against a penalty being imposed on the grounds that a breach of the exam rules did not occur, or if the procedures used to determine if a breach occurred were inappropriate.

#### Exam Day - You've Got This!

#### Before the exam starts

- Pack everything you need the night before (including your Notice of External Assessment, and any permitted materials for your exam) in a clear plastic bag, and try to get a good night's rest.
- Fuel up with breakfast, including a drink. You may wish to bring a clear water bottle with you (max. I 500mL capacity).
- Aim to arrive at least 20 minutes before the exam starts. If you are late, you may still be able to complete your exam but no extra time will be given.

#### Going into the exam

- Smart watches and electronic devices (including mobile phones, tablets and wireless earphones) must not be taken into the exam room.
- Bring an <u>approved calculator</u> with you (some exams).
- Only take permitted equipment into the exam room.

#### **During the exam**

- You must follow your school's rules for behaviour and conduct throughout exams.
- Always follow Exam Supervisors' instructions, including when you may write and where to sit.
- You must not talk in the exam room. If you have a question, raise your hand and wait for the Exam Supervisor to come to you.
- You will not be allowed to leave in the first hour or the last half hour of writing time.

#### Breaching TASC's Exam Rules

#### May result in:

- Being removed from the exam room and not given further time to complete the exam
- Being unable to enter the exam room
- Confiscation of prohibited item/s brought into the exam room
- · Cancellation of exam ratings for all students involved
- · Cancellation of that course's ratings for all students involved
- Cancellation of all results for the year (both internally and externally assessed subjects
- Illegal actions being reported to the police.



# Newstead College Dates

#### **TERM 4: MONDAY 16 OCTOBER - FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER**

16 Oct onwards
 2 November
 Year 10 Enrolments Commence in High Schools
 Newstead Colleg Art Exhibition Opening 5.00 pm

3 November VET Assessment Work Due to Teachers

6 November Recreation Day (Public Holiday)

7 - 15 November Students Completing Final Assessments for Level 1 & 2 Subjects

7 - 17 November Written Examinations for Levels 3 and 4

22 November College Association Meeting 5.30 pm for a 5.45 pm start

29 November VET Celebration Awards 5.00 pm
13 December Results Emailed to Students

15 December Last Day for Teachers

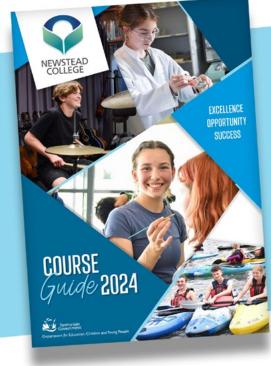
19 December Awards Evening

20 December College Office Closes

#### **2024 DATES**

22 January College Office Opens
 29 January Teachers Return
 8 February Students Return

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