The school year is well underway and the first set of school photos has been taken.

You may have read in the local press that the College has been successful in gaining funding under the National Solar Schools Program. The grant of nearly $50,000 will be used for energy efficient lighting, and the installation of solar panels for energy generation as well as educative purposes.

The College welcomed a number of new staff to the College in 2012. They are: Mr Ben Milbourne, Mr Hector Lenton and Mr Daman Peters, all Year 7 core teachers; Mrs Suzy Cole in the Maths and Science departments; Mr Brett Norton-Smith in the MDT department; Miss Caitlin Connolly and Miss Sarah Huculak in the Humanities departments, Miss Anita Doherty in the Humanities and Health & Physical Education departments; Mrs Tanya Rataj as Careers and Pathways counsellor, as well as teaching in the Food Technology department; Mrs Rachele Streich as Librarian; Mr Bevan Schramm as an aide in the MDT department.

As Mr Milbourne is involved in filming for the 2012 Masterchef TV series, we welcome Ms Sally Aitken as his replacement until his arrival. Mrs Cole is in New Zealand this week competing in the Oceanic Masters Athletics competition, a commitment she had made prior to her appointment. We welcome Mrs Nona Roberts back from leave. Miss Jaraya Knight did not renew her contract at the end of 2011 and we wish her well in her new pathway. Mrs Karen Berwick is a temporary relief in the Caritas office. We farewell Mr Keep who ended his contract in the cleaning department and welcome Mr Ian Rockliff and Mrs Denise Bourke to that department.

Today we acknowledged those students who exceeded in their academic studies in 2011.

Congratulations are extended to all, but I here name the College Dux, Miss Erin Howells, Proxime Accessit Natasha Ashdown, and best Year 11 score over two pre-tertiary subjects, Benjamin Dodds.

Congratulations to Caitlyn Radford who won many awards at the Tasmania Horse and Rider of The Year, as well as the Interschool Challenge and whose successes are reported in Wednesday’s press. Also we wish Liam Quaile every success on his selection in the Tasmanian U15 cricket team.

I thank parents for their clear support in relation to the College uniform. The students look very professional, an attitude that contributes to good learning. I refer you to the information on Tax Refunds for school uniforms that can be found on the next page.

This week students in years 8 to 10 received information on College expectations that encourage good learning. I spoke to them to give three messages: (i) Learning is the top priority and anyone who tries to ‘hijack’ learning in the class will not be tolerated; (ii) Punctuality assists good learning; and (iii) The uniform is to be worn well. I explained that the uniform expectations are for equity. Parents can support this message by discussing the value in being able to follow a group expectation at the expense of a personal wish, an attribute that serves society well. I would welcome feedback on parents in relation to nose piercings. Is there support for a small jewel to

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**The Dux Ceremony**

Mr Frank Pisano, Benjamin Dodds, Dr Sandra Harvey, Natasha Ashdown (Proxime Accessit) and Erin Howells (College Dux)
Dux Ceremony

The celebration of the academic awards including the announcement of Dux 2011 was a wonderful opportunity to affirm the value of learning in the College. Our students continue to make us proud. Three of our senior students will be acknowledged for their Year 12 results at Government House next week. Erin Howells (Dux), Natasha Ashdown (Proxime Accessit) and Rohan Smith were in the top one hundred students in the state. I would like to acknowledge also Samuel Stephens, Harshil Singh and Sam Gleeson who achieved a TE score over 100.

Meet and Greet

There will be an opportunity for parents to meet teachers informally between 7pm and 8pm on February 23 in the Genesis Centre.

Subjects and Timetables

It has been a busy week getting timetables correct and trying to meet student needs re subjects. Year 11 students who wish to change subjects will need parental permission so should collect a Subject Change Form. Senior subject changes are viewed seriously as students are required to make up work missed in the new subject. No changes will be made after the long weekend. Year 8-10 students will not be permitted to change subjects until after the first cycle.

Mrs Helen Williams
Deputy Principal
Learning & Teaching

Traffic Management

The College encourages students and visitors to the campus to observe safe practice in relation to Traffic Management (both car and pedestrian) especially during peak periods at the beginning and end of the school day.

There is a designated and signed student pick up and drop off area located off the James Street entry turn around. Please observe the No Standing Zones on James Street. Please note that the bus layby is for bus use only.

To assist with safety, pedestrians are to use pathways and the designated pedestrian crossing.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Richard Chapman
Deputy Principal
Pastoral Care

TAX Refund

The Education Tax Refund helps parents with out of pocket education expenses to help pay for new uniforms, books and stationery. This refund provides parents with much-needed help for education expenses, with refunds of up to $409 per primary school student and $818 per secondary school student available at tax time in 2012 if they are eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A.

On top of the regular items, such as computers, home internet connections, textbooks and stationery, new changes mean that parents can now also be able to claim school-approved uniforms, including footwear and sports uniforms purchased.

Canteen

The Canteen will be open everyday for the students to buy their Recess and Lunch.

Any new ideas for canteen menu would be most welcome.

Mrs Kerrie Cole
Canteen Manageress
By Senior Secondary Media Class

Last Monday Brayden Lewtas and Jesse Bouma conquered nine other groups to win the annual four 8 film festival, sponsored by the Droogs, (art enthusiasts) which was held at the CMAX Cinema Devonport.

Each participating group were given 48 hours to write, film and edit a 4-8 minute film. They were also given the concept ‘inches away’ and a prop which was a nook. Brayden and Jesse’s original plot was based on a novice robbery. It begins with the newbie robber (Jesse) meeting the experienced robber (Brayden) in an industrial location where they plot a robbery near Tassy Tarts. After that the two meet up just outside Tassy Tarts to discuss the getaway plan. Later, the whole robbery goes horribly wrong as the getaway plan fails leaving a tense cliff-hanger ending with Jesse being cornered in a nook when the police arrive on the scene.

The winning contestants received a $300 video equipment hire from Wide Angle Tasmania located in Launceston as the prize. Although Mr Bouma says; ‘It wasn’t about winning, it was about creating something original that would go on to change the world’.

Caption
‘The whole experience was great, but it wouldn’t have been possible if not for one man; Billy Zane’ cryptically said Mr. Lewtas.

Mrs Lesley Boulton
Teacher
Schoolgirls Netball Selection Trials

The 2012 Secondary Schoolgirls Winter Roster will commence in early March. St. Brendan-Shaw College will have its team selection trials on the dates and at the times indicated below. All interested players are able to sign up for selections at the PE office through Miss Sushames. Teams must have a Coach to be entered into the roster. Any parents interested in coaching a team are welcome to attend the selections. Any interested persons please contact Miss Josie Emery at the College.

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Signed: _______________________

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