



# Streetspeak

# ASSISTING YOUNG MUMS

During August, Claremont College students have been enjoying Line Days, where once a week they spend an entire day in one subject. We asked participants what they did.



We went camping at Wine Glass Bay and saw a seal playing in the bay and spent some time with the local wildlife.

**Andrew Pickett**



Our sociology and psychology classes went to the Liverpool St police station to see a forensic display.

**Laura Kelly**



We went to the snow at Mt Field. We made snow angels and did penguin slides.

**Nathan Petterwood**



We visited the satellite dish at Cambridge and had a tour of the museum. It was very educational and enjoyable.

**Grace Clark**



We went to the police forensic display — it was gruesome!

**Hayley Donaghy**

A NEW facility for young mothers opened recently at Claremont College.

The official opening on July 29 was performed by Lisa Singh MHA, who was a young mother when she was studying at university.

There are 18 students enrolled in the program, and the college also runs an outreach program to help young mums living in rural areas.

The new facility provides a variety of spaces for mums and their children to enjoy learning and playing.

There are areas for mothers to prepare food, socialise and participate in courses.

There is also a children's play-area outside including a sand pit.

The program runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"It is a fantastic program that has been long needed," co-ordinator Sue Le Messurier said.

"It benefits the children as well as the mothers.

"It ensures that when these children get older and start their



**YOUNG MUM:** Student Jacynta Ransley and her daughter Madyson. education, they are school ready," she said.

The program offers a mixture of work and life skills, including:

access to computers, a first aid course, literacy and numeracy, budgeting, food and nutrition, parenting, crafts, gardening and personal skills.

"We like talking, cooking lunch together and watching the kids grow, as well as developing our skills," said Tash, one of the young mothers involved in the program.

Young mums are also introduced to services available in the area including: child health services, playgroups, women's health services and career advice.

Guest speakers are invited to discuss topics that interest the group.

The Working with Children and VET Children's Services classes also work with the Young Mothers Program, running a playgroup with the children that gives the mothers time to study, swap useful ideas and to access college services.

Of last year's participants, one mother is now at university, two are in full-time study at TAFE, two are completing Certificate II in Children Services and a number have returned to complete Year 12.

It is evident that programs like this help young mothers stay in touch with education.

## Bigwigs give students law lowdown

STUDENTS from Claremont College attended this year's Lawfest at the University of Tasmania on August 22.

Lawfest is an annual gathering of pre-tertiary legal studies students from around the state organised by legal studies teachers and the university.

Speakers included Professor Simon Rice, of the Australian National University, and Professor Kate Warner and Dr Gail Lugten, from the University of Tasmania. Justice Michael Kirby, of the



**JUST ACE:** Lawfest-goer Adam Wilson and teacher Sue Hawkins. High Court of Australia, provided a video presentation that included questions from the students.

Issues discussed on the day included the review of sentencing in Tasmania and binge drinking.

Lawfest gave Claremont College students a taste of university life and exposed them to a variety of new ideas in regard to their study of the law.

"Lawfest gave me a deeper understanding of the issues covered," Claremont College student Adam Wilson said.

"I really enjoyed finding out about how international law regulates whaling," Adam said.

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