



# Elizabeth College

“Artistic, Athletic, Academic”



## The Planet's ready to rock

EXPECTATIONS are high in the lead-up to the opening night of Elizabeth College's production of *Return to the Forbidden Planet*.

Often referred to as “Shakespeare's forgotten rock 'n' roll sci-fi musical”, *Return to the Forbidden Planet* is loosely based on *The Tempest* while also sending up the B Grade sci-fi movies of the 1950s, in particular one titled *The Forbidden Planet*.

Audiences will be familiar with the

music, which includes well known hits such as *Great Balls of Fire*, *Good Vibrations*, *Teenager in Love* and *Born to Be Wild*.

The production brings together more than 90 singers, dancers, actors, crew and musicians from Elizabeth College's Music Theatre Production class and the college generally.

“While it's important that students have some background in singing, acting or dancing, enthusiasm is vital,”

says Natalie Venettacci, who plays the role of science officer Gloria.

“There is a lot of hard work involved, but it is a fantastic learning process,” Nat said.

There is also a lot of behind-the-scenes work going on to ensure the production runs like clockwork, with the design and production of props, graphics, publicity material, sets and costumes, lighting, band rehearsals and an audio design team working on

sound effects. Under the guidance of the teacher production team; Sharon Reibel (producer), Keith Bates (director), Rebecca Wilson (choreography), Les Johnston and Alan Cato (music direction) and Kim Cambridge and team (audio technicians), performances will run nightly in the college theatre from July 3-7 at 7.30 and a Saturday matinee at 2pm.

Tickets will be available from the college office from June 18.



## Talented student program

THE Elizabeth College Advanced Academic Diploma (ECAAD) is a program designed to extend and support academically-minded students.

It gives them the opportunity to participate in a range of activities, inside the college and in the broader Hobart community.

To graduate from the program, students must obtain a TCE score of 85 or higher over the two years of study.

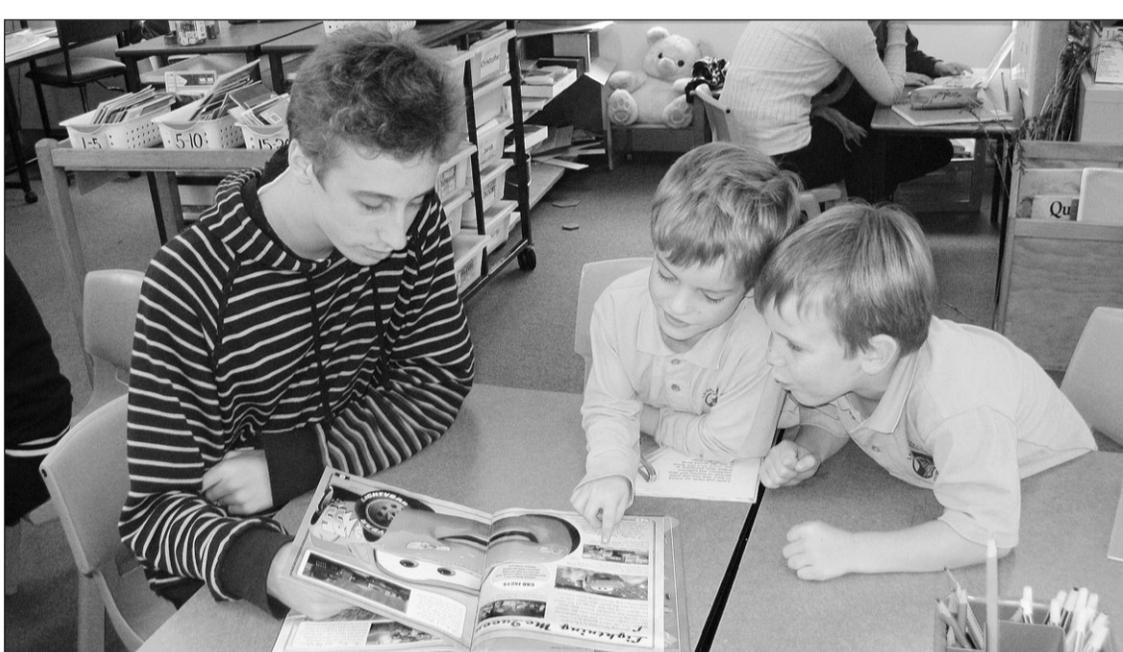
The ECAAD program began in 2000 with 23 students.

It was started because talented students needed more support within the school. The program has grown and this year has 84 Year 11 and 12 students.

The program has already encompassed a wide range of activities this year, from a “get to know you day” at Trial Bay, to seeing the Russian Dance Company's *Flying Tzars* and the 2007 *Uni Revue*.

Program facilitator and co-founder Lois Boyd said ECAAD allowed like-minded students to work together and gave them the opportunity to do activities they may otherwise not have.

“Hopefully the ECAAD program will continue to grow and prosper in coming years,” Ms Boyd said.



**OUT THERE:** Elizabeth College student Jack Dunn works with Lenah Valley Primary School children.

## Where specialisation begins

THE enrichment program at Elizabeth College offers students the opportunity to participate in a huge range of specialty activities.

These range from hobbies to sporting, cultural and academic pursuits and include defensive driving, espresso coffee making, wind surfing, network games, debating and a capella singing.

There also are more extreme

activities such as pilot for a day, scuba diving and sailing. The program runs in three blocks so students can experience more than one exciting adventure.

Enrichment has been running for over 30 years, and co-ordinating teacher Joe Pavic, who is a past student of the college, says his interest in skiing and kayaking led to a career in outdoor education.

Mr Pavic is confident Elizabeth College offers the most comprehensive range of choices of any college in the state.

Enrichment is a great opportunity for students to develop skills and experience activities that may otherwise not be available to them. It is also a chance for students to share these experiences with friends and meet new people.

## Geared up for sports of all sorts

ACROSS the greater Hobart area, more than 300 students in Grades 5 to 12 from 26 schools participate in the Elizabeth College Athlete Development Program.

The courses available are hockey, soccer, taekwondo, volleyball, netball, badminton and the extension course Stage 2.

The idea began in Launceston in 1987 with soccer as the base sport. It arrived on the EC scene a year later.

There are seven EC teachers running the separate programs, while more than 40 specialist coaching staff assisting in the training.

The program is the chance of a lifetime for young athletes wishing to learn more about not only their particular sport but how to deal with setbacks and common athletic problems such as injuries, nutrition and specific lifestyle and health issues when in training.

The course construction includes a specific skills component, a strength and conditioning phase and also provides students with a background in sports science and gives them opportunities such as the chance to receive a resuscitation certificate.

All programs are fully subscribed and immensely popular with students and are now all run on a night course to provide greater accessibility for a wider range of athletes.



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