



# ELIZABETH COLLEGE



## Students' Roman holiday

MADDISON MURRAY

STUDENTS and teachers are excited about their upcoming trip to Italy. Over 17 days in the school break, students will visit Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, Positano, Capri, Florence, Pisa and Venice.

A highlight will be a three-day tour of the ancient ruins in Rome. Not only is this trip going to be a luxurious holiday for some, but also an educational experience.

Such school tours are a valuable add-on, essential for cultural experience, says ancient civilisations teacher Richard Grudzien.

The tour will give students an opportunity to experience the country they are studying.

It will also help students studying Italian, to use skills they have learnt in class, in real life situations.

The anticipation of tour member Pria Duyt is hard not to notice. She is looking forward to many of the visual experiences.

"The most exhilarating will be the Colosseum. Since studying ancient Rome last year, I'm really excited and curious to see the history and the ruins first hand," Pria said.

Other students are excited about the different culture and cuisine, the experience of going overseas, and for one, their first trip on a plane.

As the weeks begin to turn into days, additional organisation and preparation have begun to unfold.

Italian teacher Nina Pavic has begun to introduce students to the language and culture of Italy through weekly meetings.

Students have begun to learn some basic important Italian questions, beginning with, "Can I please have some gelato?" and "Can I have a coffee please?"

Students are looking forward to this opportunity to experience all that Italy has to offer. All are grateful for the hard work and support from the parents and teachers involved.

# College reaches out

RUSSELL AYRES

THE long-established Elizabeth College Advanced Academic Diploma (ECAAD) group has branched out into community service this year.

The community service program is run by Oliver Close, who is both health and wellbeing and ECAAD home group teacher.

Throughout the year, groups of nine ECAAD students will complete their choice of community service from a range of options.

Students have organised blood donations, second hand clothes drives and lunch services to the Salvation Army, as well as park clean-ups, Harmony Day celebrations at Mt Stuart Primary School and food drives.

Many students have said how positive the program has been and how much the groups appreciated their participation.

The Salvation Army remarked that they were impressed with the involvement, demeanour and friendliness of the students.

The program has the dual purpose of helping the community, while also allowing the students to feel that they have helped in a positive way.

Will the trend of community service spread throughout other colleges and/or become a required part of the curriculum?

Mr Close was speculative about to what extent community service would become a part of college life.

"It's a difficult thing to write into the curriculum," he said.

"There was some focus on curriculum change over the last couple of years.

"There was a subject called Working in the Community so there was a push towards not necessarily community service, but work in the community.

"There are ways for motivated students to become involved in community service but as a whole scale thing, I'm not sure that it will happen in a hurry."

It is fantastic to see students at Elizabeth College lending a hand in the community. If we can have schools around the state helping the community, we will have a much improved society not just for those less fortunate but all members of the community.

## It's all that jazz

TERRI RYAN

THE smash hit 1975 Broadway musical *Chicago* will be performed by Elizabeth College students next term.

The season will run from June 29 to July 7, with shows for both schools and public audiences.

Elizabeth College takes pride in a long standing tradition of high quality theatrical productions, such as *The Witches of Eastwick* (2009), *RENT: Schools Edition* (2010) and last year's completely sold out season of *Dusty: The Original Pop Diva*.

A cast of more than 60 students will showcase their singing, dancing, acting and gymnastic abilities.



Rebecca Riley in the role of Velma Kelly in the Elizabeth College production of *Chicago*.

The college's musical production course allows students to participate in the rehearsal process and performance season of a full-scale show.

Students involved in this course have gone on to perform onstage both locally and nationally.

The production features Rebecca Riley as murderer Velma Kelly, Alice Morgan as Roxie Hart, Joseph Phillips as her long-suffering husband Amos, Ella Cambridge as Matron "Mama" Morton, and Jeremy Pyefinch as hotshot lawyer Billy Flynn.

"I love Velma's songs and I enjoy her earthy character," said Rebecca, 17, who played the title character in last year's production of *Dusty*.

Tickets go on sale in June. Get in quick by visiting the college's front office or by calling 6235 6555.

## School Talk

What are you looking forward to with the four-term year in 2013?



I'm looking forward to more time at school.  
**Nick D'Amico, 17.**



It will be good to have the same system as the mainland.  
**Romanie Dowling, 17.**



It'll be nice to have smaller sized terms.  
**Jeremy Pyefinch, 16.**



It'll be nice to spend more time in the colder months at home.  
**Nikola Talbot, 17.**



It'll be cool having evenly spread holidays rather than extensive ones.  
**Will Cole, 17.**



Better holiday time.  
**Meikayla Harvey, 17.**

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