



Hobart College



College inspires pursuit of a creative life

ASHLEIGH JACOBSON

HOBART College offers a range of opportunities for students interested in the creative arts.

This year English Writing students have worked with award-winning writers Tim Ferguson, Finegan Kruckemeyer and Heather Rose.

Student Maddie Bailey won the prestigious national Future Leaders Writing Prize while Jorgia Hamilton was runner up in the Young Tasmanian Writers' Prize and Maddie Bailey won a commendation.

Our students also did well in this year's Dorothea Mackellar competition, with Sarah Etheridge and Annie Lord being highly commended and Maddie Bailey, Jacob Doole and Byron Smith all commended.

The acting head of English at the University of Tasmania, Rosemary Gaby, highlights the importance of studying creative writing.

"In our current digital age people are communicating

more and more frequently through the written word," Dr Gaby said.

The study of creative writing can help students to make the most of this world," she said.

Creative arts students have benefited from working with artists in residence including contemporary composer Heath Brown and ceramicist and designer Belinda Winkler.

Students Mara Davison and Amity Franks recently won both of the inaugural Hobart Young Arts 2014 prizes.

Bianca Hull and Amity Franks were both recognised at the Young Archies exhibition, with Bianca highly commended and Amity winning the overall secondary prize for Years 11 and 12 and the Exhibition Arrangers' Prize.

Performing Arts students have enjoyed working alongside actor Ofer Fox and have produced an array of successful productions including *The Cherry Orchard*, *Comedy of Errors* and *West Side Story*.



PRIZED: Hobart College student Amity Franks and her award-winning self portrait.

The end of year performance, *The Merchant of Venice*, will run from October

23 in Hobart College's Studio Theatre. Tickets will be available at the door.

For more information send an email to: rowan.harris@education.tas.gov.au.

Students catch the travel bug

HANNAH EDWARDS

THE travel bug bites hard at Hobart College, where annual opportunities enable students to enhance their educational experiences through interstate and international travel.

Students experienced different cultures and explored beautiful cities when they travelled to the United Arab Emirates, France and Denmark earlier this year.

Another group travelled to Mt Hotham to take advantage of the snow-covered peaks in the annual ski trip last month.

This month students will have the opportunity to benefit from the special relationship Hobart College has with the Kagawa Prefecture in Japan, by touring Takamatsu, Osaka, Kyoto and Nara.

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Celebrating science

SASHA ROUBICEK and ALEISHA ANDRESEN-TUIVASA

SCIENCE is highly valued at Hobart College as the opportunities in this field will help students understand the world we live in as well as meet future employment opportunities in the areas of research and development.

CSIRO fisheries scientist Natalie Dowling describes science as the gateway to understanding the "why" of our

world, and the foundation to our future.

"From technology to medicine, energy to sustainable resource use, science underpins our very existence," Dr Dowling said.

Prior to recent renovations, Hobart College's science block was almost condemned.

Head of science Trish Rowley spent several years pleading the case for a space that would bring science and mathematics together and be more

conducive to quality teaching and learning.

She was overjoyed late last year when the college was named a beneficiary of the School Science and Technology Stimulus Package.

The \$3 million upgrade included the refurbishment of two biology labs and a physics lab, a new staircase to connect the facilities, two new chemistry and physical science labs and five new maths classrooms.

The renovation was completed by Tascon and the science block was officially opened by Education Minister Jeremy Rockliff on August 15.

Ms Rowley describes it as being "for the students" — a space they can own, and an exciting place to learn.

The practical layout, with theory and laboratory areas in the same space, means lessons are more efficient and teachers are able to provide more opportunities for their students.

Physical Sciences student Trevor Derbyshire is enjoying the new facilities and describes it as "a better learning environment."

All students have benefited from the renovation.

They have felt welcome in the new block, which recently housed the mid-year examinations.

Favourite spots and study nooks have quickly been discovered and the view to Mt Wellington is spectacular.



Students at work in the new Hobart College science labs.

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Tuesday 9 September 4.00 - 7.00pm
Thursday 13 November 1.00 - 3.00pm
5.00 - 7.00pm

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