

# NEWSLETTER ISSUE 3: July 2025





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Staff vs Students **Futsal** 



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Term 2 is always a hectic time at Newstead College. Between report writing, Year 10 transition visits, Open Days, Mid-Year Exams, planning two interstate trips and our daily teaching and learning program, there's a lot going on. Our talented Production team is also finalising their performance of SIX:Teen Edition, which we are excited to share early Term 3.

In our last newsletter, I highlighted student attendance – a key focus in our School Improvement Plan. Unfortunately, attendance has declined this term despite ongoing efforts and working closely with families. We understand the challenges and we are here to support you. If you're unsure what to do next, consider:

- Review subject choices: If a student is not engaging with their current subjects, please speak with their Support Group (SG) Teacher or Assistant Principal (AP) about possible changes.
- Access wellbeing support:

   Our professional support staff
   including a social worker,
   nurse, psychologist, and youth
   worker are available to help.
- Support learning from home: In particular cases, a structured schedule and regular check-ins with teachers can help students stay on track.

# Principal's Message

- Establish a morning routine:
   Encourage daily attendance by maintaining a consistent routine and discussing the importance of being at school.
- Reach out for help: Contact your student's SG Teacher, Assistant Princiapal, or our Attendance Youth Worker, Melissa Stefanescu, at 6332 3224 or melissa.stefanescu@decyp. tas.gov.au.

Attendance is a shared responsibility, and we know that even in Years 11 and 12, many students still need our guidance and support. While students are growing into young adults, they continue to tell us that college is a place where they feel connected — to friends, teachers, new interests, and opportunities that shape their future.

Let's keep working together to ensure every student can make the most of their time at Newstead College and improve their future options.

Another key focus this year is strengthening literacy to equip students with the reading and communication skills essential for further education and future employment. Our staff are engaging in professional learning workshops to explore effective strategies to teach subject-specific vocabulary, and we are investing in additional tuition and in-class support for TCE literacy subjects. We have begun training in MacqLit, a targeted reading intervention program designed to help students build strong reading skills by Year 12.

As Term 2 ends, we farewell Assistant Principal Brad Cottam,

who will be stepping into a new role in Senior Secondary Curriculum. Brad has been a valued member of our Leadership Team, known for his unwavering support, encouragement, and genuine care for staff, students, and families alike. Brad's calm demeanour and good-humoured approach have made a lasting impact on our College community. His leadership has been marked by dedication, integrity and a deep commitment to student success.

On behalf of the Newstead College community, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Brad for his years of outstanding service and we wish him every success as he embarks on the next chapter of his leadership journey.

We welcome Stephen Blizzard as our new Assistant Principal for Terms 3 and 4. Stephen joins us from Deloraine High School and is looking forward to reconnecting with some familiar faces – former Deloraine students who are now part of our Newstead College community.

With only 14 weeks of learning before final assessments and external exams, students should be seeking extra help, attending tutorials, and using their free line wisely.

Good luck to our netball team competing in the International Netball Festival on the Gold Coast during the holidays!

Dianne
Dianne Freeman
Principal

# Year 10 Open Days

Year 10 students from local high schools took part in exciting Taster Days at our College. The event offered students a unique opportunity to explore innovative and hands-on lessons in subjects of their choice, ranging from robotics and media to health sciences and performing arts. The day was designed to give students a glimpse into college life, and help them make informed decisions about their future studies. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with students praising the engaging activities and welcoming atmosphere. It was a day full of discovery, inspiration and new possibilities.



# Support Group Enrichment

Term 2 continued our Support Group Enrichment program for five weeks, giving students the opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, and engage in a personal interest. Options included esports, Chess Club, Learn to Knit, Running Club, Just Dance, Dungeons and Dragons, Music Ensemble, Futsal, Basketball, NC Periodical, Netball, Laser Craft, Drawing Group, Short Film Making and much more.

Enrichment ideas for next year include book club, table tennis, sewing, karaoke, footy club, astronomy, history, cooking and weightlifting.

#### What students thought:

- "Amazing opportunities offered throughout the program to help students engage."
- "I enjoyed playing chess with friends."
- "It was a really good chance to do the stuff that you really love."
- "It was fun and engaging. The laser cutting enrichment was my favourite."
- "I had fun doing Just Dance with my friends."
- "Basketball is something I really enjoy, especially having that time with my friends in a competitive but also fun environment. I have also made some friends throughout this experience."
- "I enjoyed playing with my band."
- "I got to do something fun and new."
- "It was something to look forward to for the week. Something a little different."



# Recognising IDAHOBIT

The College community dressed in rainbow colours during May in recognition of IDAHOBIT, the International Day Against LGBTQIA+ Discrimination. With the support of teacher Jen and School Health Nurse Louise, students ran a stall in the Caff to advocate for diversity, acceptance and inclusivity at school.

The important day raised awareness that:

- 55% of LGBTQIA+ young people are excluded or discriminated against due to their LGBTQIA+ identity
- 86% of LGBTQIA+ young people say seeing someone wearing rainbow or ally accessories makes them feel safer and more like they belong.





# Library Regeneration Grant

Excitingly, Newstead College has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Dymocks Children's Charities to regenerate our library. This grant is a wonderful opportunity to add nearly 500 great new titles to our library shelves from a wide range of genres, including award-winning fiction and informative non-fiction. It also enables us to refresh our picture book collection and replace some well-loved classics.

This investment broadens the range of resources students can borrow, supporting both recreational and academic reading. It offers even more ways for students to build literacy skills and nurture a lifelong love for learning.

The new books will arrive and make their way onto our shelves over the coming weeks. We encourage our students to





# Driving for Jobs

The Driving for Jobs Program at Newstead College continues to be a huge success in 2025, with over 80 students participating. There are basically two parts to the program:

- I. Learner Licence Assistance Program: For Pre-Learners (with some form of learning difficulty) we provide I-I personalised help for students to register for Service Tasmania access, navigate the online Plates Plus course and sit their learner driver (L) test, and
- 2. **Driving for Jobs Program:** For those who have their learner licence and meet eligibility requirements to have free practical driving lessons with an accredited driving school (during school hours).

This month we would like to highlight some of our Year 12 students, Tom (ex Queechy High School) and Alex (ex Deloraine High School), who recently gained their learner licences, and are on their way to independence!





### Oral Health Services Visit

On 17 June, Certificate II in Community Services (Health Focus) students had the unique opportunity to explore Oral Health Services through a practical and engaging learning experience. Guided by dental assistants Robby and Erin, students suited up in PPE, practised hand hygiene and infection control, and learnt about the role and responsibilities of dental assistants and clinicians. They were also able to tour the dental laboratory, where they gained behind-the-scenes insights into the work of laboratory technicians and their use of cutting-edge technology, including 3D printing of dentures.

Throughout the session, students also learned about instrument sterilisation, how to prepare and use amalgam, and clinical terms for referring to different teeth. They gained a deeper understanding of how dental professionals ensure safe and high-quality patient care. Robby and Erin's enthusiasm made the experience lively and interactive, leaving students inspired and more aware of the diverse careers within dental health.

Maree, VET Teacher





# **Vessel Training**

Students studying the Certificate I in Maritime Operations (Coxswain Grade 2 Near Coastal) have been completing practical tasks at the Australian Maritime College Newnham and Beauty Point campuses each Thursday. They recently completed their anchoring training and continued to develop their navigation and boat handling skills.

This course may lead to the Coxswain Grade 2 certificate, further study at AMC, or job opportunities for general purpose hand or deck hand positions on a commercial boat. Expressions of Interest to study this course in 2026 will open during Term 3!



### Crew Coffee Cart

Bright and early on Monday 2 June, Makinley, Petra, Ivy and Katelyn whipped up some espresso coffees for the NC community as part of their Barista class. They made some fantastic espresso drinks that definitely put smiles on their customers' faces!





# Stay in the Loop

Download the Newstead College SZapp from your app store, follow us on social media and sign up for Newstead College eNews to stay up to date on the latest college information, news, upcoming events, and more.











# Pop-up Lunches

This term, the Certificate II in Cookery class has been honing their skills in the kitchen. The team has prepared, cooked and served take-away lunches to the NC community and visiting families. Our Pop-up Lunches have been a big hit, getting awesome reviews from our customers and consistently providing tasty burgers, fish and chips, steak sandwiches, soup with house made bread roll and Margherita pizzas.

Liz, VET Teacher

#### **Customer feedback:**

"Delicious as always. Fish was cooked to perfection and not oily or dry at all. Love the seasoning on the chips too! Great effort guys, you have done an amazing job with lunches."

"Steak sandwich was unbelievable. Chips cooked perfectly and crunchy, well seasoned. Steak was so tender, great flavour. Bread was fresh and soft. Condiments were great. Really properly fantastic."







# Launceston Pathology Visit

Our Certificate II in Community Services (Health Focus) students stepped into the world of pathology, exploring behind the scenes of medical diagnostics, including:

- how specimens are collected
- · services and diagnostic tests provided
- · viewing blood cells and sperm through microscopes.

This hands-on excursion sparked curiosity, inspired career conversations, and brought classroom learning to life. Big thanks to Moira and Launceston Pathology for welcoming our future health professionals!

Maree, VET Teacher



# Students Explore Health Careers

Students Alana and Charli, currently undertaking the Certificate II in Community Services (Health Focus), recently gained firsthand experience in the healthcare sector through tailored work placements aligned with their future career aspirations.

#### Charli - A closer look at sonography

Charli spent three days at I-MED St Vincent's, drawn by her passion for ultrasound. She observed a variety of ultrasound procedures and biopsies, gaining a detailed understanding of how sonographers work alongside clinical teams to deliver patient care. Her placement also provided valuable advice on future study pathways, and the importance of physical sciences.

#### Alana - In the heart of community pharmacy

Alana completed her placement at the Riverside TerryWhite pharmacy, where her interest in becoming a pharmacist was strengthened. She explored pharmacy operations, observed medication preparation and dispensing, and accompanied pharmacists to aged care facilities, gaining a broader understanding of the role pharmacists play in community health.

These placements offered Alana and Charli a unique opportunity to connect their studies to real-world practice, building confidence, knowledge and enthusiasm for their future careers.







In May, Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics students brought beauty and business together with a wonderful Mother's Day stall. Students were assessed on creating displays, conducting financial transactions, and recommending products and services. They nailed it!

### Robotic Hands

The focus for students who are enrolled in Pathways to Apprenticeships and Traineeships is getting out on work placements to experience a typical week in an industry workplace that they are interested in pursuing. When in class, they can also use their hands to create various builds such as cardboard toolboxes, paper bridges, and, recently, a robotic hand. Two students spent extra time constructing a Thanosinspired robotic hand and have achieved an outstanding result.

Jon, Teacher





# Volleyball Athlete Development Program

The Newstead College Volleyball Athlete Development Program (ADP) runs from 4:00~pm-6:00~pm on Monday and Thursday evenings, with games starting at 6:15~pm on both nights. The program is available to eligible associate high school students interested in Volleyball.

Newstead College has two representative Women's B Grade teams and two Men's B Grade teams currently in the Northern Tasmanian Volleyball Association rosters. A number of individual players have been regularly playing in A Grade rosters this season as well: congratulations to Ella, Arin, Flynn, Zac, Riley, Rohan and Alex for taking on the A Grade challenge!

We have seen big improvements in new players this season, buoyed by a number of international students from Italy, Japan and Brazil.





# Freycinet Camp

Outdoor Education students committed to a 3-day expedition at the Freycinet National Park during Term 2. This included sea kayaking, braving the rain, setting up camp, a 12 km hike through one of Tasmania's best outdoor locations, and visiting Friendly Beaches. They also spent time interacting with others to problem solve, Trangia stove cooking, and unplugging from technology to take in the scenery. These types of experiences give the students an opportunity to tune into pristine outdoor environments and appreciate how National Parks are managed well by the local rangers.







# Crafting Bottle Carriers

This term we had four international students, Guilherme E, Guilherme S, Arthur and Icaro, in the Design and Production (Wood) course. They learnt elements of design utilising isometric three-dimensional drawing skills. Whilst working practically, they learnt how to use hand tools and some woodwork machines to create a bottle carrier each. The students enjoyed their time in the workshop as they do not get this opportunity in their own country.

Mark, Teacher



### Students vs Staff Futsal

Futsal has always been a popular sport at Newstead College. Towards the end of term, the staff and students battled it out during a lunchtime game. All players displayed great sportsmanship and some decent skills.

The students were too good in the end, winning the match 5-1.



# Netball Team Gold Coast Trip



Our amazing Newstead College netball team have been training hard and raising funds for their Gold Coast trip from 3-11 July. The nine-day trip will see them competing against teams from around the world, such as New Zealand, Samoa and Singapore.

The players – Maddie, Ashtyn, Tara, Marley, Ella, Isabel, Shannan, Lucy, Aria, Claire, Matilda, Ava, Charlie and Haile – are loving the athletic and social aspects of the sport. Along with their teachers Felicity and Caz, the team are looking forward to making friends with players from other countries, representing Tassie and having our Newstead spirit on show!

Tara, who lives in Scottsdale, said: "We're just going to have so much fun and have so many experiences and learn so much to bring back to the North East. We're all just really excited."

It was great to see so many families, including grandparents, come to support the Trivia Night on Friday 27 June. The winners, BYD, took away a modest prize and the glory of victory. Special thanks to Claire, Haile, Marley, Ella, Matilda, Tara, Drew and Caz's Sports Management class for their organisation of the event.

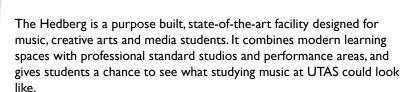




# The Hedberg Excursion

before 10:00 am.





On Friday 9 May, students from Newstead College's UTAS Songwriting, UTAS Technology Projects, and Contemporary Music classes travelled to Hobart to attend a songwriting workshop at the University of Tasmania. The group left Newstead at 7:30 am and arrived at The Hedberg just



The day began with a songwriter workshop where students from across the state shared original songs and received feedback from peers and lecturers. This was followed by an industry panel discussion focused on building a strong and inclusive music community in Tasmania. The panel included musicians and organisers from a range of backgrounds, including Nick Wolfe from The Wolfe Brothers.

After the panel, students were taken on a guided tour of The Hedberg, visiting classrooms, rehearsal spaces, recording studios and the main performance venue. The facilities were impressive and gave a clear sense of the opportunities available to students who pursue music at UTAS.

The final session of the day was a lunchtime concert and Q & A with Nick Wolfe, who spoke about his experiences as a songwriter and performer. He shared insights into his creative process and career, which many students found relatable and encouraging.

The group left Hobart at 2:15 pm and arrived back at Newstead College around 5:00 pm. It was a long day but a valuable one, giving students a closer look at the UTAS music program and a chance to connect with other young musicians from around the state.

Vince, Music & Audio Teacher

### SIX: Teen Edition – Tickets on sale now

#### Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived.

SIX:TEEN EDITION is a full-length adaptation of Toby Marlow and Lucy Moss' international phenomenon SIX, modified for performance by teen actors for family audiences. From Tudor Queens to Pop Icons, the SIX wives of Henry VIII take the mic to remix five hundred years of historical heartbreak into a Euphoric Celebration of 21st-century girl power! This new original musical is the global sensation that everyone is losing their head over.



### **Public Performances**

Wednesday 30 July, 7.00 pm
Thursday 31 July, 7.00 pm - *Understudy Show*Friday 1 August, 7.00 pm
Saturday 2 August, 2.00 pm
Location: Newstead College Auditorium



Scan to book your seats



# Glenn Moorhouse Visit

The Contemporary Music and Songwriting class was treated to a visit from accomplished musician, composer and musical director Glenn Moorhouse.

Glenn spoke about his nearly thirty-year career in the music industry, including starting out in Launceston, building an original music scene, transferring skills to the national stage, and evolving and diversifying as an artist to succeed.





Now based in Sydney, Glenn works on a wide range of musical projects across Australia.

Glenn's visit to Newstead College wrapped up with a speed song writing session with the class. It was a fascinating and entertaining experience for students, who came away with plenty of insights and inspiration for their own musical paths.

# Queechy Visits Photography

Year 9 and 10 Photography students from Queechy High School recently visited our College for a hands-on experience in our state-of-the-art photography facility. The highlight of the excursion was working in a professional darkroom, where students developed their own black-and-white prints using traditional techniques. Guided by our expert staff, students explored the art of photography, gaining insight into the science and creativity behind image-making. The visit sparked inspiration and deepened their appreciation for the photographic process. Students developed a new set of skills, a collection of prints, and a passion for visual storytelling.







### Dr Nick Clements Visit

On the 15th of May, Dr Nicholas Clements came to speak to our English Studio 3 class about writing non-fiction text. Clements is the author of the book *The Black War* and co-author of *Tongerlongeter*. Students from Kings Meadows High School also attended the presentation as part of Newstead College's Community Gateway programme.

Dr Clements was very interesting. He spoke about his journey of finishing school, as an Exeter High School leaver, and continuing his studies as a matureaged student at the University of Tasmania, in the Arts. Clements found that he enjoyed studying and won a scholarship to complete a PHD under the guidance of Henry Reynolds. This was when Clements finished his first non-fiction publication *The Black War*. Clements is now a teacher at Launceston Grammar and has since co-authored another publication, with Henry Reynolds, about one of Australia's most accomplished resistance fighters, a man until now almost no one knew about. The book is titled *Tongerlongeter: First Nations Leader and Tasmanian War Hero*.





Clements spoke to the group about the dedication to research that is involved in writing a piece of non-fiction work. His first book took six years to complete, which implies you need discipline and commitment to complete a thorough piece of work in the non-fiction industry. Also, he spoke about the, sometimes, difficulties in sourcing information for your non-fiction work. This was the case with his biography of Tongerlongeter. Although a First Nations Leader and Tasmanian War Hero, information and sources on Tongerlongeter was very difficult to find and it required persistence and dedication to source the material to create the text.

After his presentation, Clements supported Harry and Petra in their non-fiction, English Studio 3 assignment, a biographical text based on their old people, Eumarrah\* and Mannalargenna\*\*. Clements showed enthusiasm for the chosen topics, and Harry and Petra were grateful for Dr Clements' assistance and support.

Harry (Year 12) and Petra (Year 11)

\*Eumarrah was a resistance fighter and chief of the Tyerrernotepanner people.

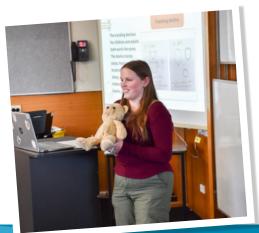
\*\*Mannalargenna was a formidable warrior and seer amongst the Pairrebeenne clan.

# Shark Tank Presentations

Engineering and Design 2 students were tasked with designing a mobile My Health device and creating a low-fidelity prototype using card and paper. They then dove into the Shark Tank, presenting their creations to a panel of wealthy entrepreneurs – Dianne, Roger and Adrian D – who asked further questions about the inventions' functionalities and viability. Well done to all presenting students on your efforts and strong design thinking!

- Ist Scarlett received \$300,000 shark money in funding
- 2nd Georgiarna received \$100,000 shark money in funding
- 3rd Quinlan received \$79,000 shark money in funding

All participants received shark dollars.







### Woodwork Display

In Term 2, our library was home to a beautiful display of woodwork pieces created by Design and Production 2 (Wood) students for their minor project. The students were tasked with crafting a multi-functional box that incorporated four different types of joints in its construction. They developed a design for the box and determined the appropriate sizes and materials required. To personalise the project, students customised the lid using veneers and laser engraving techniques.







# Financial Literacy Workshop

On 25 and 26 June, we had a guest speaker from Women's Legal Aid visit our class to explain financial literacy. We had two amazing sessions and learnt a lot about the adult world. We learnt how to budget, focusing on our needs, wants and savings. We learned how work pay is not gender equal: males tend to earn more than women, and that will not change for 130 years. We learnt to be able to read a pay slip and all the different types of taxes we will have to pay in our adult life. We discovered that you'll need around 1 million dollars to retire at least to be able to support yourself at a sustainable rate. The whole experience was really worthwhile and we gained a lot of valuable information for the next chapter of our lives.

- Layla and Lolita, Year 11



# UTAS Schools Recommendation Program

Applications to UTAS courses through the Schools Recommendation Program (SRP) have opened and a number of students have taken the opportunity to visit Gemma and Sally in the UniHub to get theirs submitted in time for Round 1 offers.

Students do not need to be eligible for an ATAR to apply. A range of courses, including pathway courses, are open to all students. Students are encouraged to submit their application as early as possible.

Gemma is available in the UniHub to assist.

Or students can apply online at: www.utas.edu.au



# Scholarship Opportunities



UNIVERSITY of TASMANIA

All students considering university as a pathway after college are strongly encouraged to apply for the range of scholarships that are on offer. Our students in previous years have had considerable success in obtaining scholarships and bursaries to support their studies after college.

Scholarships are not just awarded for academic merit. Scholarships are awarded for a variety of reasons and also include access scholarships for students who:

- are experiencing financial difficulty
- · have caring responsibilities
- need to move away from home to study
- need to travel over 50 km to get to a university campus.

Applications for UTAS scholarships close at the end of October. Students applying for interstate universities will need to check the university website. Additional external scholarships will be advertised in Newstead News.

Please see Gemma in the UniHub if you require any assistance or information.

# **ADF** Open Day

Newstead College students tried on Defence as a potential career at the Australian Defence Force Youngtown barracks.

The group spoke to Defence personnel from the Army, Navy and Airforce to find out more about the wide range of jobs, including (but not limited to) trades, transport, logistics, engineering and combat. They got a sense of career options through interactive experiences such as augmented reality and flight simulators, weapon and vehicle displays, military equipment displays, and an interactive engineering display.

Sally, Careers Hub





# **Biology Pluck Dissection**



The Newstead College Biology 2 class investigated the respiratory and circulatory systems on 26 June, with the help of a pig pluck. A pluck refers to the heart, lungs, liver, trachea, oesophagus and tongue of a pig, typically removed during butchering. This provides a unique opportunity for students to see how body systems are arranged, as well as the wide variety of body tissue (connective, muscular, and epithelial) in each organ.

Kaija,Teacher



# **Physical Sciences**

Students in Physical Sciences investigated Newton's Laws to see how different forces affect acceleration. They will be able to apply their learning to car safety systems to minimise the force on occupants in case of a crash!

Sam, Teacher



# Attending Exams Reminder

Students are reminded to clear their calendars and save the date/s: the 2025 written exam period is from Monday 10 November to Thursday 20 November. Students are expected to be ready to attend the scheduled exams for Level 3 and 4 courses as they are a necessary part of their assessment for that particular course.

Useful information about preparing for exams is available on the TASC website: www.tasc.tas.gov.au

Please direct any questions or concerns about exam attendance to your teacher.





# **SORA Reading App**

Sora is a digital reading app available for students. It's free, and gives students access to eBooks, eAudiobooks and digital magazines, comics and readers in a huge range of reading levels and genres.

Students can set up their Sora (Education Tasmania) account on their phone, tablet or laptop. Using their school login, they can borrow up to five items at a time.

#### Did you know?

- By selecting '+add library', students can add access to the Libraries
   Tasmania collection too, giving them access to a much wider range of resources an additional five loans at a time!
- Students can place holds on items that aren't immediately available.
- No need to worry about returning items on time! Sora will
  automatically return them on the due date unless they are renewed or
  returned early.

Need help getting started? Come and talk to Amy in the library.

# Tutorial Program

Newstead College is committed to ensuring all students have the opportunity to gain the best possible results and the best chance of success. If you are studying a Level 3 or 4 subject, you have the opportunity to participate in weekly tutorials. Tutorials are also available for some VET Programs.

Tutorials provide students with opportunities for extra explanations of the class work, preparation for exams, homework support and exam revision. Teachers will send reminders to parents/carers if students should be attending tutorials.



# Folios and Projects - A Student Guide

- Course-specific folio guidelines are published for each externally assessed folio (may be called a Project, Independent Study, Inquiry, Extended Design Project etc).
- Make sure to check the <u>course page</u> for the external assessment specifications for your course and the most up-to-date information.
- ALL material submitted for external assessment must be your own work, unless acknowledged appropriately.
- You must follow TASC's Academic Integrity policy when completing your folio.

### Submit your work on time!



- It is your responsibility to meet the folio due date.
- Your teacher might set an internal due date that is earlier than the published deadline set by TASC.
- If you require an extension to the submission date due to illness, injury or misadventure, you will need to submit an application to TASC. Applications open shortly before folio due dates.

### Submitting your folio

- Your teacher will upload your folio to TRACS once it is submitted.
- Your teacher will verify for TASC that the folio is all your own work and that you submitted it to them by the published due date.

### Appealing a decision

TASC's Deputy Director may decide that a breach of the rules is sufficiently serious to require a penalty determined by the Conduct Review Committee. You have the right of appeal against a penalty being imposed on the grounds that a breach of the exam rules did not occur, or if the procedures used to determine if a breach occurred were inappropriate.



Please make sure to read the External Assessment Rules and Student FAQs - Externally Assessed Folios in full before you start your work.





# **Breaching TASC's rules**

May result in cancellation of:

- the folio marks for all students involved
- that course's results for all students involved
- all results for the year (both internally and externally assessed subjects).

Illegal actions may also be reported to the police.



### Alumni Spotlight

#### Samantha (Sammy), Class of 2023

Sammy came to Newstead College from Kings Meadows High School feeling a bit shy and anxious, and was encouraged by teacher Alarna to participate in the College Production, *Freaky Friday*. Being part of the ensemble enabled her to develop confidence and make great friends. The following year, she was cast as a major lead in *Heathers*, and enjoyed having more responsibility. Sammy studied the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, and was inspired to study at university during a visit to UTAS through the UniHub. This year Sammy is studying Sports Management at Torrens University in Brisbane while also working in child care. She loves bonding with young children and watching them grow.

Her advice to current college students is to appreciate each day as it comes, because when it's over, suddenly you're an adult with responsibilities: "People aren't there to hold your hand anymore. You really have to figure things out for yourself!"



#### Grace, Class of 2023

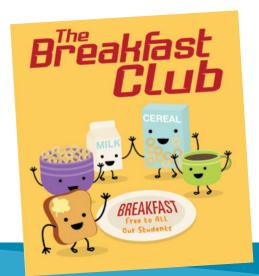
Grace, ex Exeter High School, is in her second year of a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of Tasmania, balancing her studies with her roles as a Fine Arts Ambassador and retail worker. A photography major, she is enjoying expanding her artistic vocabulary and receiving guidance from her lecturers while also having the freedom to make her own artistic choices. Her work focuses on unique encounters with natural mediums or nature, with her recent assessment piece featuring multiple layered photographs that show a timeline of a visit to the Tamar Wetlands. With a strong interest in the communication and critiquing aspects of the Arts, Grace is considering pursuing Honours, a Master's Degree and potentially a career in teaching. Her best memories of Newstead involve receiving guidance from Photography teacher Jen and UniHub Coordinator Gemma.

#### Tabitha, Class of 2023

Tabitha, ex Queechy High School, is studying a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of Tasmania alongside fellow Newstead graduate Grace. She picked Photography up "as a joke" in Year 7 and fell in love with it due to the truthful nature of photography. Her practice explores themes of body positivity and healing from past trauma, with her most recent assessment piece focusing on the experience of overcoming burnout.

Tabitha balances her studies with a job in the fast food industry, and is considering geographical or environmental photography as a future career.





### It's Breakfast Time

The Breakfast Club runs every morning in the Caff from 8.30 am to 9.00 am.

Toast, fruit and a selection of hot drinks are available. Breakfast Club is **FREE** for all students, so please help yourself.

Please remember to clean up afterwards.

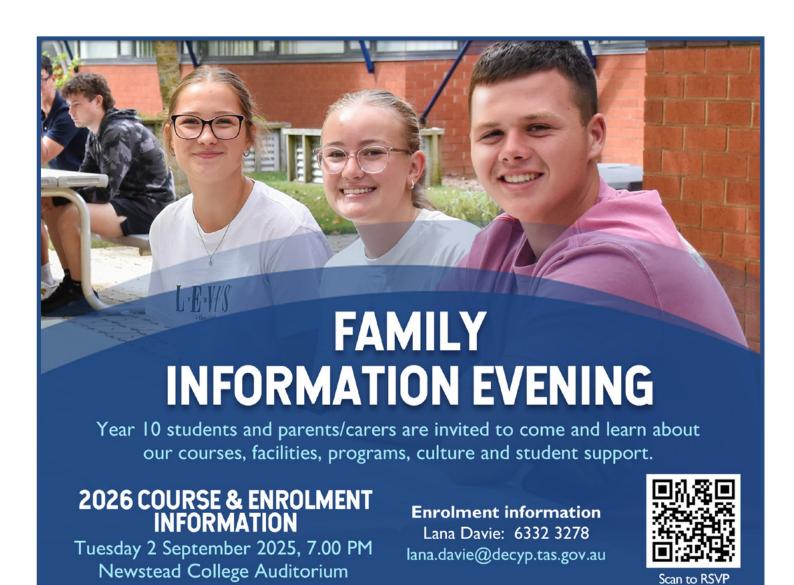
# Jen's Art Prize Win

We are excited to share that our Photography teacher Jen Dickens was the Major Acquisitive Award winner in the 2025 Kinimathatakinta/George Town Art Prize for her piece *Birdsong*.

This top prize is awarded to a work in any medium that the judges consider the highest quality of all entries that captures and reflects the unique character of the region.

'Birdsong captures the view from She Oak Hill, overlooking Low Head and the mouth of the Tamar River, an area rich in the histories of early settlement and the traditional owners, the Palawa people.'







# Newstead College Dates

#### **TERM 3: MONDAY 21 JULY - 26 SEPTEMBER**

30 July - 2 August Production - SIX:Teen Edition

20 August College Association Meeting (5.30 pm for a 5.45 pm start)
2 September Family Information Evening: 2026 Course & Enrolment

Information (7.00 pm)

TBC Newstead College Ball

#### **TERM 4: MONDAY 14 OCTOBER - FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER**

3 November Public Holiday

7 November Last day of formal classes

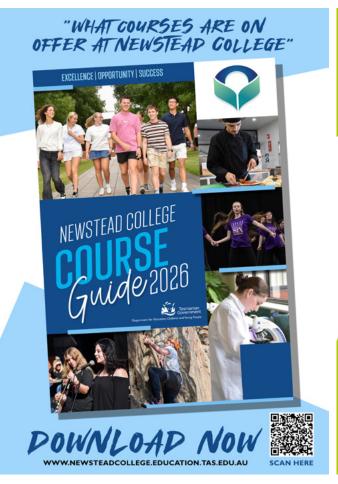
10 - 20 November Students completing final assessments for Level 1 & 2 subjects

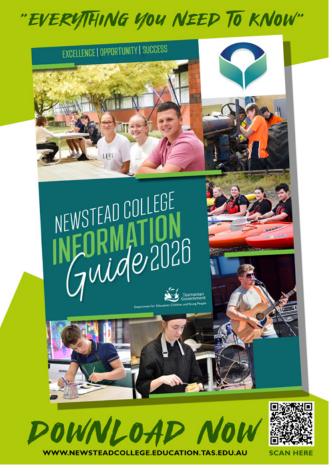
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26 November College Association Meeting (5.15 for 5.30pm start)

19 December College Office Closes

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