



PE teacher's legacy

WILLIAM COLLINS

ELIZABETH College has named a new gym for students in memory of teacher Chris Chugg who died in early 2010.

The name "Chuggy's Gym" reflects the high esteem in which Chris was held and also acknowledges his professional work and life.

His dedication and perseverance in encouraging anyone interested in developing and improving their fitness was well recognised.

Chris taught physical education full-time throughout Tasmania, but also spent endless hours during his spare time coaching and mentoring

students. He was a respected figure because of his selfless approach to helping others.

He developed a cult following due to his devotion and commitment to his students.

Unswerving in his desire to make people believe in themselves, Chris used physical fitness as a medium for students to gain trust in their own ability.

Initially, he used the old weight room at Elizabeth College as a way of connecting with those who wanted to improve their athletic potential but also to get a direction in life.

"Chuggy's Gym" has transformed physical fitness at the college.

It is full of new equipment such

as treadmills, weight machines, freeweights and bikes.

This allows students and teachers to use quality gear and has attracted more people to use the free facilities on site, rather than seeking out private gyms.

Joe Pavic, a workmate and friend of Chris Chugg, said that in a short time he would attract the "toughest kids" in a school.

After firstly exhibiting their physical strength they would invariably find a purpose in training and become focused on the benefits of personal discipline.

Elizabeth College has long had a training facility but it was Chris who was responsible for the acquisition of Olympic

weight platforms and equipment. He was an expert in strength and conditioning with many top Tasmanian athletes seeking him out for coaching.

Students appreciated the effort and time he gave to them and would reward him with 100 per cent application which resulted in many outstanding results.

He was an enthusiastic and well-liked staff member who was a vital part of the college community.

Chris Chugg has left a legacy that will last and provide inspiration for future students and teachers to continue his work that was cut short far too soon.

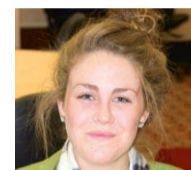
Chuggy's Gym keeps his vision alive.

School Talk

Do you like public Tasmanian colleges being separate to the high school system?



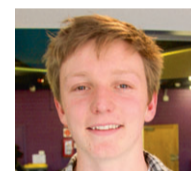
Yes. It prepares us for Uni.
Sheridan Eldridge



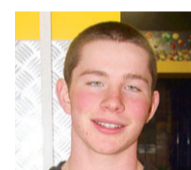
I think college is a different experience to high school and should be at a different school with new people.
Ellen Roe



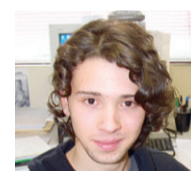
Definitely. It gives us a chance to progress and experience something new.
Joanna Byrne



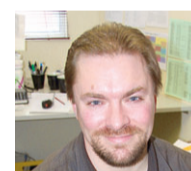
Yes because it acts as a launching pad to university and we are treated more as adults.
Alex Drew



Yes. It's just a more mature environment for our education that we wouldn't get if high school went to Year 12.
Dob Hine



I definitely prefer our current system.
Aidan Furst



I can see the benefits of both, but I prefer our system. The strain on teachers and facilities (if schools went from Years 7-12) would be massive.
Chris Hamley, teacher

Multicultural college proves popular

MATHEW KLUVER

THIS year, 18 students from around the globe have chosen to study at Elizabeth College for educational and cultural reasons.

These students originate from countries including China, Germany, Korea, Japan, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tibet and Vietnam.

They bring with them a wealth of information and culture to share.

This is the college's 23rd year of involvement with the International Students Program and international students coordinator Heath Watts is proud of this association.

"It is a fantastic experience for these students to be able to study at Elizabeth College," Mr Watts said.

"Their presence really reinforces the reputation of Elizabeth College as the multicultural college," he said.

While studying in Hobart, students have an opportunity to explore our state and learn more



EXPLORING: International students learn all about Tasmania while at Elizabeth College.

about the history of Tasmania. Earlier this year, international students visited the Shot Tower in Taroona and more recently the town of Richmond, famous for

having the oldest bridge in Australia.

These trips served as an introduction to Tasmania's colonial past, which the international

students will explore in more detail later in the year on excursions to other historic places such as Port Arthur and Hobart's Penitentiary Chapel.

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