



# Hilliard Christian School

110TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

## Street art

IN May of this year, an idea sparked in Hilliard Christian School's Grade 9/10 art class to submit a design for painting a traffic signal box in central Hobart.

Once the class had agreed on the idea, the school applied and successfully claimed the traffic signal box on the corner of Elizabeth and Morrison streets, on the city's waterfront.

Students all pitched in their ideas to collaboratively create a design that encapsulated the essence of Hobart, its landscape, beauty and culture.

A preliminary design was accepted by the Hobart City Council and vibes of elation filled the art classroom as a date was set to venture down to the waterfront to complete the task.

One cold June day, as the wind gained velocity and an extreme chill, the group of art students tried their hand at not just painting a signal box, but placing a fingerprint on a city and letting their paintbrushes do the talking.

The design incorporated classic elements of a Hobart summer, including ice-cream, seagulls, fish and chips, the Sydney to Hobart yacht race and the famous view from the waterfront towards Mt Wellington.

Another aspect of the design was a rainbow that circled the box until it surrounded a map of Tasmania, proving that the state is the pot of gold at the end of Australia's rainbow.

"Our aim was not only to make the streetscape a bit more pleasing to the eye, but to have an impact on the city that would be permanent," a class spokesman said.

### Solar school

AT the beginning of this year Hilliard Christian school received a Federal Government grant for 76 individual solar panels.

The panels are expected to produce 17,885kW of energy each year.

The panels have now been installed and the electricity produced is being used in every section of the school.

Using these solar panels will help to reduce carbon emissions and save about \$4000 a year.

The whole project cost about \$55,000.

**STREET SMART:** Hilliard students alongside the traffic signal box they painted in Hobart.

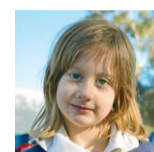


## School Talk

What is your favourite icecream flavour?



Chocolate, because I like it.  
**Nellie-lee, 5, Prep.**



Mint, because it's green.  
**Jade, 7, Grade 1.**



Strawberry, because it's yum and sweet.  
**Wonesu, 7, Grade 2.**



Bubblegum, because it tastes like bubblegum.  
**Thomas, 11, Grade 6.**



Vanilla, because it's original and tasteless.  
**Jacob, 14, Grade 7.**



Strawberry, because it tastes nice.  
**Rahwa, 15, Grade 10.**

## Old scholar returns to Hilliard as a teacher

KRYSTAL Harder enjoyed her schooling at Hilliard Christian School so much that she has returned as a teacher.

Mrs Harder, 27, attended Hilliard from 1991 right up to the end of Grade 10 before moving with her parents and younger brother to New Zealand where she completed Years 11 and 12.

She gained a teaching degree at Avondale College and taught in northern New South Wales.

Mrs Harder returned to Tasmania with her husband, coming back to her former school as a secondary teacher three years ago.

"If you had of asked me in Year 10 if I would come back here and be a teacher I would have laughed at you," Mrs Harder said.

"I would have told you 'no, that would be my brother'. I would be off travelling or overseas or on the mainland," she said.

"But I really enjoy teaching here. I think one of



**WELCOME BACK:** Krystal Harder as a student, above, and as a teacher, right.



the things I love the most is the variety. Because it's a small school you get a large variety of subjects to teach, whereas at bigger schools you just don't get that opportunity."

One of the things Mrs Harder loved about being

a student at Hilliard was how the school was just like a giant family.

Everyone knew each other's names, people would hang out with anyone and because the classes were so small, it seemed to her as though they were all closely related.

Although Mrs Harder was away for many years, she loves that fact that even though the look of the school has changed, and there are new faces around the school, the loving spirit has remained.

"The school still feels warm and comforting, just like it did when I was a student," she said.

Mrs Harder's long-term plan is to teach at other schools, but for now she wishes to stay at Hilliard Christian School.

She also wants to raise a family in Tasmania.

● As a Grade 10 student, the then Krystal de Ville was part of the team which produced a similar Newspapers in Education page to this one.

## Thank you

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