



Eastside Lutheran College

School Talk

Why are school camps valuable?



Kathrn Schroeter, Grade 9: Students can have fun and create a stronger bond.



Alistr Woitkowiak, Grade 7: They let people interact and get in touch with themselves.



Myra White, Grade 8: They're fun and they encourage us to work together.



Matthew Burgess, Grade 9: They give us a chance to see each other outside of school.



Edward Cranwell, Grade 8: People get to know one another better and do fun activities.



Hannah Joss, Grade 7: They are a great way to build friendships and you learn new skills.

TEACHING MINDS AND HEARTS

APART from academic education, at Eastside Lutheran College the aim is to educate the heart.

The school's motto "Education of the Heart" means that we teach people how to fit into society and how to act towards others in appropriate ways.

Lutheran education has been around since 1839 and has shown rapid growth — more than doubling in the last 10 years.

There are about 85 Lutheran Schools across the country, which cater for more than 38,000 students and employ more than 3000 staff.

Lutheran education focuses on strong values from the Gospel, such as love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, service, humility, courage, hope, quality and appreciation.

Eastside Lutheran College is open to all people, regardless of background or circumstances.

Diversity is a strength of the school and our aim is for a safe and happy environment for learning.

There are many ways we go about serving others.

Our buddies program allows high school students to go into primary classes and have one-on-one time with younger students to help them with their work and also organise games at lunch times.

Grade 9/10 students have more opportunities to be leaders, with the option to run for house captain and school captain.

There are also School Representatives Council leaders, filling the positions of president and secretary and a few spots as library monitors.



ENJOYED BY ALL: Eastside Lutheran College Grade 9/10 students at a recent Camp.

● CAMPS at Eastside Lutheran College are seen as a valuable part of the school program for both primary and secondary students.

This year Grades 9 and 10 had their most exciting camp yet.

Eastside was invited to undertake a Fusion (a Christian-based organisation) camp where students learned that working together is sometimes the only way to get through difficult situations.

The first day included being dropped off at the top of Mt Wellington, a tough walk down to the campsite, setting up camp and enjoying a roaring fire and barbecue.

Other activities included team-based situations, where students needed to rely on fellow classmates for help.

The students were challenged with crossing balance wires up in the canopies of the Fusion Camp — some runs were 25m high with nothing to hold on to.

It took a lot of courage to do and harnesses were worn for protection. Everyone thought the high wires course was the best activity and it really made their day.

"The challenges were great. They really pushed us to our limits and we learned to rely on others," Grade 9 student Jack Cooper said.

● GRADE 9/10 students have experienced what it is like to work in a business.

Work experience ran from July 22-25 and students had a go at a range of work options including being: beauticians, mechanics, gardeners, child-care workers or hospitality workers in cafes and fast food restaurants.

Two students even worked at the school as teacher aides.

Jacob Kingston (who asked that he be referred to as Mr Kingston) said: "I enjoyed this experience because it gave me a break from the normal routine and let me try something new."

True appreciation for parents

HAVE you ever thought about the trouble your parents go through just to make you happy? At Eastside Lutheran College, we have.

We thought about things like: who does everything for us?; and Who does your washing and ironing?.

The answer: our parents.

With school work and other things, we haven't had time to thank parents for everything they do for us.

So we decided to have a parents' appreciation night earlier in the year. We had a range of activities like:

- Free food prepared by the cooking class.

- Live music from the school band.

- Displays of students' work.

- Presentation of merit awards for parents.

It was a most successful night with fun and a few tears too.

"I think that most of the

parents, teachers and students had some happy, emotional and very proud moments," Grade 7 student Hannah Joss said.

Grade 9 student Fiona Tchia said: "It was a great way for parents and children to mingle and let their hair down and have fun."

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