



# Eastside Lutheran College

## School Talk

What is special about Eastside Lutheran College?



**Kathryn Schroeter, Grade 7:** I like the grassy grounds and the bush setting.



**Alistair Woitkowiak, Grade 7:** Students get to know each other and mix well.



**Myra White, Grade 8:** It's good because it offers a wide range of activities.



**Jack Cooper, Grade 9:** The program is rich because of many dedicated volunteers.



**Ed Cranwell, Grade 8:** I like the small numbers; you get to know everyone well.



**Hannah Joss, Grade 7:** It's a small school but has wide opportunities.

## TURNING OUT NEW LEADERS

LEADERSHIP is a priority at Eastside Lutheran College, where the aim is to educate the heart.

The spirit of the school's motto "Education of the Heart" includes teaching people how to fit into society and how to act towards others in appropriate ways.

Eastside Lutheran College is open to all people, regardless of background or circumstances. Diversity is a strength of the school and its aim is for a safe and happy environment for learning.

A 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.

Last Sunday, students had the opportunity to put into practice their leadership and performance skills and to do some service to their community.

About 20 students from the primary and secondary grades took part in a service at St Peter's Lutheran Church in Davey St, Hobart.

The secondary band provided the musical accompaniment to songs led by both primary and secondary singers.

Students also had leadership



**LEADERS:** Eastside Lutheran students Aaron Medcraft and Hayden Woitkowiak receiving their house captain badges from college principal Gundars Simons

roles in reading the scripture lessons and prayers.

"It felt really good doing something nice for people who support our school," Grade 9 student Matthew Burgess said.

Fellow Grade 9 student Brad Johnson agreed, adding: "The whole event was fantastic; everyone did their best."

● 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 camp where students

learned that working together is sometimes the only way to get through difficult situations.

"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 took part in work experience from July 22-25 and had a go at a range of work options including being beauticians, mechanics, gardeners, childcare workers or hospitality workers in cafes and fast food restaurants.

Two students even worked at the school as teacher aides.

● A SUCCESSFUL parents' night

was held earlier in the year to acknowledge all that our parents do for us, with a range of displays and activities.

These included: food prepared by the cooking class; music from the school band; displays of students' work; and the presentation of merit awards for parents.

"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."

## Nothing fishy about these options

EASTSIDE Lutheran College offers its students a range of special activities that would not usually be available in school.

In addition to extended classes in subjects such as science and maths, short courses are also offered in topics such as fishing, salsa

dancing, dog training, driver education and boat licensing.

In the fishing lessons we have learned about casting, making sinkers, different baits and the different types of fishing like fly, spinning and trawling. Fishing excursions are held at the

causeway near Midway Point and the wharf near Salamanca Place.

The cooking lessons have included Indian and Italian cuisines, as well as learning how to cook a basic meal. It's a lot of fun and an important skill if you're planning on moving out of

home and fending for yourself.

One of our teachers took up salsa dancing as something fun and decided to teach it to us. We are enjoying learning the basic steps of the most popular form of dancing in the modern world.

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