



Eastside Christian School

Moving into secondary

Eastside gets a high school

IN 2002 our principal, Peter Smith, had the idea of starting a high school at Eastside Christian School.

After many months of preparation, the first Grade 7 class at the school began. It presently has 18 students.

Mr Smith said parents had frequently asked whether the school could offer secondary education. The school, situated on a 70 ha site in Bounty St, Lindisfarne, offered plenty of room for expansion.

Mr Smith said Lutheran church schools were very popular in other Australian states, and students who went to Lutheran schools usually wanted to continue with them.

The new high school has adopted what Mr Smith refers to as a "vertical curriculum". Rather than students moving through the curriculum according to their age, they do so according to their ability, spending more time on some subjects than other students.

It also means students are not held back because of the

restrictions of more rigid programs.

To start the high school a number of considerations had to be addressed.

A new teacher, Mr Corner-Walker, was appointed as the high school co-ordinator. He has taught for more than 22 years, most recently in Hong Kong.

A new dual-room building was constructed as stage one of the high school. (Unfortunately, the playground had to be destroyed to do this.)

A Grade 7 curriculum was written and the hard-working staff members catered for the various subjects.

Some subjects, such as food technology, required outside support, and we were very lucky to have use of the facilities at the nearby Oakdale workshop.

As we have our own school buses, we are able to make regular use of the Rosny Community Library for research and book-borrowing.

We are looking forward to the extension of the high school to Grade 8 in 2004.



MOVING UP: Students at the new senior school building at Eastside Christian.

New school ceremony

EASTSIDE Christian's new high school was officially opened on April 6.

Minister for Education Paula Wriedt attended the ceremony along with numerous other local and interstate guests, parents, staff and students.

The official opening was conducted by Ken Bartel, the district director for Lutheran Schools in Australia, South East Region.

Following the official proceedings, the 200 guests enjoyed an inspection of the school as well as a scrumptious morning tea.

Principal Peter Smith retires to go fishing

SADLY, our principal, Peter Smith, will be retiring and leaving us at the end of this year.

He has been our principal since 1999 and has been a teacher for about 25 years.

He started teaching in England in 1961 then had a break before returning to teaching in 1980.

He has taught at four Lutheran schools and six government ones in South Australia and he liked them all.

The reason he is retiring is so he can relax, go fishing and have no worries (except for the bills!).

Mr Smith is planning to go to Queensland to live. His hobbies

include travelling, watching Port Adelaide win and eating good food.

The students are very appreciative of the commitment Mr Smith has made to the school and will miss him.

BRAD EVANS and GEOFFREY HOPWOOD



TRANSPORTED: One of the Eastside Christian School's two buses.

Friendly way to travel

OUR school has its own bus service with two buses serving both the eastern and western shore. Neil Bellette has been driving our school bus for only a year, but has been driving buses for 30 years. Neil is a good driver; he has never hit anything. He is popular with the students and thinks that our school is in a nice area with nice children and everyone is friendly.

Winner in maths and science

ANDREW Haigh, a Grade 7 student at Eastside Christian School, has won many awards in maths, English and science competitions.

This year Andrew won the medal for the top Tasmanian score in the University of NSW Maths

Competition. He also won an "outstanding" in the Westpac Mathematics Competition.

In 2002 Andrew was the top-scoring student in Tasmania in the same maths competition and also in the science one.

Andrew, who has been

at Eastside since prep in 1996, has achieved four other high distinctions in the maths and science competitions and three distinctions in English.

"It's great winning an award," Andrew said.

"The first time I won, I thought it was a fluke!"

Today's page, the last for 2003, was produced by the inaugural Year 7 class at Eastside Christian School

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