



Eastside Lutheran College

Facilities for the future

Serena does school proud

CATHERINE PAINE

EASTSIDE student Serena Head performed well in this year's University of NSW school competitions. Serena's efforts placed her in the top five per cent of Tasmanian students, achieving high distinctions in English and spelling and a distinction in writing. These achievements are all the more remarkable when you consider she has had to adjust to a new country after moving from Brunei and New Zealand. Her results showcase her ability and also reflect well on the school.

EASTSIDE Lutheran College, formerly known as Eastside Christian School, situated off Bounty St in Lindisfarne, has made a commitment to developing facilities which will serve the educational community well into the future. Since the appointment of principal Robert Sellars in 2003 the college has undertaken a large number of developments including state-of-the-art computer and media centre, science laboratory and staff room, as well as a refurbished library, uniform store and teacher resource room. Eastside Lutheran College also has its own bus service.

Since changes in 2004, the school has expanded its service to cater for a larger number of students in a wider range of areas. A small bus travels each morning and night through Sorell, Midway Point, Seven Mile Beach, Acton, Lauderdale, Rokeby and along Pass Rd. A larger bus passes through Howrah, Bellerive, Lindisfarne, Mornington and Warrane. Other developments in store for the college include the redevelopment of the kitchen and home economics centre and new female toilets. These developments are



STATE-OF-THE ART: Still more developments are planned.

scheduled to be completed by Term I, 2008. Grade 7 student Serena Head likes the new computer and media centre. "It's quite modern; other schools I have been to definitely don't have facilities quite like this," she said. Eastside Lutheran College is situated on seven ha of natural bushland. Since 2004, the college has been developing its outdoor areas. This has included new

cricket nets and several new gardens including one near the new flagpole. A sand pit for the primary students was added to the adventure playground. The school is planning more developments such as resurfacing the netball courts, new basketball hoops and an eating area with sun-safety sails. The school is also considering the redesign of the school entrance, turning circle and carpark. Staff and students are looking forward to the future at Eastside. **JOSHUA CORNER-WALKER, CATHERINE PAINE, TIM NOYES and NICK JENKINS.**

Favorites spring from book pages



TIME LORD: Students dressed as Tinkerbell and Doctor Who for Book Week. **TAIYA JONES** GREAT costumes were a feature of an extended Book Week celebration at Eastside Lutheran College earlier this year. Students and teachers arrived at school in many



SKIVVIES ON: Students do their best Wiggles impersonations for Book Week. The day was filled with much fun and activity which went on through the afternoon and into the night. With songs sung by the school choir, learning displays and lots of book stalls

Reading encouraged

ALANA BURGESS SPECIAL funding was received from the Independent Schools Association for Eastside Lutheran College's new Literature Circles project. This new program was aimed at helping Grades 5 to 10 to improve their reading. Reading groups were allocated to different parts of the school campus to sit down, read and discuss a chosen book for about 30 minutes. Each student in their individual group was expected to do some homework after each session, taking on a particular role. These roles included Summariser, Word Finder, Question Finder and Illustrator. Everyone became involved and students and teachers were impressed by the improvement the students

showed after starting this program. A variety of books was used including novels, short classics and readers' theatre. Some of the books included *Thin*, *Little Women*, *Greylands*, *Looking for Alibrandi* and *Ned Kelly*. "Literature circles are a wonderful way to bring energy, connection and a sense of community and social identity to young readers," maths and science teacher Mr Nick Freeman said. "In an increasingly fragmented society where children too often feel autonomous in their learning, the literature circles bring to each person a sense of belonging and a motivation to achieve, not just for themselves, but for the group," Mr Freeman said.

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