

STUDENTS GET EXCITED ABOUT ...

At East Para Primary students are given opportunities to be involved in:

- Pedal Prix in Years 5 - 7
- Percussion Group Years 4 – 7, Recorder Group Years 4 – 7
- East Para Rock Band Years 4 – 7
- Performance: J Rock, Wakakirri, Rhythm Nation Years 4 – 7
- Choir - Junior and Senior
- School Concerts / Auditioning for Front of Curtain Acts
- Children's Parliament

CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT

What is the new Children's Parliament? 2017

In 2017, EPPS is trialling a different model of student leadership, known as Children's Parliament. The title 'Children's Parliament' highlights two important factors around student leadership; firstly, it is child centred and secondly the term Parliament has a real world connection.

It is important at EPPS that students are at the centre of everything we do and that they are given a voice in decision making around how we can continually improve our school and strive for excellence. It is also important that there is a connection to the Australian Curriculum in everything we do. Learning about the how Governments are formed and run in Australia is part of the learning within Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) and Civics and Citizenship. It is vital for engagement that students can make connections to what they do at school to the 'real' world.

At this early stage of a three year trial, the Parliament is made up of eight Year 7 students who are nominated by their peers and voted in by the students. The elected students decide on the areas of school improvement that are most important to them and become the Minister of that Ministry for the year. They are also assigned electorates (classrooms) which they represent at Parliamentary meetings.

The Ministers themselves develop skills in organisation, debating, leadership and confidence in standing up for what they believe in.

As the model evolves, the plan is to include students from other year levels to have specific responsibilities within the Parliament.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

What is a School Captain?

These are student elected Year 7 students who represent each of the 4 School House Teams. East Para Primary School expects its captains to model the RITCHR Values as well as behaving in a courteous manner, engaging in safe play, completing work to the best of their ability, modelling the Dress Code policy including always wearing full school uniform and participating in school events.

These students undertake the following roles

- Act as Ambassadors for the school when required.
- Co-ordinate the Yard Award procedures and House Points including tallying of points, announcing at assemblies.
- Introduce themselves at the new parents transitional morning tea.
- Co-ordinate and organise their house team sports day events and practices
- Organise term meetings with their house team (eg to discuss yard clean up, dress code and RITCHR values)
- Organise Ballot papers for the next year's house captains voting and count the votes.
- Meet with the School Counsellor when required.
- Support the collection of student learning survey data R-2
- Write newsletter items as required and or update school web/intranet pages
- Introduce themselves to the school community through a profile article in the school newsletter

How to become a School Captain?

In term 4 as a Year 6 you will need to gain a nomination and a seconder from another Year 5, 6 or 7 student.

If your nomination is successful you will then be required to prepare and deliver a 2-3 minute speech to your house team, explaining why you would make a great School Captain for your team.

Once all the speeches have been given you will be voted for by your house team using a secret ballot.

Each Nominee for each 'house' will then be scrutinised by the panel made up of; the School Counsellor, a Year 6/7 teacher and two current School Captains. The panel will take into account their speech, number of votes collected and any other relevant information.

At the start of the new school year School Captains will be announced at the assembly. Captains will begin their role immediately

AWARDS YOU CAN EARN

Positive Play awards

These can be given to you at any time during recess and lunch. Staff on duty will look for students who are role modelling the school's RITCHR values. They can be given to you for playing appropriately, encouraging others to join in, supporting other students in the yard and helping to keep the school yard tidy just to name a few. In 2014 the introduction of VAPS students handing out positive play awards will be trialled. Each positive play award will help you earn a point for your house team. Your name will be read out at the next assembly. Certificates are given out to students who have earned 5, 10, 20 and every 10 positive play awards after that.

Values Awards

These are presented to students each week at assembly. You can achieve these by demonstrating one or all of our RITCHR values. You can be chosen by your classroom teacher or classroom peers, or by other staff around the school. The Values awards are categorised under our RITCHR values of Respect, Integrity, Trust, Caring, Honesty and Responsibility. Each Values Award earned also adds 10 House Points to the House Point Trophy total for your team.

House Teams

What are House Teams?

At East Para Primary School, all of our students are a member of one of the four House Teams. These House Teams have played an important part in the history of East Para Primary School. The teams are:



Students are able to support their House Team throughout the year in a variety of ways. Students are able to earn points for their team by receiving positive play awards at recess and lunch, earning house points during class time, earning points for their team on sports day and receiving Values awards. At East Para Primary School we have four perpetual trophies that each House Team strives to have their name engraved on by the end of each year. We have;

- The House Points Trophy for the house team scoring the most house points during class time.
- The Positive Play Trophy for the house team earning the most positive play awards during recess and lunch times.
- The Sports Day Tabloid Trophy for the house team receiving the most points during the Tabloid events on Sports Day. (Years 3-7)
- The Sports Day Athletic Competition for the house team scoring the most points during the Champion Sprints and Relays.

For each house team we have four leaders. These leaders are called School Captains. Each team has a boy & girl Captain and a boy & girl Vice-Captain. The School Captains support all their team members to do their best in all aspects of school at East Para. They role model the school's RITCHR Values and take on a range of responsibilities throughout the year. For further information see "School Captain"

How to become a member of a House Team?

To become a member of a house team is quite simple. If you have older brothers or sisters at the school already, then you will be placed in the same house team as them. If you are new to East Para Primary School, then you will be placed in a House Team once you have enrolled. We aim for a balance of numbers in each house, across the school. This means that some classes will have more or less of one colour. By averaging scores across classes we are able to ensure scoring is equitable.

VAPS (Values and Peer Support) at East Para Primary School.

What is VAPS?

This is a group of year 4/5/6/7 students who are trained to support students in the yard during break times. We also have VAPS leaders who set up the term timetable and check that the rostered students attend their duty. These leaders provide support to the younger or new VAPS students in developing their skills as a VAPS member.

Some of the VAPS members' responsibilities are

- Helping new students in the yard, if they need it.
- Being friendly or looking after lonely or upset students in the yard
- Being a positive role model for students and displaying the school's RITCHR Values
- Be willing to gain the respect and trust of students in the yard
- Helping out with student disputes
- Supporting students to make the right choices whilst playing in the yard

How to become a VAPS member

To become a member of VAPS you will need to be in Years 4, 5, 6 or 7. At the start of the year you will need to nominate yourself and express an interest in being a part of the team. You will need to have a willingness to be trained in solving a range of issues that you may face in our yard at recess and lunch times. You need to be prepared to support other students in our school. A passion for demonstrating our RITCHR values is a must.

SRC (Student Representative Council) at East Para Primary School.

What is SRC?

Each class has an elected representative and proxy that attend a fortnightly meeting.

At the meetings students:

- Discuss and debate issues that are raised by individual classes or students
- Conduct surveys and canvas their peers on a range of issues related to the students and school
- Organise fun events such as Crazy Hair Day and Pyjama Day
- Organise to raise funds for charity such as the Childhood Leukaemia Foundation
- Report meeting minutes to their individual classes.

How to become an SRC Member

To become a member of the SRC you will need to nominate yourself within your own class. Many classes have their nominees prepare a speech to be presented in front of their own class members. This speech usually consists of the nominee presenting their argument as to why they would make a great SRC representative for their class. This often includes the skills they bring to the role. After all the speeches have occurred then all of the class members vote for their preferred student to represent their class at SRC meetings.

SPORT

Sports presently offered outside of school hours are

- Netball
- Football.

Our school is affiliated with SAPSASA (South Australian Primary Amateur Sports Association) that allows our students to participate in

- District Carnivals
- Knockout Competitions
- Selection for State Championship teams
- Selection for Interstate teams
- Be Active Challenge

Involvement in SAPSASA competitions is supported by the school.

Families are responsible for their child/ren's attendance at state and interstate trials and/or competitions and meet all costs.

3D PRINTING

In Term 2, 2017, Year 6/7 students from Room 33 and 34 participated in a 3D printing project. Through this project the students developed skills for design planning, critiquing and group collaboration. They have also learnt many skills when using 3D printing apps including sizing, transforming shapes and objects in a 3 dimensional environment as well as the printing processes. The students have thoroughly enjoyed this learning and will continue to develop their skills throughout the year.

The Year 6/7 students will now be paying it forward by teaching other classes at the school how to use the 3D designing programs. To start, Room 33 are teaching and supporting the Reception students in Room 25 to use their inquiry skills and develop 3D printed resources for our school's garden.