

A message from Ian Kent, Principal



Welcome to the 2021 Magazine.

This year through newsletters, Facebook and Instagram you will have seen the wonderful achievements of our students R-12, and there are many despite the COVID-19 restrictions. In this Magazine you will see many of the highlights for you to keep as a memento of your child's/children's wonderful year at Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School but more importantly they will have this to reflect on as they continue to go through school or into the world of work. We are incredibly proud of our thriving multi-campus community at Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School, where students explore, learn, create and grow together. From Reception to Year 12 they enjoy the ideal preparation for life beyond the school gates. Together the students play sport, create music and stage ambitious productions. They explore the great outdoors and take on physical challenges. They plan social events, run assemblies, raise farm animals, conduct Science experiments and solve complex Mathematical problems. Students read, research and write amazing reports, poetry, short stories and essays demonstrating their understanding of a complex world based on History, Geography and Literature. They learn about sustainability and the environment, and how it all connects to their future through Deep Learning, Multi-disciplinary approaches and Bush School.

Students engage in Technology right across all curriculum areas and learn how to

maintain, design, build and create cities, towns, machinery, furniture, cars and games at all levels. They express themselves through the Arts (music, dance and drama) and, visual arts where there are outstanding individual pieces of work produced R-12.

A strong **work ethic** is an important part of being successful in life. Building a strong work ethic is what we all need to focus on in the coming years so that our students embrace the notion that hard work is almost automatic and a default action. Forming good habits such as focusing, staying motivated, finishing tasks immediately, and more helps to create a good work ethic that will always be the pathway to success and what every employer wants in the workforce.

We need to build resilience in our young people. It is an attitude that can be learnt, and it involves choosing to capitalise on any situation, regardless of how it affects our plans and dreams. The Rite Journey Program, Youth Opportunities and year level Camps are extra-curricular activities where much of this is developed. Students need to know that life doesn't always go as we planned it, and we are not actually entitled to have every dream for the future fulfilled. There will be hard times, and we need to learn the skill of deciding to go on, even if that is simply about getting out of bed each day.

World class research and study over time has shown that parents who work with their children's teachers and vice versa produce outstanding results. This is an area where we have grown and need to look at opportunities to continuously improve if we are to sustain a culture based on producing skilled, independent, responsible learners and citizens. We have a great school in our community which is the envy of many. We will continue to set our goals on achieving at the highest level possible through clear communication and collaboration. All our students will be the beneficiaries of strong parent/school partnerships and this was very evident again this year.

Teachers and support staff work with students building on and understanding their own individual strengths and abilities using a team approach on programs that build character, competencies and life-skills in our students. Therefore, the quality and nature of the relationships staff have with students is paramount in their success.

When you have a good relationship with your students, they are more likely to feel positive about class and about school in general. They are also more willing to have a go at hard work, to risk making mistakes, and to ask for help when they need it.

Therefore, it is not surprising that research shows constructive teacher-student relationships have a large and positive impact on students' academic results.

Eastern Fleurieu R-12 School staff are outstanding in this domain and is one of the main reasons we have worked positively and constructively through all the challenges COVID-19 has presented.

To our 2021 year 12 students, I encourage you all to maintain your friendships as strong friendship bonds that you form throughout school are the security you take with you beyond school. Be confident in the fact that you are well equipped to pursue the pathway you choose in life. Remember, 'you only get the best out of life by what you are prepared to put into it'. I would like to acknowledge the support and guidance your families have provided to you over the years and especially every teacher you have had from the day you started kindly. They have all contributed to your achievements and learning along the way both socially and academically.

All the best with the pathways you choose into the future.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I. Kent'.

Ian Kent
Principal



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