



The Launceston Preparatory School Citizenship

The Paideia method explicitly regards “civics” or preparation for citizenship by knowledge and understanding of the institutions of this country, as one of its main objectives of basic schooling. It is interesting to note that “civics education” has become a priority of the federal Department of Education in recent years.

To this end our children are explicitly taught about the history and growth of social institutions and the people’s role in those. But in addition, children at The Launceston Preparatory School are constantly provided with opportunities for the practice of good citizenship not just the theory. This is achieved through immersion in community activities – visiting homes for the elderly, assisting the Red Cross in their charity work, sponsoring a child in Malawi and many other real-life experiences in our local community. The issues we explore in our Socratic seminars also build in our children a system of values and ethics and an empathy for others that will help them to become worthwhile citizens throughout their lives – articulate, caring, aware, interested and knowledgeable.



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