Local student will be “principal” for a day

Local student, Emily Eaves, will take over the top job at Burraneer Bay Public School on June 6.

Emily Eaves will act as “principal” as part of a national program being coordinated by Principals Australia Institute – Student Principal for a Day.

Emily Eaves will take on a variety of tasks as honorary principal including speaking at an assembly, joining in a staff meeting, and visiting classrooms.

I am really excited to be participating in the Student Principal for a Day program. I am looking forward to going around the school visiting classrooms, going in to meetings and having morning tea with the staff. I would like to thank Mr Fitzgerald for this opportunity of choosing me for this position, Emily Eaves

Local Principal, Greg Fitzgerald, is happy to hand over the leadership role and hopes it will give students a practical lesson in what it takes to be a great leader.

“I hope that Emily will learn first-hand what a challenging and rewarding job it is to be a school principal at such a wonderful and exciting school. I’m sure she’ll learn from being a Principal for a day that everyone in the school has the opportunity to exercise and develop their own leadership skills.”

Burraneer Bay Public School is one of over 90 primary and secondary students around the country taking part in Student Principal for a Day.

Principals Australia Institute (PAI) is coordinating the day to focus the nation’s attention on the value and importance of quality school leadership.
“I think this event will serve as a catalyst to showcase the important role that principals play not only in our schools, but in our community,” explains Jim Davies, CEO of PAI.

Participants are also taking part in two webinars and an online community.

“Our aim is to get students around the country sharing their experiences and learning from each other,”

Jim believes that the day may encourage participants to consider a career in education.

“Being a principal is a challenging and rewarding job. Who knows one of our student principals may take on the job for real one day.”

**Photo opportunity:** The student (wearing their Principal for a Day cap) and the principal are available for interview and photography.

The student will be doing various activities from 9 – 3.30pm on June 6.

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