Dear Epping Views Primary School Council and Community,

I'd like to introduce you to The Austin School. We are a government school located within the grounds of the Austin Hospital in Heidelberg. From Term 4, 2026, we will be able to offer an extension of our programs from the Dunolly Street entrance of your school and provide a much-needed service for families in the northern suburbs.

The Austin School provides educational programs for young people who are clients of Austin Health and Austin Infant Child and Youth Mental Health Services (ICYMHS). These educational programs include small group interventions and individual work with students. Our work with students is often short term and can be alongside their attendance at a local primary school. You may notice that we have a higher ratio of teachers to students than most schools and our students may arrive and leave at different times to Epping Views.

At The Austin School, we are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for all students, staff and members of our school community. We recognise the vital partnership between our school and the community.

Our vision is to empower students within a nurturing environment that promotes safety, connection, and personal growth. We aim to enhance students' social and emotional development, foster strong relationships, and work in collaboration with all stakeholders towards their continued education.

Thank you to Principal Rachel Griffiths and Rhys Trevithick for their support and for making us feel so welcome.

We look forward to working from Epping Views into the future and continuing to provide our service and education to young people and schools.

Yours Sincerely,

Lucia Garzarella

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