

2021 Classes, Teachers and Locations

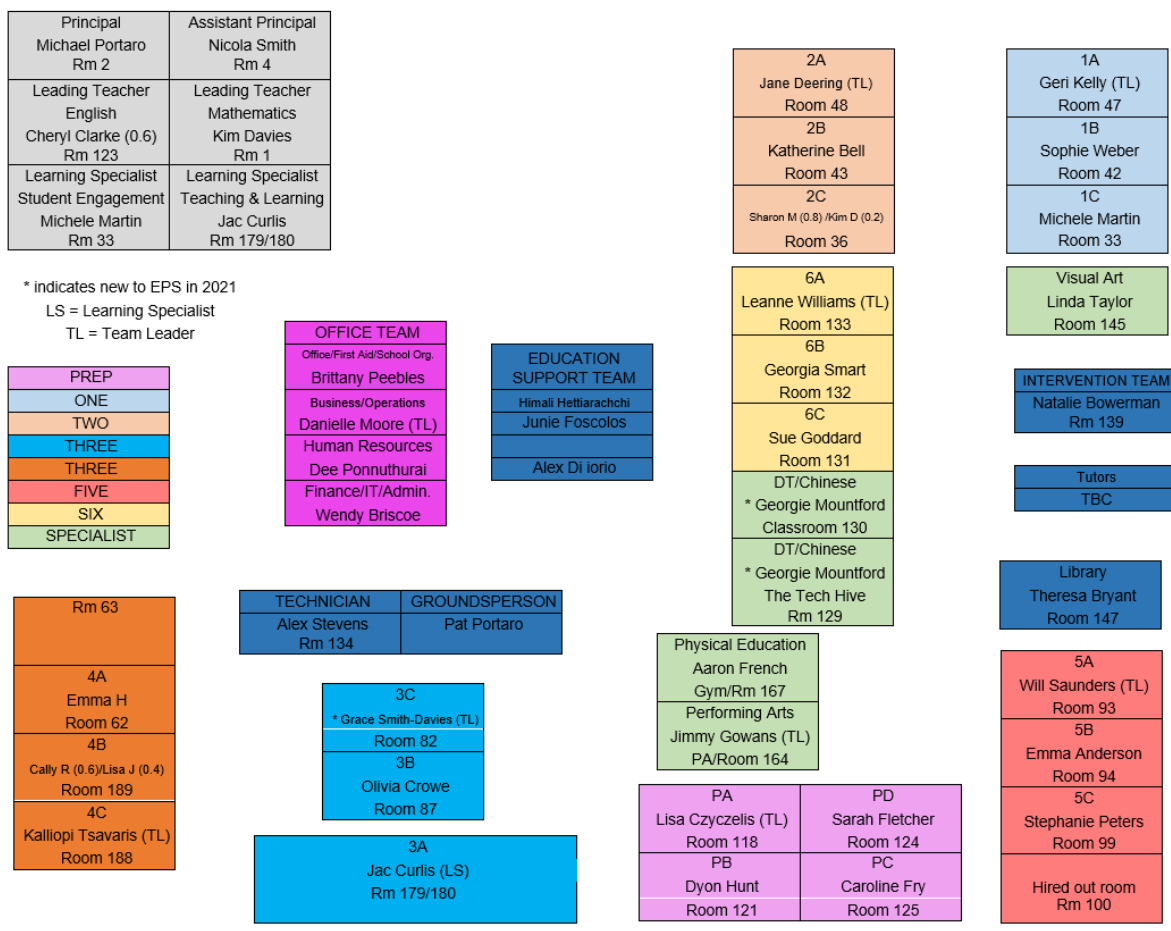
Leadership Team		
Name	Role	Additional Details
Michael Portaro	Principal	
Nicola Smith	Assistant Principal - Wellbeing	
Cheryl Clarke	Leading Teacher - English	3 days
Kim Davies	Leading Teacher - Mathematics	4 days

Classroom Teachers		
Name	Class	Additional Details
Lisa Czyczelis	Prep A	Prep Team Leader
Dyon Hunt	Prep B	High Abilities Practice Leader
Caroline Fry	Prep C	
Sarah Fletcher	Prep D	
Geraldine Kelly	1A	Year One Team Leader
Sophie Weber	1B	
Michele Martin	1C	Learning Specialist
Jane Deering	2A	Year Two Team Leader
Katherine Bell	2B	
Sharon Meeking Kim Davies (1 day)	2C	
Jacqueline Curlis	3A	Learning Specialist
Olivia Crowe	3B	
Grace Smith-Davies	3C	Year Three Team Leader New to EPS in 2021
Emma Hall	4A	
Cally Richardson (3 days) Lisa James (2 days)	4B	
Kalliopi Tsavaris	4C	Year Four Team Leader
Will Saunders	5A	Year Five Team Leader
Emma Anderson	5B	
Stephanie Peters	5C	
Leanne Williams	6A	Year Six Team Leader
Georgia Smart	6B	
Sue Goddard	6C	

Specialist Teachers		
Name	Subject	Additional Details
Aaron French	Physical Education	
James Gowans	Performing Arts	Specialist Team Leader
Georgie Mountford	Mandarin/Digital Technology	New to EPS in 2021
Linda Taylor	Visual Arts	

Administration	
Name	Role
Wendy Briscoe	Administration/Finance/IT
Danielle Moore	Business/Operations Manager
Brittany Peebles	Administration/First Aid/School Org.
Dee Ponnuthurai	Human Resources Manager/Daily Org.

Education Support	
Name	Role
Theresa Bryant	Library Technician
Natalie Bowerman	Literacy Intervention
Junie Foscolos	Integration Aide
Himali Hettiarachchi	Integration Aide
Pat Portaro	Groundsperson
Alex Stevens	IT Technician
TBD	Integration Aide
Tutors	
Name	Role
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Welcome and Welcome Back

Congratulations to Grace Smith-Davies who joins our Year 3 team and takes up the role of team leader at our school after spending the last two years at Kensington PS in year 5 and 6.

We also welcome Georgie Mountford to the specialist team in 2021 as the founding teacher of our Chinese Digi Tech program. Georgie was Ms Curlis and Ms Kelly's teacher companion this term and looks forward to the challenge of teaching a combined curriculum program in the Tech Hive each week.

We are in the process of hiring a number of literacy and numeracy tutors for next year after the Victorian Government announced funding of \$93,618 for our school. Tutors will be hired for three days each week and work with small groups of students across each of these days.

Departing and continued Leave

Elinor Knappert is leaving after 18 years at EPS! Our community is certainly going to miss her warm presence in our school library. Elinor has been a dedicated, caring member of our team with exceptionally high levels of professionalism. Elinor has promised to visit us and look after the Djeembana Bush Garden in between the many trips she has planned with her partner Malcolm.

We are very thankful that Theresa Bryant will be stepping up and into the role of Librarian with Elinor checking in and providing support.

Ferry Ferry is departing EPS after six years as our Mandarin teacher and has been dedicated to supporting all students across our school in his specialist role. He has maintained our sister school partnership in China and organised numerous whole school events, including a celebration of Chinese New Year whilst at EPS.

Congratulations to Kris Portier who was the successful applicant to a Learning Specialist position at Parktone Primary School where she will lead the staff in their Literacy journey next year and beyond.

Sarah Coughlin leaves EPS to take up a role at Ripponlea Primary School in 2021 after teaching a year six class in 2019 and a year five class this year. We wish Sarah the very best at her new school who will certainly utilise her tech skills as much as we did during the remote learning period.

Brian Norris will spend the earlier months of 2021 travelling around Australia before heading home to Ireland. I'm sure there will be some CRT days at EPS before he departs.

Jodie Wong will head home to Singapore next year and we'll be sad to see her leave Australia. Jodie has accepted a role at an International School after a number of schools expressed a keen interest in acquiring her skills and expertise.

James McCartney may or may not be around next year (again ☺), we'll leave that for him to decide. Whilst he is not locked in for any permanent roles for next year, we thank James for all of his support across many years and are hopeful we'll see him back at EPS regularly.

The following staff will be continuing their leave in 2021:

- Mary-Grace Belda
- Gerardine Butler
- Aylie Davidson
- Demos Diplaris
- Hayley Quinlan
- Angela Rennie

The following staff departed EPS in 2020:

- Alex Dilorio
- Penny Jayne
- Danielle Looney
- Tennille Smith