



St John Fisher School Celebrates Edtech Success

Trans-Tasman Schools Battled it Out in Promethean Grant Competition

St John Fisher School in Tumby Umbi has beat off competition from Trans-Tasman schools to become one of the 17 successful winners of the Promethean Grant 2018. With entries from both Australia and New Zealand, St John Fisher School impressed the panel of judges and won a state-of-the-art education technology package worth \$5,000AUD.

To participate in the Promethean Grant, schools were encouraged to submit a video entry to explain why they would benefit from winning an ActivPanel. Judged on three criteria, pupils had to display creativity, explain their need for the technology and the impact that it would have on their school if they were successful. A total of 17 winners have been chosen out of over 60 entries.

Global education technology provider launched the Promethean Grant in Australia and New Zealand in 2017. Following the success of the 2017 Grant, Promethean recognised an opportunity to offer schools a chance to once again get their hands on the technology, despite facing increasing budgetary pressures.

In their video entry, the St John Fisher School children rapped about how useful a brand new interactive Panel would be in music lessons. Lynda Burke, Music Teacher at St John Fisher School said: "It's unusual to have a dedicated music classroom in

a primary school and although music has been very well supported here at St John Fisher, having access to the latest interactive technology was beyond our budget priorities.



"Having an ActivPanel in the room will enhance engagement and enable much more interactivity within our music lessons. I cannot wait to play with our new toy!"

Alistair Hayward, Head of UKI and ANZ Markets at Promethean, commented: "Schools are facing

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increasing financial pressures and at the same time are expected to create and maintain successful learning environments. We are incredibly passionate about education and believe that all schools should be able to access the latest technology to enhance learning and teaching experiences. We saw an opportunity to help schools receive these Edtech packages whilst encouraging them to embrace their creativity.”

St John Fisher School’s ActivPanel was installed in November. The ActivPanel acts as an immersive and collaborative learning centre, which will help teachers and pupils alike with their lessons. With the ability to connect with other learning devices, such as laptops and tablets, pupils will be able to share their work with the class and peer-assess, alongside being able to utilise the multi-touch functionality for small groups. Promethean is looking forward to developing a partnership with the winning school to help them get the most out of the technology.



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