



Students' lunch date with politician

VICTORIA Park MLA Ben Wyatt likes to stay connected with young people and what better way than to chat about world affairs over lunch.

The politician invites schools to nominate student leaders to dine with him at Parliament House each year, as part of his school leaders' lunch program, and this year he said he was "nothing short of impressed".

To date, he has lunched with students from East Victoria Park, Kensington, and Millen Primary schools, as well as Santa Clara School in Bentley.

A number of other schools are due to have lunch with him over the next few months.

"I have been inspired by the insightful questions and the sophisticated views shared with me by all the students I have had the pleasure of dining with over the past few



Deputy Principal Julie Brewer with teacher Judy Smith, MLA Ben Wyatt and East Victoria Park Primary students.

months," he said.

"These young people have given me faith that our future is indeed in very safe hands.

"Although politics may not be the most fashionable of professions in Australia at the moment, I do believe it is im-

portant that, as a Member of Parliament, I engage with our local youth and encourage them to take an interest and participate in our democracy."

For information about the school leaders' lunch program, contact 9361 1777.