



BLACKBURN

The House of Curiosity and Love of Learning

Named in honour of: Dr Elizabeth Blackburn

Significant achievements/contribution

to society: Dr Elizabeth Blackburn is an Australian Nobel Prize winner who changed history for her discoveries in the sciences. Specialising in the field of genetics and molecular biology, Blackburn won her shared 2009 Nobel Prize in Physiology for the co-research and discovery in the genetics of DNA, specifically the discovery of telomerase, the enzyme that replenishes the telomere in chromosomes.

Dr Blackburn has been honoured with prestigious awards including the Albert Lasker Award on Basic Medical Research, as well as her Nobel Prize.

Dr Blackburn's later research further involved genetic composition and cellular functions of telomeres and telomerase, and their role in cancer and aging. She has recently been involved in a study that investigates the effect of stress on telomerase and telomeres with particular emphasis on mindfulness meditation.

Character strengths: Curiosity and Love of Learning

Colour of BLACKBURN: Dark Blue

Animal totem: Tasmanian Devil

Strengths of animal totem: Enthusiasm and resilience.

What does BLACKBURN stand for: "Brave enough to start, strong enough to finish".

WAR CRY

All the other houses, they can see us there
Sprinting to the finish line, while they sit and stare
All the other houses, frowns on their faces,
Come down to the oval, to see the Blackburn aces

Forever and ever, we'll follow our team
The Blackburn Devils, we are supreme
The best of the houses, the cream of the crop
We will dominate and rise to the top
Gooooo Devils

