Game for TV fame
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It may not be Hollywood, but Merrylands High School students are preparing for 15 minutes of fame on the ABC's children's channel, ABC3.

On June 30, ABC3's gaming show, Good Game: Spawn Point (SP) will feature Merrylands High School students and their science teacher, Alice Leung.

Good Game: SP is a show for younger gamers and features a family friendly mix of reviews, stories about gaming culture and plenty of audience interaction.

When the show's producers heard about the games Ms Leung and her students were playing while learning, they were keen to film and sent out 'Goose', their reporter and a camera crew.

The episode will showcase how video games are integrated into classroom activities to increase student engagement, providing them with opportunities that wouldn't otherwise be possible.

Two activities were filmed:

- Using the Xbox, iPods and iPads to play Sonic and Sega All Stars Racing to design and perform a scientifically controlled experiment to test how mobile phones affected driving skills
- Using the Xbox to play Kinect Adventures to learn about the characteristics of leadership and teamwork.

Year 7 student Arian Jahiri said by using a driving simulator they tested both driving with and without a mobile phone, and concluded talking on a mobile phone definitely affected driving skills.

His classmate Sara Zenelaj said the morning spent being filmed by ABC3 was fun, but tiring.

"ABC3 interviewed some students while the rest of us kept on working," Sara said.

"Then the teacher chose two people to play Xbox Kinect, which was really fun."

Ms Leung, who is Microsoft Partners in Learning Teacher of the Year 2012, has represented the DEC in March and April 2012 in New Zealand and Singapore.

Good Game: SP is on ABC3 on Saturday at 9.05am and 7.30pm, and on Sunday at 11.30am.