

DR ELIZABETH CONSTABLE'S VISIT

Dr Elizabeth Constable, registered psychologist, educationist and Member of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia (Floreat), visited NIE on 17 and 20 January 1992. During her visit, Dr Constable gave a seminar and two talks to NIE staff and staff from the Ministry of Education.

In the seminar entitled "Training School Psychologists", Dr Constable described the programme for training school psychologists in Western Australia and some of the difficulties encountered by school psychologists there. She explained that the school psychologist in Western Australia is very often the first person that a student with learning difficulties or personal problems approach for help. The school psychologists who were posted to rural areas had to rely frequently on the social support systems around their schools and on neighbouring school psychologists when dealing with the more difficult cases. Her visit came at a very opportune

time as the Ministry of Education is starting a school psychological services in the primary schools.

Her second talk on "Development of the Physical and Social Understanding in Intellectually Able Students" described some of her findings that intellectually able students were able to match and, in certain areas, surpass the thinking abilities of students who were two to four

years older.

She spoke on "Recent Developments in Education in Western Australia" for her final talk at NIE.

Dr Constable also visited the Ministry of Education's School Psychological Unit and Raffles Institution while in Singapore.



Dr. Elizabeth Constable's meeting with NIE Senior Officials.