

EXCEL News: Interschool Debating - Round 5

Debating is a valuable activity for developing students' research, speechwriting, public speaking, critical and creative thinking, and ethical understanding skills, so students in our Year 9-11 Academic Extension classes learn to debate.

After missing the Round 4 lockdown debate, on August 25th, our two Year 9/10 teams competed in the Year 10 Interschool Debating Competition run by Debating SA at Glenunga International High School. This was their first Short Preparation Debate and their topic – *That Australia Should Have a New Flag* – was only released 90 minutes before the debate.



Back Row (L to R): Liam S, Liam J., Sage; Front Row (L to R): Rob, Jayden, Emily

We thought that the Affirmative Team had the stronger argument in this debate, and that proved to be the case. We congratulate our Year 9 Team – **Liam J., Rob** and **Jemima** – on convincing their adjudicator ***That Australia Should Have a New Flag***, winning their debate against Aberfoyle Park High School. We thank their Coach, Mr Jackson, and their Chairperson, **Jayden**. We congratulate Jayden on receiving his prize for the 'Crazy Hair Night' Runners-Up Award (from Round 3).



We commend our Year 10 Team – **Sage, Liam S., Emily** – on putting up a very good fight, arguing ***That Australia Should NOT Have a New Flag***, and losing by just 1 point. We congratulate Emily on winning their Adjudicator's **Top Speaker Award**.

As always, we thank all our debaters' parents for supporting their children's participation in this valuable academic extension activity.

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