



## JAPANESE STUDENTS TALK THEIR WAY THROUGH HSC EXAM

Year 12 Japanese students complete speaking component of HSC.

Students have been working hard all year to prepare for the examination, composing and practising answering sample questions.

The students involved were **Nikolas Djakovic, Cameron Eggins, Brittany Hantzis, Thomas Joudo, Syon Rosh** and **Gigi Zhong**. The HSC examinations will mark five years of studying the language, having begun their study of Japanese in 2013 as Year 8 students. Accompanying the

students were their ever-supportive parents, as well as Thomas Hassall Anglican College's two Japanese teachers, Miss Raft and Mrs Byrne.

The examination consisted of a 'conversation' in Japanese with an examiner, lasting no more than 10 minutes. Students were asked about their personal world in a conversational manner of question and answer. While 10 minutes may seem like a small amount of time, it can seem much longer to students as they try to include all necessary vocabulary and grammar to impress the markers.

All students came out of the examination relieved, but also quietly confident in their performance. They commented that the questions being asked of them were understood and comprehensive answers in the target language were formulated relatively easily.

Miss Raft and Mrs Byrne felt immense pride in the achievements of this hard working group of students and wish them every success for the written paper which students will sit during the official HSC examination period in October.

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