



## GATEWAY 8

**Gateway 8 is an interschool competition for students who show talents in a variety of areas including Maths, English, Humanities, Science, Art and Music.**

It requires students to; think quickly under pressure, determine whose skills are best suited to different tasks, read and respond to criterion and to justify their thinking. Most of all, it requires great communication and the ability to work as a team. This year we sent 8 students from Years 5 and 6 to participate; Anvesh S, Owen E, Hannah G, Leyla M, Luke L, Lizzie S, Isaac L, Christina C with Vansh M and Milana M available as substitutes if required.

I was impressed with our Stage 3 team from their very first training session as they listened attentively to each other and recognised each other's skills and talents in different domains. They represented THAC beautifully on the day as they supported and encouraged each other throughout the competition, recognising each other's contributions and praising each other for their efforts. They were rewarded with a 3rd overall place against very tough competition. Congratulations!

Here is what Hannah G in 6b had to say:

"Gateway 8 is a day of out of the box thinking for students. On August 11th, 8 students from Year 6 and Year 5 formed our THAC team. We headed to Macarthur Anglican School while Mrs Saville took charge of our team. There were 20 teams from a variety of schools competing on the day. The competition was based around the theme INSECTS and we were required to solve problems based on this theme.

Our THAC team came 1st in both Creative Arts and Maths. Overall Thomas Hassall Anglican College came in 3rd place, which we could not believe. All 8 of us can say that we gave the day our very best. We would like to thank Mrs Saville as she trained us to think about different challenges, helping us to the place we achieved. We would like to thank Macarthur Anglican for creating the challenge, providing our lunch and the facilities. We are so proud of our team and how we worked together to achieve what we did.

If I had the chance I would do it all again".

**Mrs Alex Saville**

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