



## DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

### MISA Debating

The MISA Year 7 and 8 debaters have been preparing for Quarter Finals last week. Our Year 8 team placed 2nd in our zone, and our Year 7 team placed 4th in our zone. Both teams will now compete against the other two zones in the MISA schools region. I am very pleased with the skill development both teams have shown this semester.

### Public Speaking - HICES SpeechCRAFT Conference

A number of our emerging leaders attended the HICES SpeechCRAFT Conference on the 18 October, alongside young leaders from around the state. They participated in a range of public speaking workshops aimed at developing their capacity in effective spoken communication. Two of our 2024 Year 12 students, Mia T and Jessica M, were part of the winning group presentation, receiving the inaugural C3hange Award.

SpeechCRAFT 2023 was a great day to continue developing my leadership skills and learning strategies for future public speaking opportunities. - Joel T, Year 12

I found the experience at SpeechCRAFT incredibly valuable in my journey of developing my public speaking and collaborative skills. The presentation aspect of the conference was particularly valuable in this, as we had to apply the information we had learnt in a seminar and adapt it to a given prompt within a constrained amount of time. This allowed me to exercise my critical thinking abilities and harness my capabilities as a director, performer and speaker of our

presentation. - Jasmine L, Year 10

### **Call out for adjudicators!**

We would welcome adjudicators from our alumni or parent community to be involved in our growing debating program at Thomas Hassall Anglican College. Please email Mrs Rodriguez [rrodriguez@thac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rrodriguez@thac.nsw.edu.au) if you are interested in adjudicating or coaching.

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