



## DEBATING UPDATE

**It has been a busy start to the term for debating and public speaking at Thomas Hassall!**

Both Year 9 and 10 have already had their first debates for the term, culminating in a win for Year 10. This completes the fifth round of debating overall. Congratulations to our Year 10 MISA Debating Team for making it to the Quarter Finals of the competition!

On Tuesday 15 May, our Year 7's prepared for their own upcoming stint in the MISA competition by attending a workshop at St Francis Catholic College for the day. They covered the basics of debating, were able to practise against teams from other schools, and watched a riveting debate by the St Francis Year 8 teams. The Year 7 and 8 MISA competition begins in Term 3, so please do email me if you are interested in joining the team!

Our Year 11 team has also participated in two rounds of the HISCES competition thus far. While we have not had any wins so far, I have been greatly encouraged by the team and their enthusiasm. Our first debate, against All Saints Grammar in Belmore, was the first time our Year 11 team has debated in person since they were in Year 7 - although nerve-wracking, it was a great experience all round.

In an update from last term, our school now has a new representative for the MISA Year 8 Speaking Competition. Joining India W, I would like to congratulate Jacob K for taking on the role and wish him all the best as we prepare for the competition at the end of the month.



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