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## THIRD PLACE IN GATEWAY 8

On the 22nd of August, a group of students from Years 5 and 6 traveled to Macarthur Anglican to take part in the annual GATEway 8 competition. GATEway 8 is an academic competition for schools all over Sydney to showcase their talents in 6 main subjects: Mathematics, English, Humanities, Science, Art and Music. This year's theme was Connectivity and Unplug, meaning no electronic devices were used for any of the tasks.

The competition requires teamwork, complex thinking and communication. Teams need to present their product within a time frame, and then their products are scored by staff at the school.

This year, there were 23 teams competing in the competition.

All members of the Thomas Hassall team worked amazingly well together throughout the day. The product of all their tireless work was shown when the team was rewarded with 1st place for Music and 2nd place for Creative Arts. At the end of the day, the Thomas Hassall Anglican College team was rewarded with overall third place. They were ecstatic with their results.

"I was thrilled with the teamwork and communication of the GATEway 8 team and I know this contributed to their success," said Mrs Saville, the team's mentor teacher.

"I was surprised how well our team worked together in a group even when times were difficult," said Dimity C, from Year 6.

We are proud of the hard work and dedication shown by the THAC team, and congratulate them on their efforts.

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