

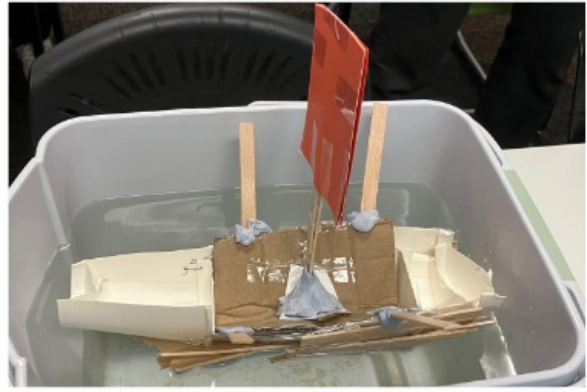
## YEAR 9 VIKING LONGSHIP BUILDING COMPETITION

**Students from both of Mr. Mills' Year 9 Extreme History classes recently took part in a unique challenge:** to design and build their own Viking longships using everyday materials like paper plates, cups, paddle pop sticks, cardboard, and paper. This hands-on activity followed their classroom study of Viking longships, exploring why these vessels were vital to Viking warrior society, how they earned the nickname "dragon boats," and the role they played in Viking raids and exploration.

Working in small groups, students had to craft the most seaworthy vessel, as well as design the longship that best resembled the iconic Viking boats. The final creations were tested in water, with mixed results—some floated impressively, while others, unfortunately, met a watery end!

In 9EXH2, the winning team included Claudia, Liz, Ryleigh, and Mia. Over in 9EXH1, Mikalya, Stella, Reyhana, Sophia, and Beren took top honours. Congratulations to all participants for their creativity and teamwork!

Below are some photos showcasing the hard work and ingenuity behind their Viking longships in progress.



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