



## SENIOR SCHOOL DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

### **It has been a big term for debating and public speaking!**

The Year 7 and 8 MISA mixed debating team got off to a great start with a win early on in the term and have one match left before we finish Term 3, with another next term before the quarter-finals. A big thank you to Mrs Viviana Matiello, who will be taking over the team as Mrs Patricia Guthrie finishes her time at Thomas Hassall.

We also had students participate in two speaking competitions - Dante M and Della K represented us in the Year 10 MISA Public Speaking Competition and Ruby C and Aleksej D represented us at the MISA Year 9 Youth of the Year Competition. Although we didn't place, we are really proud of the students for putting themselves forward and the amount of time and energy that went into preparation. That's all for speaking competitions for the year.

We wish our debating team a strong finish, and encourage students to start thinking about how they might get involved in public speaking next year.

**Note from the English faculty:** A special 'thank you' goes out to Mrs Guthrie for all of her work on a range of public speaking and debating competitions for Thomas Hassall in 2024. She has done a great job behind the scenes, insuring that a wide range of students have had an opportunity to shine in a very different area of achievement, fostering confidence and distinctive skills that can be so beneficial for their future.