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YEAR 6 DEBATING

Congratulations to our Year 6 debating team on winning the first round of the finals against Shellharbour Anglican College!

The topic for the debate was: “That social media sites should be completely blocked on company devices and networks.” Our team argued as the negative side, challenging the idea that a complete ban is not the best solution for workplaces.

The students highlighted that while social media can sometimes be a distraction, the issue is not social media itself, but how it is used. They explained that companies can set clear rules, time limits and expectations rather than blocking social media completely. The team also highlighted that a total ban could show a lack of trust between employers and employees, especially when adults are capable of making responsible choices at work.

They went on to explain that social media has many professional uses. It can help businesses promote products, build brand recognition, advertise job opportunities and connect with customers. Students also explained that many workers, including teachers, designers, office workers and small business owners, may use social media to keep up with current trends, learn new skills and support their professional development.

The team responded well to the Affirmative arguments about productivity, security risks, wasted time, reputation and cost. They argued that companies already have ways to manage cyber safety and monitor technology use, and that short breaks can help improve morale and productivity. They also pointed out that a complete ban may not solve the problem, as employees

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could simply find ways around it.

Well done to the team on an outstanding result and a fantastic start to the finals!

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