

Overnewton students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of learning experiences. From performing in musical theatre productions, to participating in science or sporting competitions; learning any of the three languages on offer or developing public speaking skills, Overnewton's diverse offering caters to a large range of interests and abilities.

This diversity was illustrated at the 2014 Presentation Night as a number of students spoke of the unique learning experiences that they have benefitted from at Overnewton.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL INSTITUTE TITRATION STAKES COMPETITONS

For a number of years, the Royal Australian Chemical Institute has hosted a titration stakes competition for Victorian senior secondary school students. In a titration, a measured amount of a solution of unknown concentration is added to a known volume of a second solution until the reaction between them is just complete. The concentration of the unknown solution (the titre) can then be calculated. This is especially difficult when the process must be completed for two separate reactions, with the results of the first reaction being used to calculate the concentration of the unknown solution (the titre) in the second reaction.

This year, Overnewton entered its first team of four Year 11 students into the competition. The results exceeded the expectations of everyone involved. Teams are ranked on how close they get to the actual concentration and our calculations were only off by 0.0027%. This meant that out of over 200 Victorian secondary school teams from Years 10-12, the Overnewton team placed 19th, and out of all of the Year 11 teams involved, we placed second overall.

Thank you to Kathryn Tan, Stephen Tran and Patrick Wu for being a part of this team and to Mrs Mazzone and Mrs Clark for preparing us for the competition within only a couple of weeks.

PRESENTED BY
JONAH KRZYNARIC - YEAR 11



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Overnewton students are provided many opportunities to practise their public speaking skills, through internal House events, as well as being chosen to represent the College at external competitions such as the VCAA Plain English Speaking Competition or the ACS Public Speaking Competition. I was lucky enough to be selected to attend the ACS Public Speaking Competition, where I achieved first place for my speech entitled 'The Faults in Societal Concepts of Idolisation':

I stand before you to speak of the faults in society's manner of choosing those who we idolise. We idolise entertainers and sportspeople; those who seek self betterment, and in the words of Pope John Paul II, "The great danger... in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish." Yet this is a realisation that we have lost and it must regain. The aim of recognising heroes is to inspire others to deeds of greatness. As such think of what it will do if society continues to use those who aren't worthy. It will inspire a generation to the belief that success comes before honour and that righteous deeds come second to materialism and fame. Think of the world that will be birthed through this, the world of Jersey Shore and the Kardashians and I ask you, is this the world in which you could, in any good conscience, live. No, I believe not.

PRESENTED BY
LACHLAN STEVENSON - YEAR 10



GERMAN POETRY COMPETITION

Each year, Overnewton students who are studying German participate in the annual Association of German Teachers Victoria (AGTV) Poetry Competition. The competition is open to students from Years 4 to 9. Students are required to learn and recite a poem from a small selection provided by the AGTV. The winners of intra-school competitions progress through to a regional competition, and the very best go on to the state final.

Amelia Velardo from Year 6 recited the poem 'Erlebnis' by renowned German poet, Josef Guggenmos.

