

DEBATING

At Overnewton, students have access to a range of opportunities to enhance their public speaking skills. The College is an active participant in the Debating Association of Victoria's Schools Competition, which brings together students from over 250 Victorian secondary schools to compete for a place in the finals. This co-curricular activity highlights the student's talent to prepare, discuss and present coherent arguments on topics that impact both the individual and the wider community.

Debating competitions are also organised through Senior School and Middle School House activities, to develop public speaking skills and assist in building students' confidence for everyday life. House public speaking and debating competitions allow students to articulate concepts and ideas in their own local environment amongst their peers and teachers.



DEBATE:

Chairperson, adjudicator, fellow debaters, ladies and gentlemen, the topic for today's debate is that all students should partake in debating.

Debating as an activity has numerous benefits for any student at any age. Participating in debating is worthwhile as it allows students to challenge their ability to think critically in everyday situations whilst assisting in the development of problem solving skills. As a result of debating, academic skill is improved overall as it allows students to become adaptable to new concepts and retain information.

Debating encourages students to engage in public speaking opportunities and assists in building confidence. Debating can lead to success in both academic and occupational occasions such as job interviews, school oral assessments, public speeches and business marketing. The skill of debating significantly improves job opportunities and assists in effective communication which is essential for life in the workforce.

Overall, it is clearly evident that debating enhances many aspects of a student's schooling life and can be carried with them into working life. It is undeniable that all students should partake in debating. These students are the generation of the future and fundamental debating skills practiced now will positively impact the future.

PRESENTED BY
TAYLA LOKMAN - YEAR 11

INDONESIAN

The Sayembara Lisan is an annual Indonesian Oral competition for students in Prep to Year 11. Held at the University of Melbourne, the prestigious event is hosted by the Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers Association (VILTA) and the Asia Institute, University of Melbourne. It is open to Indonesian language students from metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria and, on average, can involve over 800 students.

The competition not only assesses the student's ability to write and read a speech in Indonesian, but their understanding of the Indonesian language and culture.

Hai!

Saya sudah berkunjung ke Indonesia empat kali, dan saya mengunjungi Indonesia tahun ini pada bulan Juni. Saya cinta Indonesia; di sana saya suka pantai Kuta, makanan yang enak, tetapi apa yang paling saya suka ada kesempatan untuk tinggal di negara sangat indah.

Di Indonesia, saya tinggal di resort bernama Melasti di Pulau Bali.

Keluarga saya dan saya pergi ke pantai setiap hari. Di sini, kami berenang, minum minuman ringan, dan saya senang sekali! Kami juga pergi ke pasar yang mana saya membeli pakaian dan kadang-kadang makanan baru.

Pada jam setengah tujuh malam, keluarga saya, teman saya dan saya makan makanan malam. Saya suka makan sate ayam dan nasi goreng. Ini enak sekali!

Di Indonesia, saya juga ada teman. Nama teman saya Linda, dan dia bekerja di toko makan. Keluarga saya dan saya makan di sini. Saya berbicara di dalam Bahasa Indonesia kepada dia.

Negara Indonesia bagus sekali, tidak ada negara seperti ini! Di sini ada adat dan kesenian tradisional seperti batik, gamelan dan sesajen. Ada pakaian tradisional juga; peci, batik kain, kebaya dan selendang!

Saya cinta sekali negara Indonesia!

Terima kasih.

This translates to:

Hi!

I have already visited Indonesia four times, and I am visiting Indonesia again this year in the month of June. I love Indonesia; there I like Kuta Beach, food which is delicious, but what I like most of all is the opportunity to stay in a very beautiful country.

In Indonesia, I stay at a resort called Melasti, on the Island of Bali.

My family and I went to the beach every day. Here, we swim, drink soft drinks, and I was very happy! We also went to the market where I bought clothes and sometimes new food.

At half past six in the evening, my family, my friends and I eat dinner. I love to eat chicken sate and fried rice. This is very delicious!

In Indonesia, I also have a friend. The name of my friend is Linda, and she works at a restaurant. My family and I eat here. I speak Indonesian to her.

Indonesia is a very nice country, there is no country like it! Here there are traditions and arts, such as batik, gamelan and offerings. There is also traditional clothing, batik fabrics, kebaya and shawls!

I really love Indonesia!

PRESENTED BY
BRONTE SMITH - YEAR 8

