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GOOD SHEPHERD STUDENTS AWARDED HONOURS AT TOM AUSTRALASIAN-PACIFIC FINALS

Good Shepherd Lutheran College is celebrating the outstanding success of their Language Literature Team (Team 5) at the Tournament of the Minds (TOM) Australasian-Pacific Finals held on 21 October in Perth.

The all-girl team took home honours in Perth following an outstanding win at the Queensland state finals earlier in October.

Good Shepherd's TOM Mentor and Mathematics teacher, Miss Jo Anna Morrison, said it was amazing effort for the girls as they were competing against eight other teams from around Australia,



Back Row L-R: Rachel Tedesco, Jodie Freeman, Skye Beech-Taylor, Carly Bryan. Front Row L-R: Kesten Hill, Lizzie Schluter, Jannikka Balko-Seemann

“The task that the girls had to solve was to investigate the use of hyperboles and how these exaggerated statements can have consequences that escalate far beyond what the original statement intended.”

“The girls solved the problem in a very interesting, abstract fashion and their performance was very funny; showing how hyperboles can lead to humorous outcomes.” said Miss Morrison.

TOM is a non-profit organisation that has been running challenges for students with a passion for learning and problem solving for over 25 years.

The aim of the TOM competition is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.

Every year thousands of students from across Australia compete in the Tournament on a regional, state, and Australasian Pacific level, allowing students to demonstrate their talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

The philosophy behind TOM is to enhance creative and critical thinking and to develop positive team building skills, both of which are significant components of the new National Curriculum.

Good Shepherd Lutheran College has an incredible winning record in the TOM Challenge.

For the past four years, the GSLC Maths-Engineering team has won and competed at nationals.

According to Mr Martin Polkinghorne, TOM Co-ordinator for Good Shepherd Lutheran College for the past 17 years, this may be due to the fact that no state has ever won the national titles for two consecutive years; let alone the same school.



“The enthusiasm, hard work and creativity shown by the students, especially when complemented with collaborative teamwork, is fantastic to witness and no doubt provides the keys for success,” said Mr Martin Polkinghorne.

“Also, congratulations must go to one of our staff, Mr Stock, who has accepted the responsibilities of Regional TOM Director.”

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