

## Tournament honours for Good Shepherd students



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*Good Shepherd Tournament of Minds Teams representing Queensland at the Asia Pacific finals in Canberra.*

GOOD Shepherd Lutheran College welcomed home three teams of students who represented Queensland at the Asia Pacific Finals of the Tournament of Minds (TOM) at the Australian National University in Canberra on the weekend.

Two of the three Good Shepherd teams – Primary Social Science and Secondary Language Literature – came home with Tournament Honours; with this accolade being awarded to the top three teams in each category.

The TOM competition has eight categories altogether and Good Shepherd teams made up three of the eight teams representing Queensland.

Good Shepherd Principal, Mr Anthony Dyer, said the College community could not be more proud.

“All three teams went up against some tough competition. Overall there were 1800 teams entered in the 2013 competition from across Australia and New Zealand with 62 teams making it to the Asia Pacific Finals,” Mr Dyer said.

“The whole College is extremely proud of the efforts of all the students and teachers involved. Also without the support of the parents this trip would not have been possible.”

According to Mr Martin Polkinghorne, TOM Co-ordinator for Good Shepherd for the past 18 years, the competition was only part of the whole experience for students.

“Although the students went to Canberra to compete, the four days they spent there also involved a lot of team building in preparation for the final competition rounds,” said Mr Polkinghorne.

“With the opening ceremony in the Great Hall of Parliament House and the closing ceremony in the Australian Institute of Sport Arena, they also had the opportunity to learn more about our nation’s Capital as they explored the Parliamentary Triangle, Questacon and the War Memorial,” he said.

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## TOM National Finals

Good Shepherd Primary Team TOM Co-ordinator, Mrs Jenny Reeve, said that aside from the educational aspect of the competition there were also some valuable life experiences for the students.

“For some of the students this was the first time they had travelled interstate without their families so it was also a milestone in their independence,” she said.

“We are very proud of the maturity the students displayed and they were excellent ambassadors for both their College and Queensland as a whole.”

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.

“We are just so pleased the College has once again performed so well in an international competition featuring such a high calibre of competitors,” said Mr Anthony Dyer, Principal Good Shepherd Lutheran College.

“As a College we are just so proud of everyone involved!”

## Left & Above: The Noosa Independent Right: Noosa Today—7 November 2013

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