



Media Alert

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Disagreements Among Students Reaches New High

Disagreements among students at Bayside College Junior School have reached a new high over the past month..... although it's all in the name of education.

25 year eight and nine students were chosen to take part in an extensive debating workshop hosted by not for profit organisation Free Debate.

Western Chances paired up Bayside College and Free Debate after hearing about Free Debate's ability to provide training and resources free of charge to help students develop confidence in public speaking and communications – a crucial life skill.

Sessions were held over four weeks and focused on the structure of debating, research and preparation as well as speaking skills and the art of rebuttal.

Terry Bracks, Chair of Western Chances said this program offered students the chance to gain skills in communication and persuasion and develop confidence.

"Free Debate has provided the students with an excellent tool to develop intellectual skills, teamwork and self-esteem.

"The program has helped students to formulate and clearly articulate their opinions as well as learning structure and discipline in communication," Mrs Bracks said.

The students will be presented with their certificates of achievement by Mrs Bracks at Bayside College Junior School, Williamstown Campus, in front of their peers in assembly on Friday 15th September.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the wider community to see the wonderful potential these students have and their ability to take on a challenge like this," Mrs Bracks added.

When: Friday 15th September, 2006

Where: Bayside College, Williamstown Campus, Kororoit Creek Rd

Time: 12.20pm

Attending: Students and staff of Bayside College

Mrs Terry Bracks

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