

Truganina College – School Council Report – May 2024

Item 1: Speaker and Assistant Minister visit

On May 1st, our local MP, Assistant Minister Tim Watts, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Milton Dick MP, visited Truganina College and gave a presentation to the College Captains and our two Year 9 Model UN classes.

The Assistant Minister and Speaker spoke about their paths into politics and their shared desire to help in their communities. Students asked lots of thoughtful questions and both Mr Watts and Mr Dick left Truganina College giving high praise for the students and their work together.

The Speaker provided the College with a certificate to acknowledge our participation, which we would like to present to the School Council president and Acting Principal Sadia Toqeer.

Quotes from captains:

Adele (College Captain): They explained to us about Milton's job and how the Speaker is an important job, as well as the history of the role. Milton said he didn't know he wanted to be the Speaker and that it is important to go with the flow and be prepared for what could happen next.

Item 2: Student voice in curriculum design

In week 4, the four College Captains participated in a workshop with consultant Dr Janelle Wills. The team were working on learning progressions and we provided feedback and suggestions for how these could be improved and then used with students to improve their learning.

Item 3: AtoSS Student Voice Workshops

To help get the Year 4-9 students ready for the Attitude to School Survey (AtoSS), which is an important part of collecting student voice for the college, the College and House Captains have worked together to plan and deliver a 20-minute workshop to every class.

This workshop has a learning intention and success criteria and focuses on the school strategic plan target for *student voice and agency*, where we want to reach 89% positive responses this year. Each class will be visited by one College Captain and two House Captains, where we run the 20-minute workshop, talking about what student voice and 'having a say' means and asking for student feedback about the school.

Quotes from captains

Yug (House Captain): Students have been respectful and having a say and showing respect... They've made some suggestions for supporting students when there is bullying.

Asmara (House Captain): Most classes have given us lots of good ideas. And when they struggled to give answers, we used our prepared questions to help them.

Adele (College Captain): Students are doing well and are being respectful. Students have been giving feedback about where they would like to have their classes and learning happen.

Sunny (House Captain): It's gone pretty well. A lot of students have suggested wanting more space in the yard.

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