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World Scholars' Cup Global Round, Melbourne

From August 15-22, six Year 8-10 EXCEL students visited Melbourne to join 1700 scholars from 27 countries from every continent at the World Scholars' Cup Global Round in Melbourne. 30 Australian schools were represented, including four from SA: Pulteney Grammar School, Scotch College, Wilderness School and Golden Grove High School.

GGHS entered one Junior Team and one Senior Team. They won a total of **26 Medals**: 10 Gold Medals and 16 Silver Medals. We thank the Department for Education and our Principal, Mr Kuss, for making it possible for our students to attend, accompanied by our Debating Coaches, Mrs Slater and me, both of whom adjudicated six WSC debates.

10 DEBATING MEDALS Each team took part in 3 Secret Topic Debates after only 15 minutes' preparation.

Our Junior Team – Sophie (Y8), Adam and Sam (Y9) – experienced great success. They convinced their first adjudicator “That it would be good for children to have imaginary enemies,” beating a New Zealand team. They convinced their second adjudicator “That we should NOT be able to turn off memory-making whenever we want,” beating an Indonesian team. Finally, they convinced their third adjudicator “That the Earth should prepare an ambassador for diplomacy with aliens,” beating another Indonesian team.

Our Senior Team – Jordan (Y9), Eric and Renee (Y10) – also experienced great success. They convinced their first adjudicator “That diplomats are NOT more important now than they were a hundred years ago,” beating a Hong Kong team. They convinced their second adjudicator “That things should cost more for richer people,” beating an Indonesian team. (They thank debating coaches, Mrs Slater and Mrs Lyons.)

- 4 Individual Medals: GOLD: Sam and Jordan; SILVER: Sophie and Renee
- 6 Team SILVER Medals: Sophie, Adam and Sam; Jordan, Eric and Renee.

7 CHALLENGE MEDALS Students answer multiple-choice questions, and they may give multiple answers!

- 3 Science Medals: GOLD: Sam; SILVER: Adam and Eric. (Thanks coach, Mrs McLaren.)
- 2 Social Studies Medals: GOLD: Adam; SILVER: Sam. (Thanks coach, Mr Dawson.)
- 1 Human Relationships Medal: GOLD: Sophie. (Thanks coach, Mrs McLaren.)
- 1 History Medal: SILVER: Eric. (Thanks coach, Ms Possingham.)

6 SCHOLARS' BOWL TEAM QUIZ MEDALS Teams were armed with a buzzer to answer quiz questions on the 2018 WSC theme, An Entangled World, on six subjects: Arts, History, Literature, Science and Social Studies, and this year's Special Topic: Human Relationships. Our teams thank their coaches: Mr Dawson (Social Studies), Ms Farrier (Arts), Mrs McLaren (Science; Human Relationships), Ms Possingham (History) and Mrs Lyons (Literature).

- 6 Team Medals: GOLD: Sophie, Adam and Sam; SILVER: Jordan, Eric and Renee.

2 SCHOOL'S TOP SCHOLAR MEDALS GOLD: Sam – Junior Division; GOLD: Jordan – Senior Division

1 COLLABORATIVE PERSUASIVE WRITING SILVER MEDAL Each team had to choose three out of six given topics and whether to argue for or against the proposition. Sam won a Silver Medal, arguing “That we should NOT give everyone an Earth passport.”

- 1 Individual Silver Medal: Sam



The Junior and Senior teams pictured with their medals and with their Alpaca Mascots (if you were wondering!)



GLOBAL ROUND 2018



Students learnt a lot from mixing with students from so many different cultural backgrounds at the WSC Scavenger Hunt, Social & Dinner, Ball and Fair (with booths from all the different countries represented). In Melbourne our students also visited:

- **Melbourne Sea Life Aquarium** – the Penguins were a highlight!
- Melbourne Museum
 - *The Mind* exhibition
 - Forest Gallery
 - Science and Life Gallery (with Virtual Reality bringing Australian megafauna to life)
 - The Melbourne Gallery
- **National Gallery of Victoria**
 - *Masterworks from MoMA* (Museum of Modern Art, New York) exhibition
 - *Artful Thinking* workshop
 - *Young Philosophers: Questions about Art* workshop
 - *Poetry for Fun* workshop (our students writing haiku in the Japanese Gallery)
- **Australian Music Vault**
- **Australian Centre for the Moving Image**
- **Scienceworks**
 - *Above and Beyond* Interactive Flight Exhibition
 - Lighting Room Show: *A Bolt from the Blue*
 - Planetarium: *Ticket to the Universe*
 - Beyond Perception: *Seeing the Unseen*.

Our students had an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime multicultural experience and both teams were invited to take part in the World Scholars' Cup Tournament of Champions at Yale University in November! I sincerely thank Mrs Slater for volunteering her time to join me in accompanying our teams to this event.

Sue Lyons
EXCEL Leader

2018 World Scholars' Cup Global Round, Melbourne AWARDS

JUNIOR TEAM	Year	Individual Medals	Team Medals	Tournament of Champions Qualifiers	
Sam	9	Gold Medal – School's Top Scholar (Jr) Gold Medal – Debating Champion Gold Medal – Science Challenge	3 Gold Medals – Champion Scholars' Bowl Quiz Team	All qualified for Tournament of Champions at Yale University, Connecticut, USA.	
		Silver Medal – Collaborative Writing Silver Medal – Social Studies Challenge			
Adam	9	Gold Medal – Social Studies Challenge Silver Medal – Science Challenge	3 Silver Medals – Champion Debating Team		
		Sophie			8
SENIOR TEAM					
Jordan	9	Gold Medal – School's Top Scholar (Sr) Gold Medal – Debating Champion			3 Silver Medals – Champion Scholars' Bowl Quiz Team
Eric	10	Silver Medal – History Challenge Silver Medal – Science Challenge	3 Silver Medals – Champion Debating Team		
Renee	10	Silver Medal – Debating Champion			