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ST MONICA'S STUDENTS WORLD CHAMPS

A team of students from St Monica's College Epping has won the Australian International Model Solar Challenge with their solar powered boat. The event was held at the University of NSW in Sydney.

St Monica's College Epping entered two events. The solar vehicle entry managed to win four heats but was knocked out of the challenge in the finals.

The solar boat was entered into the 'Model Solar Open Boat Challenge' and won the event. The student team of Paris Mascetti, Ross Alexopoulos and Natalia Straube designed and built the solar boat within a strict set of rules and guidelines, taking on all comers to be crowned the International Champions. The team was managed by Mr Chris Macnaughtan, VET Automotive and Technology teacher.

St Monica's College, Epping Principal, Mr Brian Hanley, congratulated the students. "Our students have been working on this project since term one and it is fantastic to see them achieve at such a high level. This challenge teaches the students how to work together in teams, gain knowledge relevant to renewable energies and learn about the mechanics of solar construction. We are very proud of their exceptional results"

As well as building their vehicle and boat the students were also required to make a five minute video documenting their project and sharing their learnings.

Photos are available on request.

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