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MEDIA RELEASE

DON'T ARGUE WITH ELIZA

St Monica's College Epping student, Eliza Geraghty, has been awarded the Swannie Award for the Best Debater in her Region of the Debaters Association of Victoria Debating Competition.

Eliza, who is the College Public Speaking Captain, is a consistently high performer in debating and public speaking competitions.

St Monica's College Epping Principal, Mr Brian Hanley, congratulated Eliza on her achievement. "Eliza is a very competent public speaker and debater who relishes the challenges presented by debating. Her consistently high level of presentation is a credit to her. Our College is very committed to giving every student the opportunity to develop their public speaking ability which helps build their personal levels of confidence."

Eliza said she enjoys the challenge of summarising issues quickly. "Debating makes you consider both sides of an issue and take your position quickly. Working as a team we need to be able to develop our arguments based on fact, using proper English and deliver this in a way that is convincing and understandable. It certainly helps us all develop a range of skills that are usable outside of debating. For example being able to think quickly is a great skill when being interviewed for a job."

Eliza has been an integral part of the College Debating Team that has not been defeated in the past 15 debates over the last three years. Eliza has also won the Best Debater Awards for her campus the last two years.

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