

Second place for Meriden's Debating Team

Meriden students have performed outstandingly in the IGSA Archdale Debating Competition this year. Overall, the school finished in an impressive second place out of 24 schools across Sydney.

For the first time, every Meriden team finished in the quarter finals or above. These impressive results reflect the girls' dedication to the Debating program at Meriden, and their excellent teamwork.

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements in the 2025 Archdale Shield:

7A – Grand Finalists

Sophia Le, Lorena Tram, Zoe Tu and Julia Yun

8B – Grand Finalists

Kate Le, Elvia Lin, Vicky Qian and Maya Vojvodic

7B – Semi Finalists

Emma Bishop, Aleisha Chan, Skylar Chen, Eleanor Green, Andrea Jin and Catherine Kaleel

8A – Semi Finalists

Zoe Gao, Tracy Hu, Jessie Xu and Cynthia Yu

Year 9 – Semi Finalists

Alice Feng, Noemi Snelling, Yumi Takusagawa and Rochelle Tao

Juniors – Quarter Finalists

Sienna Saoud, Mandy Shi, Mia Wu and Ariana Zhang

Year 10 – Quarter Finalists

Tina Dong, Ashley Shu, Jasmine Yang, Chloe Zhou and Isabella Zhu

Seniors – Quarter Finalists

Celeste El-Khoury, Dominique Kaleel, Olivia Kim, Annie Li and Alexandra McLean

Meriden's Debating program has expanded in 2025 with the addition of Debating Club as an additional cocurricular group. It was wonderful to see students participating in both Archdale Debating and Debating Club and we are looking forward to seeing the program expand further in 2026.

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Meriden's 7A and 8B Archdale Debating Teams