

Year 9 learn to expose the tricks behind fake news

Did you know that AI robots will replace all teachers by 2027, Elon Musk bought ChatGPT, or pink quokkas are real? Our Year 9 students showcased creativity and sharp insights in a recent media literacy workshop, where they gained critical skills to analyse, evaluate, and create media content.



Elly Cai, Frances Errington and Claire De Lany creating fake news articles

In today's information-saturated world, distinguishing facts from misinformation, spotting biases, and decoding media manipulation techniques is essential.

Students enjoyed crafting their own believable fake news stories, complete with eye-catching headlines and texts that were somewhat plausible but still completely made up.

They also used the “Meriden Media Literacy Checklist” to identify which of two given websites was fake and gained insights into the power of citing ‘experts’ in articles, using eye-catching photos out of context, and adding clickbait for financial gain.

We encourage all our parents and carers to join us in fostering these vital skills to empower the next generation of discerning thinkers!

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