

3 Minute Thesis Competition

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"On Tuesday 25th of September, a group of Prefects and Year 10 boys were given the opportunity to attend a Three Minute Thesis competition at the University of New South Wales, as members of the ASPIRE judging panel. Over 20 postgraduate students pitched their research topics, displaying the passion they had dedicated to issues ranging from fixing flaws with the aerodynamics of fighter jets to analysing the impact of climate change on penguins and island nations. Despite sacrificing one evening of their holidays, all the boys felt inspired by seeing the effort that was required to achieve at this level."

Michael Wright

Yr.10



It was actually quite a fun event! It felt intriguing to have the power to decide which thesis should receive an award. Every thesis was interesting and was viewed from a different perspective, with topics from gender difference and penguins to global warming and DVD releasing. I'd love to see something like this again. **Andrew Srour Yr.12**

After listening to their thesis pitches, we were required to judge and vote for which contestant was best deserving of the ASPIRE panel award. I learnt numerous things about the different topics and ideas that people have on certain issues and the different studies that people can conduct at the university. It was a great day and we were able to socialise and meet new people.

Ishmael Ilagan, Yr.12

Learning about a variety of innovative presentation ideas and the skills necessary for delivering speeches at their level was an amazing experience. I really hope that this program continues to flourish and give future

students of Canterbury Boys the opportunity to take part. **Phillip Ta, Yr.12**



It was a great honour to present the ASPIRE Panel award to Johannes Luetz who engaged the audience and explained his thesis on climate migration in a clear manner, that even teenagers with no prior knowledge could understand. Overall, I enjoyed working with the ASPIRE program and fellow peers. I never expected such interesting theses. I had an awesome time and enjoyed every minute of it. Congratulations Johannes.

Tiago Martins, Yr.12



Spending an hour listening to university students talk honestly sounded boring. The Aspire team was there to welcome us onto the campus and when the candidates started to explain their theses in 3 minutes, things got really interesting. I never knew that you could study anything you wanted. I learnt so many new things and I am really glad I got invited. It was very interesting being a judge!

Rochi Noun, Yr.10

