INDONESIAN JOURNALIST VISITS BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE

Last month, Indonesian Journalist, Marissa Anita from *Indonesia Morning Show*, visited the Indonesian bilingual program at Avon St Campus. Marissa Anita is an experienced TV and print media journalist.

Marissa took part in the weekly Indonesian Rotational Activities – which specifically exposes the students to unique art, traditions, dances, the Indonesian cuisine and music of Indonesia.

This was an amazing experience for both the students, staff and parent volunteers in the Indonesian bilingual program. Marissa was incredibly impressed with Benalla and had a fantastic time being a part of the Indonesian bilingual program. She was overwhelmed with the enthusiasm displayed by the students and teachers in this program.

This program is unique to Benalla, and only one of 13 bilingual programs in Victoria and one of its kind in Australia. If you would like more information about this program, please don’t hesitate to contact Heidi Perry, Indonesian Bilingual Indonesian Coordinator.

Benalla P-12 students also shined at the State Indonesian Contest. There were more than 11 different venues that hosted the regional Indonesian Speech Contest rounds. Benalla P-12 College, was one of the venues. The regional contest in Benalla saw students from Foundation through to Year 9 participating in this contest. There were more than 120 students involved in this competition. Indonesian Language Coordinator, Heidi Perry said that “every year, students enter this competition in Benalla with more enthusiasm, determination and fluency in Indonesian.” There were 1,013 students involved in the regional competitions.

There were 5 students from Benalla P-12 College who received awards at state level. This included:

- Ryder Levy – First Place: Level Foundation -2
- Kaylee Boer – Second Place Level Foundation – 2
- Anna Howell – First Place Level Years 5-6
- Ace Manger – Second Place Level Years 5-6
- Ankur Singh – Highly Commended – Level Year 7 Continuing Group

Benalla P-12 College Principal, Barbara O’Brien expressed great excitement with the results achieved by the students and encourages all students to participate in the regional competition next year.