BENALLA P-12 INAUGURAL MATHS CAMP

Students ranging from Years 6 to 8 recently attended the Inaugural overnight Maths Camp which was held at the Benalla P-12 Nillahcootie Camp.

The students who attended the camp belong to a Maths Talent Group, who meet regularly for two periods a week with Numeracy Coach, Narelle McInnes. These high achieving students volunteered at the beginning of the year to become part of the group and relish the opportunity to build upon their already strong mathematical understandings. They concentrate on posing problems and working in teams to investigate them. These students are gearing up to enter the State Wide Maths Talent Quest which will be held in Melbourne later in the year.

The aim of the two day camp was to develop problem solving strategies using real life situations. A variety of activities included working out the height of a tree, movie seat combinations and of course, a lakeside water investigation.

Benalla P-12 Numeracy Leader, Alison Schneider who organised the Maths Camp said “The student’s problem solving and recording developed incredibly over the two days. The students had so much fun and learnt a lot from each other. The camp was a huge success and we are looking forward to building on it for next year. I already have other students asking how they can get involved in it”.

Principal Barbara O’Brien said “The Maths Talent Group is a great example of how we are challenging our students to extend themselves and achieve to a high standard. We wish them well in the State Wide Maths Talent Quest later in the year”.

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