BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE STUDENTS EXCEL AT
STATE FINALS OF THE INDONESIAN SPEECH CONTEST

During Term Two, students at Benalla P-12 College, Avon St, Clarke St and Faithful St Campuses have been committed to preparing for the Sayembara Lisan Indonesian Speech Contest. The competition is sponsored by the Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers Association (VILTA) and the Asia Institute of the University of Melbourne. The event is a very prestigious event and involves students from across Victoria.

All students were required to speak in Indonesian for the entirety of the interview; answering a series of questions about themselves, as well as identifying numbers, colours in Indonesian, reading passages and singing well know children’s Indonesian songs.

Benalla P-12 College and Goulburn Valley Grammar hosted the regional competition with over 120 students participating in the event from Prep-Year 12. Benalla P-12 College had 82 students participate in the regional competition, from Prep-Year 8.

Despite a very tight competition at all Year Levels, three finalists per year level were chosen to represent Benalla P-12 College in the state finals on Saturday 25 May. In total, 21 students were chosen to represent the college at state level. Congratulations to the following Benalla P-12 College students who competed in the state finals:

Prep: Brayden, Rayne, Grade 1: Sunny, Amba-Rose, Hailie, Grade 2: Ebony, Kyle, Anna-Jay

Grade 3: Rylee, Anna, Justin, Grade 4: Lara, Lily, Molly

Grade 5: Annabelle, Molly, Dylan, Grade 6: Lauren, Hannah, Willow

Year 8: Taylah
Fifteen students from the Benalla P-12 College received awarded placements at state level. Bilingual Indonesian Program Coordinator, Heidi Perry was ecstatic about the results and commented that the students were awarded due to their “Passion for the language, their strong commitment to practice, rehearsal and their enthusiasm to speak in Indonesian.” She said “Their passion to learn Indonesian and communicate in the target language is infectious.” Congratulations must go to the following students: Brayden, Rayne, Amba-Rose, Sunny, Kyle, Anna-Jay, Ebony, Anna, Lara, Lily, Annabelle, Molly, Dylan, Willow and Lauren. Principal Barbara O’Brien said she was amazed at how skillful the students are in speaking Indonesian, “It is wonderful to see our students so enthusiastic and confident in demonstrating their knowledge and skills in speaking Indonesian. This is a program we truly value”.

The official Sayembara Lisan Awards Ceremony will be at the University of Melbourne, Elisabeth Murdoch Theatre on Friday 28th June from 6.00 -8.00 pm. Prize winners and their families will attend the presentation evening and the 15 Benalla P-12 College students have been invited to perform in the theatre.

Benalla P-12 College is incredibly proud of all the students achievements and we look forward to representing the college next year. A special thanks go to the Indonesian teachers for their work in preparing the students for this competition.