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Students have a say

SCHOOLS CONFERENCE TACKLES THE BIG-PICTURE ISSUES

WHILE youths in London rioted, students in Kew were voicing their opinions on the future of their education.

Teenagers from Preshil The Margaret Lyttle Memorial School organised a student-only conference, *Student Voice*, that attracted 13 other schools state-wide to discuss the ideal 21st century education.

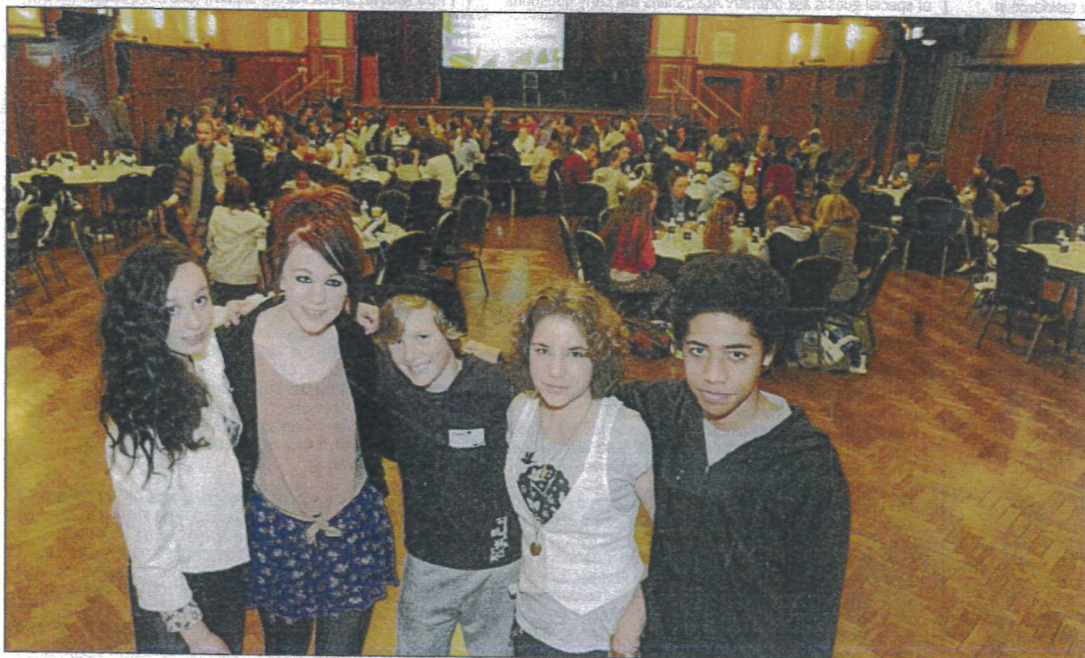
Year 11 student Matthew Topp, 17, said the group wanted to create a forum for students to share opinions and ideas on topics including the national curriculum, the role of social media in schools and how to make education more engaging.

"Some students were saying that because social media outlets are designed for entertainment purposes we shouldn't be

integrating them into education," Matthew said.

"Other thoughts were that social media is the way of the future and we should be embracing it."

Other schools involved included Alia College, Bialik College, Carey Baptist Grammar, Camberwell High, Genazzano FCJ College, Ivanhoe Girls Grammar, Methodist Ladies College and Xavier.



The Margaret Lyttle Memorial School Kew organised a student-only event with students from schools all over Victoria to talk about the ideal 21st century education. Students who helped organise the event included Millie, Emma, Charlie, Rebekah and Eden, pictured at Hawthorn Town Hall.

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