

# 2020 Australian Youth Bridge Championships

In January 2020 six students from Marist Regional College in Burnie went to Canberra to participate in the [Australian Youth Bridge Championships](#) (aka "Youth Week"). The players were Aiden Dixon, Archer Garcia, Ethen Goulter, Taze Jackson, Caleb Kirkpatrick and Ben Sproule. They were chaperoned by Cedric Parker and received supported from the TBA and ABF. This is the first time in a long while that Tasmania has been represented at this event.

The event ran from 4-10 January and included pairs, teams and a youth Butler event. The Butler event was to select six pairs for the Australian Junior Squad, three of whom will represent Australia in the World Bridge Championships in Italy in August this year. Ben and Taze made it through the Butler Finals, ultimately finishing 7th. This was a great achievement for Ben and Taze who are the youngest of the 8 pairs in the finals. They are the only pair that are still at school, and have also been playing bridge competitively for less than a year, meaning that they have had far less experience than the rest of the finalists.



Results for all of the Youth Week events are [here](#)

In Cedric Parker's words "... all 6 of our team have acquitted themselves with aplomb. I am incredibly proud of the way they have behaved and the way that they have adapted to a very intense competitive environment. They have done their parents and their college proud!". Congratulations to the entire team for their efforts.