



## CGGS REPRESENTED AT 2020 YOUTH SUMMIT

Two CGGS students recently attended the Federal Government's Youth Summit held in Canberra.

Mientje Bramham and Savindhi Perera-Jainudeen, both in Year 11, were chosen from over 1200 applicants Australia-wide to form part of the 100 person team of delegates aged 15-24. At just 16, our girls were among the youngest selected.

Summit chairs Kate Ellis (Youth Minister) and Hugh Evans (former Young Australian of the Year) lead discussions on 10 of the critical challenges threatening Australia's future.

At every possible chance, Mientje raised the environmental issues threatening Australia. "By 2020 we need to stop global warming, otherwise we'll suffer more droughts and more bushfires. We really need to put in a plan to stop that from happening", Mientje said.

Savindhi focused on health. "We need more hospitals, larger investment in research and more education about preventative health like dental and lung diseases", she said.

The girls strongly agree that it is today's youth who will eventually be running Australia. "The Summit helped to educate and train us to be leaders of this society", they said.

Mientje acknowledged that being a part of the School Debating Team had made her a confident public speaker and she therefore did not find speaking at the Summit daunting. Attending the Summit was a once in a lifetime opportunity for both girls.

Congratulations! And thank you for voicing your opinions.

