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# Young thinkers into their stride

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BEING a team player and "having a sense of humour" are the keys to success in the so-called Tournament of Minds.

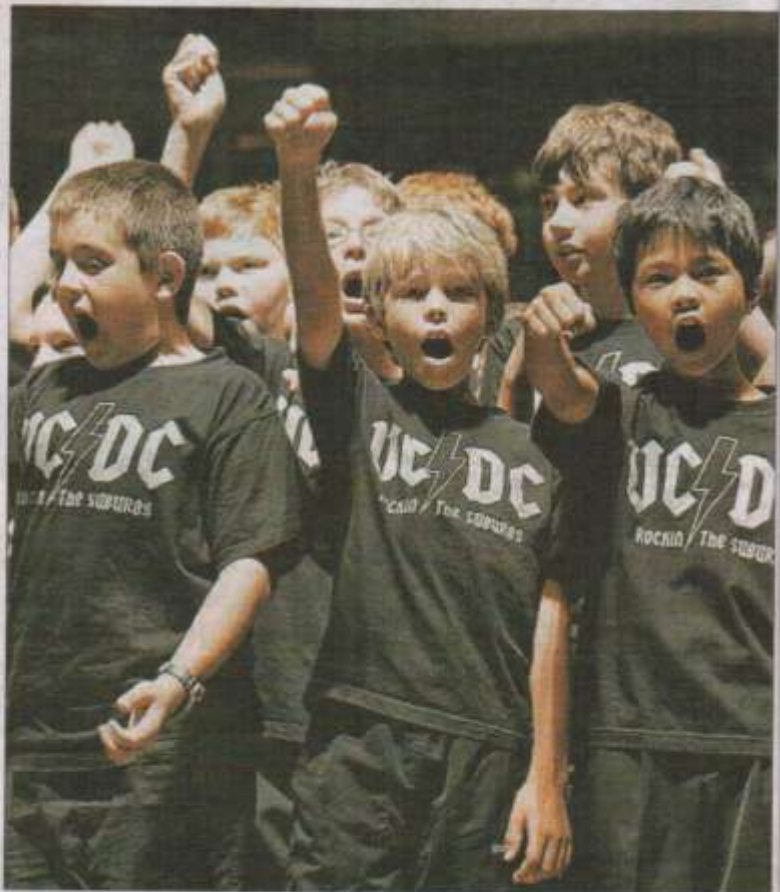
Queensland winners of the Language and Literature secondary division, All Hallows' Team Two, yesterday said they had already learned a lot from the experience and that their tip for future contestants was to have good teamwork.

"A good team needs co-operation and for someone to be able to tell a good joke, because everyone gets really stressed sometimes," a team member said.

"The trick is to not get nervous, because it's a lot of fun and a really good opportunity to be creative."

More than 500 students, both Australian and international, will compete in this weekend's Australasian-Pacific Tournament of Minds (TOM) grand final at Griffith University's Nathan campus. It is the first to be held in Brisbane in more than a decade.

Queensland state director of TOM, Tracey Lenarduzzi, said one of the main things TOM gave the students was confidence and the ability to work together. "Often these kids may not get what they need in the classroom or schooling system and so this is usually a great outlet for them," she said.



**HARMONY:** Villanova Boys College belt out their rendition of AC/DC's TNT as part of the Tournament of Minds. Picture: Lisa Clarke