

Max makes his mark

YEAR 11 Bialik student Max Szajrych (pictured) recently represented his school at the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra, a two-day event that was attended by students from across Australia.

The program began with an introduction to Parliament House and a rundown of its history, which was immediately followed by several speakers discussing their areas of specialisation. The students were introduced to concepts of constitutional law, the workings of Australian politics and – the focus of the convention – the preamble to our Constitution. “I was given the opportunity to deliver a speech on my group’s particular preamble and it was selected via popular vote as the final proposal,” shared Szajrych.

“A mock referendum was held which passed the proposed change. The proposed changes were then handed down to members of the Senate for future debate. There is currently bipartisan support for changing an outdated preamble but the cost of holding a referendum is far too expensive in practicality for realistic implementation of our proposal, but I, along with a hundred or so schoolkids across Australia, dream on.”

