

Ladies' College winners in mock courtroom drama

Collas Crill Moot improves public speaking skills

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LADIES' COLLEGE were victorious in this year's Collas Crill Moot.

For the final of the annual competition, the school faced Elizabeth College.

The students play the part of lawyers in a mock courtroom setting, with one acting for the prosecution and one for the defence.

Year 12 students Lily Davison, 17, and Olivia Atkinson, 16, have won a shield for their school and trophies they can keep.

Previous rounds have focused on different parts of law, including criminal.

'It helps with public speaking and it does improve your confidence,' Lily said.

They both said the skills they have acquired will also help them with job interviews.

The Moot teaches the basics of certain aspects of law and provides an opportunity to experience the drama of the courtroom.

For those not looking to pursue a legal career, it provides a chance to improve communication, research, presentation and analytical skills.

The students also receive coaching and advice from Collas Crill beforehand.

Representing Elizabeth Col-



Ladies' College took the honours from Elizabeth College in this year's Collas Crill Moot. Left to right: Will Thompson, Cameron Duckworth, judge Paul Wilkes, Tom Cutts-Watson, judges Christian Hay and Ian Kirk, Olivia Atkinson and Lily Davison. (Picture by Tom Tardif, 12499939)

lege were Year 12 students Will Thompson and Cameron Duckworth, both 16.

They said that prior to the courtroom scene, they have time to look at the facts and information.

While neither were sure

whether they wanted a career in law, they said it was useful to do.

'It is a way to test the water,' Cameron said.

The pair added that it helped with public speaking skills.

Consultant Ian Kirk, one of

the judges, said the event tests the students on the basic arguments.

The other judges were group partner and head of commercial Paul Wilkes and partner and head of dispute resolution Christian Hay.