



Winning Battle of the Brains students Harry Dening, Rachael Testa, James McDougall, Catalina Pinzon, Noah Abarca, Taliyah de Guzman and Abigail Peet with Genesis Christian College teacher Cate White and Moreton Bay councillor Mick Gillam.

Genesis wins gold in battle of grey matter

Genesis Christian College has made it back-to-back wins at the Battle of the Brains competition.

More than 220 primary level students from 11 local schools duelled for top honours in maths, science, TV and music categories in the 22nd staging of the competition held last month.

After eight rounds, the Genesis team 'I Said That' claimed the title, just ahead of 'The Super Sevens' from Northpine Christian College and 'Killer Nerds' from Mt Samson State School.

Genesis Christian College teacher Cate White said her students "never cease to amaze me just how much they know".

"This year they were asked to name TV shows from the 1960s and 70s based on the opening theme music," she said.

"Some of the winners' parents weren't alive when those shows aired. However, they did surprisingly well."

Ms White said Battle of the Brains, which is run by Moreton Bay Regional Council, is "great for building team work skills".

"Only one student has to know the answer and the students learn to listen to each other and their opinions rather than steam-rolling over one another," she said.

Moreton Bay councillor Mick Gillam (Division 8) said this year's Battle of the Brains saw one of the biggest turn-outs of competitors since its inception in 1993.

Year 6 and Year 7 students from other local schools such as Samford, Lawnton and Strathpine West State Schools also took part, as did Year 7s from Bray Park State High School.