

# Students put the PM under pressure



**Diya Mehta interviews Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.**  
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THE nation's political leaders are used to regularly being grilled on a range of issues, but usually not by two Year 9 students.

That's what happened when MLC School students, Diya Mehta, 13, of Carlingford and Madeleine Murphy, 14, from Dulwich Hill, travelled to Canberra to interview Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, Opposition Leader Bill Shorten and Greens leader Senator Richard di Natale.

They were reporting for a new national newspaper for school students called *Crinkling News* and, while a little nervous, the junior journalists were undaunted by the challenge.

Diya calmed her nerves by telling herself the prime minister was "just another

human being after all".

She asked Mr Turnbull about the importance of preserving non-renewable resources, dealing with mental health and suicide among teenagers, legalising gay marriage and what he would do for kids at the next election.

"His answers were comprehensive and he gave me a lot of personal details," she said.

When asked about the most important issues for children, Mr Turnbull turned to a familiar theme.

"He talked about the need for innovation in a changing society and I could relate to that," Diya said. What the three men said will soon be published in the first edition of *Crinkling News*.