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ENGADINE HIGH SCHOOL WINS F1 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Member for Heathcote Lee Evans has congratulated Engadine High School's *Rapid Racing* team for becoming National Champions in the REA F1 in Schools challenge today.

This multidisciplinary challenge requires teams of 3 to 5 students from years seven to 12 to design, test, manufacture and race miniature CO2 powered Formula 1 cars at speeds up to 80kms per hour.

Rapid Racing, including Blake, Evan, Tom, Sam, and Jack, blitzed through the Regional Championships in August last year and received the Innovation Award and runners up title at the State Championships in November.

This earned the team a wild card entry to the National Championships in Adelaide where *Rapid Racing* achieved victory in the development class today.

The team also won the awards for Innovation, Industry Collaboration and Marketing.

"This is an outstanding achievement earned through remarkable dedication and ingenuity," Mr Evans said. "The members of *Rapid Racing*, their peers, parents and the staff of Engadine High School should be immensely proud."

Mr Evans met the team at a school fundraising event last week and to wish them luck and try his hand at racing the cars.

"This project is truly incredible," Mr Evans said. "It's hands-on, active approach really engages the students in complex areas of physics, maths and engineering."

"*Rapid Racing* floored the judges, not only with the design of their cars, but also with the sophistication of their marketing and presentation and their success in recruiting supporters and collaborators."

"Engadine High School should be applauded for its enthusiastic approach and impressive results since the project began."

Rapid Racing will now advance to the World Championships where they will represent Australia later this year.

"I wish *Rapid Racing* the very best of luck in the World Championships and congratulate the team on their extraordinary achievements so far," Mr Evans said.

The F1 in Schools program has now involved 12 million students from 34 countries around the world.

To learn more about the F1 in Schools project visit www.f1inschools.org.au or visit *Rapid Racing's* own website www.rapidracing.webstarts.com.

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