

Malapoa wins Round 2 of ICT Education debate series

IT WAS NO EASY TASK TO advocate against the utilising of Internet and Communication Technology (ICT) to advance education in schools in an era of digital revolution (online product research and social media) but three students of Malapoa College defied the odds to win Round 2 of the ICT School Debates by the Telecommunications & Radiocommunications Regulator (TRR) at Seafront stage, Wednesday night.

"We have experienced and are experiencing the impact and peripheral uses of ICT," said George Maeltoka, PEO in the Ministry of Education (MoE) as he acknowledged TRR on behalf of the MoE before the debate.

"ICT made the world a global village thus it is the intention of the Vanuatu gov-

ernment to maximise ICT use in the business, education and other development sectors.

"As such the exercises TRR is the taking the lead on is very useful and it is at the cutting edge in Vanuatu and the globe.

"We learn and will ensure the use of ICT is to advance, not negatively impact the live of each as an individual, in our society and contribute to development."

Lycee de Monmarte which also debated against the topic, did an admirable job.

Convincing points argued by Malapoa and Monmarte include the questionable reliability of sources and information gleaned from the internet, costs, geographical fragmentation, loss of cultural values, interference in class (mobile phones) to health and education issues when it

is abused.

Tebakor won the 1st Round of the debate series and debated for the topic, coming in second and Lycee Lab students gave a good debate on the efficiency of ICT to accelerate education in schools cutting down on time and energy as opposed to traditional learning and teaching such as books and sourcing information.

Judges were: INCITE Managing Director Terry Moloney, Andrew Molivurae (chairman of the Vanuatu Internet Users Society), MoE PEO Maeltoka, Doreen Leona (Manager, Members Service Department -Vanuatu National Provident Fund), Louise Nasak (Technical Manager, Internet Governance, TRR) and an executive representative from the Media Association of Vanuatu.

