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# A winning plan for coffee grounds

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It all started over coffee.

And now, thanks to some clever thinking and some smooth talking a Macleans College team has walked away with the top prize at the Counties Manukau Young Enterprise regional oral presentation.

The team, known as Plus, convinced the judges their soap made from recycled coffee grounds was a sound product idea.

"We came up with the idea while we were having coffee one day," Plus team member Bill Qiu says.

"We started wondering what happened to coffee grounds once people were done with them."

The Plus team decided to create something using recycled coffee grounds and settled on soap.

"There were some weaker ideas but they all related to coffee," Yinan Liu says.

"We're using recycled Fair Trade coffee grounds so it's

all about being eco-friendly and in keeping with New Zealand's clean, green image."

The group won a trophy and Westfield vouchers for its oral business presentation.

The team will now enter the production phase before presenting its final report at the end of the year.

If they are successful Plus will represent Macleans College at the national competition in Wellington.

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**Emerging enterprise:** From left: Laura Chan, Phoebe Yao, Jennifer Hong, Cathy Lo, Bill Qiu, Yinan Liu, Ben Newbury-Lee and Teresa Wong. The Macleans College team Plus won the Counties Manukau Young Enterprise regional oral presentation for their product idea.

