

Pupils' Concourt 'hearing'

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TWO HUNDRED pupils from across the country are tackling a constitutional issue during a mock trial in the Constitutional Court, where they will face real Concourt judges.

The facts of the mock trial were set out for them before the competition, and revolve around the legal issues of a child-headed household battling to receive financial support from the state. The pupils must, using the constitution and the law, argue the case for and against giving the children state support.

The pupils' debate – part of the second National Schools Moot Court Competition – began yesterday at the University of Pretoria's law faculty. It will end today in the Concourt before some of the country's leading judges.

Deputy Minister of Basic Education Enver Surty hailed the constitution during the opening ceremony on Friday, and told the grade 11 and 12 pupils to embrace the Bill of Rights as one of the best in the world.

He said the pupils were the future and it was up to them to take up the many constitutional challenges that remained.