



# Debaters

## Association of Victoria

October 11th, 2010

Dear Debating Coordinator,

Since 2005 the Debaters Association of Victoria Inc (DAV) has run a Regional Debating Program in the Mallee Region. This year we will be running this event on **Thursday 28th and Friday 29th October** at **Chaffey Secondary College** and I would like to invite your school to participate!

The program this year will include a half day (11:30-3pm) training session for all students. The training session will cover the basics of debating, discuss methods of preparation and practice for the competition, and provide an opportunity to ask questions of DAV representatives, as well as a chance to practice debating skills.

The second day is the debating day, which will run from (9:15am-2:30pm). Adjudicators from the DAV will leverage their extensive knowledge and experience to give in-depth feedback to all students and teams. The competition will be divided into two divisions: one for Year 7 & 8 students and one for Year 9 and 10 students. Please note that a team should include at least 4 and up to 9 students.

Depending on the level of interest, the program will also include a training clinic for teachers, which will focus on developing coaching and adjudication skills with a focus on how best to establish and sustain a debating program in your school. This will be followed by a day of practical experience in adjudication for teachers, who will be paired with experienced adjudicators from the DAV.

Also dependent on interest, we would be pleased to offer an adjudicator training program for Year 12 students, who may be accredited to adjudicate local competitions.

Please find enclosed a registration form. The program is being funded by a Commonwealth Government Grant and therefore there is no cost to participants. To register, please complete this form and return it to the DAV by **4pm, October 21st**.

Returning the form will confirm your enrolment in the competition and your availability on the competition dates. Once you have faxed the registration form, the DAV will send further details about the competition, including the schedule and some training materials. As part of this program, all schools will be provided with a debating guide and a guide which includes resources for the topics.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the competition, please do not hesitate to contact the DAV office, by phone on 03 9348 9477, or email at [debater@dav.com.au](mailto:debater@dav.com.au).

I look forward to seeing you at the competition!

Yours faithfully,

**Michael Ciesielski**  
Schools Administrator

## **Mallee Regional Debating Competition Registration Form**

*Please return by fax or email to the DAV (03 9348 9466; debater@dav.com.au) before October 21st*

*Returning this form will CONFIRM your registration in the competition*

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 7 & 8 DEBATERS

YEAR 9 & 10 DEBATERS

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(N.B. The minimum number of students per team is three, but we encourage you to register slightly larger teams in case debaters are unavailable (e.g., ill). There is no limit to the size of a team, although as there are three debates on the day, there will only be 9 opportunities to speak in debates.)