

Dear Debating Coordinator,

Welcome back to the DAV Schools Competition! We hope you have enjoyed your summer break, and look forward to seeing you soon at a debating night.

This registration pack contains everything you will need to register teams in the Schools Competition for 2013. It includes:

- dates for the Schools Competition,
- a brochure with information about the DAV Teacher In-Service for 2013,
- information about junior programs, training, and other services that the Association provides, and
- a fact sheet about the *Viewpoint* competition, a weekend debating competition run in partnership with the Monash University Faculty of Business and Economics.

The registration process for the Schools Competition will again be online. To register for the Schools Competition, log in to your account at <http://www.dav.com.au> and choose "Start registration". Please feel free to call or email me at the office if you have any questions about the registration process. Registration must be completed by **4pm Wednesday February 20th**. Our aim is to release draws for all regions on **Friday March 1st**. Please help us meet this quick turnaround deadline by completing your registration as soon as possible.

The fees for the Schools Competition will remain the same as last year:

Team fees (per team, per grade)	
Teams 1-2	\$175 per team
Teams 3-4	\$215 per team
Teams 5-6	\$285 per team
Teams 7+	\$350 per team

Membership fee (per school)	
1-4 teams	\$70
4-9 teams	\$100
10-14 teams	\$130
15+ teams	\$160

If you have any questions, please contact me at the DAV office. Best wishes for debating throughout the year, and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Yours faithfully,

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**Debaters**  
Association of Victoria  
**Schools Competition 2013 dates**

Region	Host school	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
Ballarat	Ballarat HS	Wed Mar 27	Wed May 1	Wed May 22	Wed June 5	Wed July 24
Berwick	St Margaret's School	Thur Mar 7	<b>Wed Apr 24</b>	Thus May 23	Thur June 20	Thur Aug 1
Brighton	Brighton GS	Wed Mar 20	Wed May 8	Wed May 29	Wed Jun 19	Wed Jul 31
Camberwell	Camberwell GS	Mon Mar 18	Mon Apr 29	Mon May 20	Mon Jun 24	Mon Aug 5
Caulfield	Caulfield GS	Tues Mar 19	Tues Apr 30	Tues May 21	Tues Jun 18	Tues Jul 30
Coburg	Mercy College	Wed Mar 13	Wed Mar 27	Wed May 22	Wed July 24	Wed Aug 7
Essendon	St Bernard's College	Mon Mar 18	Mon Apr 22	Mon May 6	Mon May 27	Mon July 22
Geelong	Geelong GS	Mon Apr 29	Mon May 13	Mon June 3	Mon July 22	Mon Aug 5
Glen Waverley*	Wesley College	Wed Mar 6	Wed Apr 24	Wed May 15	Thur June 20	Thur July 25
Hawthorn*	Scotch College	Thur Mar 14	<b>Tues Apr 30</b>	Thur May 16	Thur June 13	Thur Aug 8
Ivanhoe*	Ivanhoe Girls' GS	Thur Mar 21	Thur May 16	Thur May 30	Thur June 27	Thur July 25
Keysborough	Haileybury College	Tues Mar 12	Tues Mar 26	Tues Apr 30	Tues May 14	Tues July 30
Mount Eliza	Toorak College	Tues Mar 5	Tues Apr 23	Tues May 7	Tues May 28	Tues July 23
Ringwood	Tintern Girls GS	Mon Mar 25	Tues Apr 23	Mon May 13	Tues May 28	Mon July 29
South Yarra	Melbourne HS	Tues Mar 12	Tues Apr 16	Tues May 14	Tues June 4	Tues Aug 6
Toorak*	St Kevin's College	Thur Mar 7	<b>Tues Mar 19</b>	Thur May 9	<b>Wed June 19</b>	Thur Aug 1
Watsonia	Loyola College	Tues Mar 19	Tues Apr 23	Tues May 7	Tues Jul 23	Tues Aug 6
Williamstown	Williamstown HS	Wed Mar 20	Wed May 8	Wed May 29	Wed June 19	Wed July 31

\*These regions usually reach capacity. If selecting one as a first preference, please register early and carefully consider your second preference.

**Other key dates:** Viewpoint rounds - Sun Mar 24th; Viewpoint final - Fri Apr 26th; Senior BP - Sun Sep 15th; Junior BP - Sun Oct 27th; Schools Competition playoffs begin Wed Aug 21st.

# Debaters Association of Victoria Teacher Inservice 2013

*A professional development program for teachers and debating coordinators*

**Monday February 25th**  
**Stamford Plaza, 111 Little Collins St, Melbourne**

Debating promotes confidence in oral presentation and teaches structured argument and analysis—skills essential far beyond debating itself. Through debating, students can learn how to work in a team and to argue with confidence and precision. Debating also encourages awareness about the world at large as students grapple with challenging issues.

The Debaters Association of Victoria's Teacher Inservice is an excellent opportunity to learn about debating and to develop the skills to pass this knowledge on to students in classrooms, or coach them to success in competitions. The Inservice will provide an array of useful hints, practical tips, activities, real life applications, and examples.

## **Who should attend?**

Debating coordinators, English teachers, librarians, and anyone interested in debating.

## **The Program**

The training will include:

- a discussion of the benefits of debating,
- adjudicator's advice on how to prepare and present a case,
- tips on how to adjudicate debates and coach a debating team,
- seminars on dealing with definitional debates, secret topics and using rebuttal to win debates, and
- an extension session exploring Public Speaking and the British Parliamentary Style of debating.

You will also receive a comprehensive set of materials to use throughout the year.

## **What Previous Participants Say...**

The DAV has run similar Inservices since 2003. Teachers from Government, Catholic, and independent schools across Victoria have attended. Some teachers had not seen a debate; others had been involved in debating for decades. Here are some typical comments from those teachers:

*"One of the best PD days that I have ever attended. It was very useful and interesting with practical advice on how to conduct debates in school"*

*"I was extremely impressed by this PD—it was informative, helpful, thought-provoking and well planned. I can't praise it enough!"*

*"An open and practical session that gave good advice and illuminated some aspects of the mysteries of adjudication"*

*"Very informative and interesting—As a first year coordinator I feel it's a critical intro into DAV debating"*



## Program

There will be a choice of two sessions in the morning and two in the afternoon. You are free to choose which you would rather attend, or alternatively to send different staff from your school to each session.

9:00	Registration and Welcome	
9:30 Session 1	<i>Introduction to Debating</i>	<i>Public Speaking &amp; the British Parliamentary Debating Style</i>
11:00	Morning tea	
11:30	Plenary and Networking	
12:45	Lunch	
1:30 Session 2	<i>Introduction to Adjudication</i>	<i>Advanced Debating Strategy (Case construction, definitions &amp; manner)</i>
3:00	End of day	

## Session Information

### ***Introduction to Debating***

#### ***Charisma Taylor***

A beginners' guide to the aims, benefits and rules of debating. This session will cover the format of 3 vs. 3 debating, including the rules of debate, speaker roles and assessment criteria. It will also provide resources and activities for teachers to use to assist students to develop the basic skills involved in preparing and presenting an argument.

Charisma has been the DAV's Executive Officer since 2006. She has been involved in training students, teachers, and adult debaters for the last 6 years. She has co-created and managed pilot initiatives such as the Junior Public Speaking, Primary Schools and Public Speaking programs.



### ***Public Speaking & the British Parliamentary Debating Style***

#### ***Amit Golder***

This session will explore public speaking and the British Parliamentary debating style. Speaking in public is an invaluable skill for students—but effective public speaking requires the synergy of many different factors: style, form, and content. This seminar aims to demystify the skills of public speaking by examining the use of the voice and the body; the development of effective content; ways of organising speeches to hold the audience's attention; preparing for impromptu speeches; and assessment of public speaking. It will also detail the BP debating style, common in adult debating competitions, which involves four teams of two speakers speaking as *Government* or *Opposition* teams, and allows questions during speeches.

### **Public speaking and the British Parliamentary debating style**

#### **Amit Golder**

Amit Golder was the Vice President (Schools) of the Debaters Association of Victoria from 2010–2012. He was selected as the captain of the 2009 Australian National Adults Debating team and was a member of the winning team representing Monash University at both the Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships in 2010 and the World Universities Debating Championships in 2012. Amit has coached of the Victorian Schools Debating Team and has also been involved in training secondary school and university students in Melbourne and Hong Kong.



### **Introduction to Adjudication**

#### **Jonathan Benney**

The adjudication session will teach how to judge debates in a fair and consistent fashion and will focus on the three key criteria which adjudicators use in deciding debates: manner, matter and method. This session forms the basis of the understanding of how debating works. It will aid staff in understanding what is required of students and ensuring they are well prepared, and to ensure that they can make the most of the feedback they are given by adjudicators. We will also cover scoring and definitions, and any queries or questions raised by participants in the session. It is also a useful refresher for those staff who have had experience with debating for some time.



Jonathan has been involved in debating since the 1990s. He has represented the University of Melbourne as a debater and adjudicator at the Australian, Australasian and World University Debating Championships, and was on the team that represented Australia at the world Chinese-language debating championships in 2007. He was the Vice-President (Adjudication and Training) of the DAV from 2007 to 2009. Jonathan has a PhD in Chinese Studies from the University of Melbourne, and is currently working as a research fellow at the National University of Singapore's Asia Research Institute.

### **Advanced Debating Strategy (Case development & hard/soft lines)**

#### **Christopher Hibbard**

This session aims to extend on previous debating knowledge. It will look at advanced research techniques and present ideas for enhancing rebuttal. As well as looking at how to improve presentation, we will also examine the principles involved in building a case – hard/soft lines, use of models, and winning definitional debates.

Chris is the President of both the DAV and the Australian Debating Federation. He has been adjudicating and training since 2005, has attended successive National Championships as the official Victorian adjudicator and recently attended the 2012 World Schools' Debating Championships in Cape Town as one of two Australian adjudicators. Outside of debating he works as a lawyer and previously edited the Melbourne Journal of International Law.



## Registration Form

To register, return this form by fax or email to the DAV:

Fax: (03) 9348 9466

Email: [tda@dav.com.au](mailto:tda@dav.com.au)

**Cost:** \$160 per day for the first teacher from your school  
\$130 per day for each additional teacher.  
(includes all materials, arrival tea/coffee, morning tea and lunch)

\$90 per half day (includes one session and lunch)

Please return this form by **WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2013**.

Places are strictly limited and will fill up fast, so please get in early to guarantee your place.

Please select your preferred module for each session:

### Monday 25th February 2013

Morning session:  Introduction to Debating  
 Public Speaking & the British Parliamentary Debating Style

Afternoon session:  Introduction to Adjudication  
 Advanced Debating Strategy

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

The DAV's ABN is 36 529 609 712. We will invoice your school when your registration is received.

If you have any questions, please call the Training and Development Administrator, Andrew Costa on (03) 9348 9477 or email him at [tda@dav.com.au](mailto:tda@dav.com.au)

# Debaters Association of Victoria

## External Services 2013

*Offering adjudication and training services across Victoria*

### Adjudication Services

The DAV can provide debating and/or public speaking adjudicators for internal/house competitions, friendly interschool debates and associated school competitions. We also have adjudicators and debaters available for public events.

### Training Services

The DAV can provide training to students and staff according to your school's needs. Below is a sampling of available training packages, which can be modified or combined.

#### *Introduction to debating*

This session covers speaker roles, scoring, adjudication criteria, definitions and basic case preparation. Students will apply the theory that they have learnt by participating in skills building activities throughout the session.

*Special introductory rate of \$50/hr for training in February/March for up to 12 students*

#### *Topic preparation*

This session looks at how to best prepare cases for different kinds of topics, from normative to empirical. It also explains the difference between 'hard' and 'soft' case lines, and the use of models.

#### *Secret topic preparation*

This session incorporates elements from the "topic preparation" session, but is targeted more specifically at preparing in limited time. Students will learn and practise processes for preparing to deadlines as well as techniques for brainstorming more widely.

#### *Rebuttal workshops*

This session aims to educate students in effective rebuttal which targets the opposition's primary arguments and identifies their flaws. Students will also be taught to identify key themes in the debate, and how to use these to structure their rebuttal and highlight their own team's strengths

#### *British Parliamentary debating*

This session teaches the basics of British Parliamentary style debating, including format and speaker roles. These sessions can also include a practice debate.

#### *Public Speaking*

This sessions look at different styles of presentation, considering pace, volume, pitch and expression. It also explores different structures for speeches and tips for impromptu speaking.

### Staff training

The DAV runs a Teacher Inservice at the beginning of each year to help coordinators and coaches learn more about debating and develop skills to pass this information on to their students. The 2013 Teacher Inservice will be held on Monday 25th February.

The DAV can run any of its teacher training modules in-house. These include: Basics of Debating, Basics of Adjudicating, Public Speaking and Advanced Debating Strategy. All sessions aim to provide staff with basic theory and ways to workshop these theories to educate your students. Teacher resources are provided.

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*Training & Adjudication rates: \$77/first hour, \$55/subsequent hours (per trainer)*

*Staff training rates: \$40/head for 90minute session (min 3 participants)*

*Travel levy: no cost for training held within 50km of Melbourne CBD,  
\$25 (50–100km from CBD), \$40 (100–150km from CBD), \$75 (150+km from CBD)*

## Debate Camp

Debate Camp is a non-residential debating ‘camp’ for students in Years 10–12 which runs over three days during the Easter and Winter school holiday periods. The camp will include matter sessions on recurring debating themes (e.g. the role of government, the legal system), workshops to improve practical debating skills, and daily secret topic debates led by DAV accredited trainers.

### Easter Holidays Debate Camp

**When:** Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 April

**Where:** Melbourne High School

**Who:** Students in Years 10–12

**Cost:** \$180 including lunch

### Winter Holidays Debate Camp

**When:** Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 July

**Where:** Victoria University (City Flinders Campus)

**Who:** Students in Years 10–12

**Cost:** \$180 including lunch

*The DAV is able to offer a limited number of equity places for students from under-resourced schools. Further details can be obtained from the DAV office.*

Registration information is available from the DAV website. As places are limited, a maximum of 5 students are permitted to attend from each school

## Training Resources

The DAV has released a training DVD “Guide to Debating” which has been designed by experienced DAV trainers to give your students the best opportunity at succeeding in debating competitions. The Guide includes different levels of training, demonstration debates, and teacher resources on a separate CD-ROM. Copies can be ordered from the DAV office for \$95.

The debating ‘bible’ is the Australia-Asia Debating Guide. Copies are available from the DAV office for \$17.50 (incl. GST). It is written in a generally-accessible style and is recommended for anyone wanting to better understand the mechanics of debating and adjudication. More information about the AADG and downloadable chapters are available online at our website. The DVD and AADG can be purchased together for \$110 (incl. postage).

# Debaters Association of Victoria Junior Programs 2013

*Opportunities for junior secondary school students in Years 7–9*

## Junior Secondary Program (JSP)

The Junior Secondary Program (JSP) is an introduction to debating for junior secondary students in Years 7–8 that provides training in the basic skills and structure of debating, and gives students an opportunity to do three ‘friendly’ debates. The JSP runs over four evenings through August, September and October (Terms 3 and 4).

**When:** Terms 3 and 4

**Where:** Regions in Armadale, Balwyn, Brunswick, Bundoora, Cranbourne East, Croydon, Essendon, Geelong, Ivanhoe, Kew, McKinnon, Mentone, Mt Waverley, Richmond, Taylors Lakes, Warragul and Werribee

**Who:** Students in Years 7–8

**Cost:** Beginning at \$110 per team (4–7 students)

**Registration:** Regional dates will be emailed to coordinators who will then be able to register online via the DAV website.

Further details about this program are available in the ‘schools’ section of the DAV website.

## Junior Public Speaking Competition

Every year the DAV runs a state-wide Junior Public Speaking Competition for students in Years 7–9. The program aims to give young speakers the opportunity to put their ideas forward in front of an audience whilst expanding their knowledge of current affairs. Students will develop the “building blocks” of public presentation—confidence, clarity, and the development of arguments—which are very important skills both in and out of school.

The competition in 2013 will run across one school day in Term 2, commencing with a training session led by DAV instructors. Finals will then be held throughout Terms 3 and 4.

<b>Where:</b>	Armadale	Lauriston Girls’ School	T.B.C.
	Bundoora	Parade College	Friday 24 May
	Geelong	T.B.C.	T.B.C.
	Maribyrnong	Maribyrnong College	Thursday 9 May
	Mentone	Mentone Girls’ Grammar School	Wednesday 22 May
	Mt Waverley	Avila College	Friday 19 April

**Who:** Students in Years 7–9

**Format:** Students present a prepared speech and two impromptu speeches

**Cost:** \$30 per student

**Registration:** Registration forms will be emailed to coordinators when regional dates are finalised

For more information about these programs, please contact:

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Training and Development Administrator

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