

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 2015. It includes:

- dates for the Schools Competition,
- Answers to some frequently asked questions about the Schools Competition,
- a brochure with information about the DAV Teacher In-Service for 2015, and
- information about junior programs, training and other services that the Association provides.

To register for the Schools Competition, log in to your account at <http://www.dav.com.au> and choose "Start registration". Your username and password are included in the email that contained this pack. If you encounter any difficulties registering or have misplaced your username and password, please contact us.

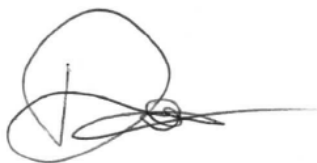
Registration must be completed by **4pm Wednesday 18 February**. Our aim is to release draws for all regions by **Wednesday 25 February**. Please help us meet this quick turnaround by completing your registration as soon as possible.

The fees for the Schools Competition are below:

Team fees (per team, per grade)		Membership fee (per school)	
Teams 1-2	\$195	1-4 Teams	\$70
Teams 3-4	\$235	4-9 Teams	\$100
Teams 5-6	\$315	10-14 Teams	\$130
Teams 7+	\$385	15+ Teams	\$160
Teams 9-10	\$435	Registration is capped at 10 teams per grade.	

If you have any questions, please contact me at the DAV office. We wish you all the best in this year's competition.

Yours faithfully,



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Schools Competition 2015 dates

Region	Host school	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
Ballarat	Ballarat High School	Wed 25 March	Wed 29 April	Wed 13 May	Wed 27 May	Wed 10 June
Bendigo	Bendigo Senior Secondary College	Tues 17 March	Tues 21 April	Tues 17 March	Tues 21 April	Tues 26 May (4pm-6pm)
Berwick	St Margaret's School	Thurs 12 March	Thurs 16 April	Thurs 21 May	Thurs 11 June	Thurs 30 July
Brighton*	Brighton Grammar School	Wed 25 March	Wed 29 April	Wed 20 May	Wed 17 June	Wed 29 July
Camberwell	Camberwell Grammar School	Mon 23 March	Mon 4 May	Mon 25 May	Mon 15 June	Mon 3 August
Caulfield	Caulfield Grammar School	Tues 3 March	Tues 28 April	Tues 5 May	Tues 19 May	Tues 11 August
Coburg	Mercy College	Wed 11 March	Wed 22 April	Wed 13 May	Wed 3 June	Wed 22 July
Essendon	St Bernard's College	Mon 16 March	Mon 20 April	Mon 11 May	Mon 1 June	Mon 20 July
Geelong	Geelong Grammar	Mon 4 May	Mon 25 May	Thurs 11 June	Mon 20 July	Mon 3 August
Glen Waverley*	Wesley College	Thurs 19 March	Thurs 7 May	Thurs 25 June	Thurs 23 July	Thurs 6 August
Hawthorn	Scotch College	Thurs 12 March	Thurs 23 April	Thurs 21 May	Thurs 23 July	Thurs 6 August
Ivanhoe*	Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School	Thurs 19 March	Thurs 23 April	Thurs 28 May	Thurs 18 June	Thurs 23 July
Keysborough	Haileybury College	Tues 10 March	Tues 24 March	Tues 28 April	Tues 12 May	Tues 28 July
Mount Eliza	Toorak College	Tues 10 March	Tues 28 April	Tues 12 May	Tues 2 June	Tues 28 July
Ringwood	Tintern Girls Grammar School	Mon 23 March	Tues 21 April	Wed 6 May	Mon 1 June	Mon 20 July
South Yarra	Melbourne High School	Tues 24 March	Tues 28 April	Tues 19 May	Tues 9 June	Tues 28 July
Toorak	St Kevin's College	Tues 3 March	Mon 16 March	Thurs 30 April	Wed 17 June	Wed 5 August
Watsonia	Loyola College	Mon 16 March	Mon 20 April	Mon 11 May	Mon 1 June	Mon 20 July
Williamstown	Williamstown High School	Wed 18 March	Wed 6 May	Wed 27 May	Wed 17 June	Wed 22 July

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

2015 Schools Competition Registration – Frequently Asked Questions:

To help with planning and registering for this year's Schools Competition, we have answered a few frequently asked questions below:

1) How do I register on the website?

You will need a username and password, which was emailed out with your registration pack. If you did not receive this let us know and we will send you a copy.

- Go to: <http://dav.com.au> and select the “log in” link in the top right-hand corner of the page.
- Select the school log in option and enter your credentials
- You will be redirected to a page with a link “start registration for the Schools Competition”, click here.
- Now select your two region preferences and select “continue”.
- You will then need to indicate the number of teams you would like to enter in each grade and you will be directed to enter student names.

The whole process should take five minutes. If you encounter any difficulties, please let us know.

2) When will schools be invoiced and what are this year's fees?

Invoices for team registration and this year's membership fee will be emailed in the week following close of registration (Wednesday 18 February). This year's fee table is published on the DAV website: <http://dav.com.au/schools/fees.php>

3) How many students can I have on a team?

The minimum number for any team is **four** and the maximum is **nine**. We encourage schools to register fewer teams with more students on each individual team, as this helps to prevent forfeits due to student commitments and illness. This year we will be strictly enforcing team numbers, so please ensure you meet these requirements.

4) Do I need to enter student names when I register?

While it is fine to leave student names blank at the time of registration you **must** enter these by the time your first round debates begin. This information is used to calculate speaker scores for our annual Swannie Awards and to monitor teams throughout the competition and during finals. If you have not entered speaker names by round one, your team may be withdrawn from further rounds.

5) What do I do if I need to change my registration?

You have until the registration cut-off date (Wednesday 18 February) to add or remove teams from your registration. If you wish to add or remove a team after this date, you will need to discuss this with us. Teams removed before the first round of debates will not incur a registration fee, however, if the team is removed less than a week before the first debate, you may be levied a forfeit fine.

6) Which region should I register in?

This is up to you, but we strongly recommend you select your region based on convenience of dates rather than convenience of location. Regions marked with an asterisk on the 2015 Schools Competition Dates sheet in your registration pack are likely to fill to capacity (it is first come, first served).

7) Which key dates should I have in my diary?

Registration for the Schools Competition Closes: Wednesday 18 February

The 2015 DAV Teacher Inservice: Monday 23 February

Draws and topics published on DAV website: Wednesday 25 February

The DAV Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 25 February

8) Help! It's my first time coordinating and I'm not sure how this works!

A good place to start is the Schools Competition Handbook, available for download here:

<http://dav.com.au/schools/documents/SchoolsCompetitionHandbook2015.pdf> The Handbook covers a lot of the administrative aspects of the competition, including a run-down of the overall structure of the competition, speaking times for each grade, forfeit procedures, secret topic rules and an explanation of adjudicator scores.

Another helpful resource is the Australia-Asia Guide to Debating, available to download on our website at: <http://dav.com.au/resources/aadg.php> The Guide outlines the technical rules of debating and all DAV adjudicators refer to and follow this when judging debates. Each year, the DAV also publishes brief resource guides for prepared topics in the Schools Competition. These guides are designed for students help guide their research. They are a starting point, but students should certainly undertake independent research for prepared topics! Guides are available at least a week before each debate and are published at:

http://dav.com.au/resources/sc_resource_guide.php

If you have never coordinated debating, our annual Teacher Inservice (Monday 23 February) offers a friendly one-day crash course on all things debating. Call us in the office if you would like more information about this program.

Debaters Association of Victoria Teacher Inservice 2015

A professional development program for teachers and debating coordinators

Monday February 23rd
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, team coaches and anyone interested in debating.

The Program will include:

- A discussion of the benefits of debating;
 - Adjudicator's advice on how to prepare and present a case;
 - An exhibition debate and discussion on this debate;
 - Tips on how to adjudicate debates and coach a debating team; and
 - Seminars on dealing with definitional debates, secret topics and using rebuttal to win debates.
- 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. Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided.

9:00	Registration and Welcome	
9:30	<i>Exhibition Debate</i>	
10:30	Morning tea	
11:00 Session 1	<i>Introduction to Debating</i>	<i>Principles of Adjudication</i>
12:30	Lunch	
1:30 Session 2	<i>Principles of Adjudication</i>	<i>Advanced Debating Strategy (Case construction, definitions & 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 9 years. She has co-created and managed pilot initiatives such as the Junior Public Speaking, Primary Schools and Public Speaking programs.



Principles of Adjudication ***Tom Sutherland***

The adjudication sessions 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.

The afternoon seminar will provide the basis of an understanding of how debates are adjudicated. By explaining the criteria adjudicators use to judge a debate, the session aims to aid staff in understanding what is required of students. This will ensure that they can make the most of the feedback they are given by adjudicators. We will also cover the exhibition debate, scoring and definitions, and any queries or questions raised by participants in the session.

Session Information (continued)



Principles of Adjudication **Tom Sutherland**

The morning session will assume prior knowledge of adjudication principles. It will briefly recap what staff will have learnt in past introductory adjudication sessions and extend on that base knowledge with a more comprehensive and in depth look at adjudication criteria. It will explain how the DAV trains adjudicators and the ways in which adjudicators assess, analyse and weigh up the three key criteria.

Tom is the current Vice-President (Adjudication and Training) of the DAV, of which he has been a member for the past seven years, and has run many training sessions for beginning adjudicators as part of this position. In the past, he has also represented The University of Melbourne as an adjudicator at the Australian, Australasian, and World University Debating Championships. Outside of debating, he is presently a doctoral candidate in the Media and Communications program at the same university.

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

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.



Kiran Iyer debated with the DAV throughout high school and adjudicated for the DAV while completing an Arts/Law degree at Monash University. Kiran was a member of the winning team representing Monash at both the Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships in 2012 and the World Universities Debating Championships, also in 2012. Kiran has been involved with coaching teams in the DAV Schools Competition for many years, and is a founder of African Voice, a non-for-profit offering debating and public speaking training throughout Africa.

Exhibition Debate

As well as the four training sessions, we will be showing an exhibition debate featuring adult members of the DAV. This will provide staff with the opportunity to see a high quality debate and raise any questions or comments they might have on the three key criteria (manner, matter and method), case structure and different styles of debating.

The debate will be a particularly useful point of discussion for the sessions that will follow and provide staff a good point of reference for understanding the basics of debating as well as both adjudications and advanced debating strategies.

Registration Form

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

Fax: (03) 9348 9466

Email: tda@dav.com.au

Online: http://www.dav.com.au/resources/in-service_registration.php

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, the exhibition debate and lunch)

Please return this form by **WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2015**

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 23rd February 2015

Morning session: Introduction to Debating
 Principles of Adjudication

Afternoon session: Principles of 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, Rebecca Lew on (03) 9348 9477 or email her at tda@dav.com.au

Debaters Association of Victoria Junior Programs 2015

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 including Armadale, Balwyn, Brighton, Brunswick, Bundoora, Cranbourne East, Croydon, Essendon, Geelong, Ivanhoe, Kew, McKinnon, Mentone, Mt Waverley, Richmond, Taylors Lakes, Toorak, Warragul and Werribee

Who: Students in Years 7–8

Cost: Beginning at \$120 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 2014 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.

Where:	Armadale	Sacre Couer	Friday 7 May
	Bendigo	T.B.C.	T.B.C.
	Bundoora	Parade College	Thursday 21 May
	Forest Hill	Forest Hill College	T.B.C.
	Geelong	St Joseph’s College	T.B.C.
	Maribyrnong	T.B.C.	T.B.C.
	Mentone	St Bernard’s College	Wednesday 22 July
	Toorak	T.B.C.	T.B.C.

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 once regional dates are finalised

For more information about these programs, please contact:

REBECCA LEW—Training and Development Administrator

Email: tda@dav.com.au

Phone: (03) 9348 9477

Debaters Association of Victoria

External Services 2015

Offering adjudication and training services across Victoria

Adjudication Services

The DAV can provide experienced 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 to suit your needs.

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 \$60/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 2015 Teacher Inservice will be held on **Monday 23rd 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.

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

Staff training rates: \$45/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 Spring 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 Debate Camp (End of Term 1 Holidays)

When: Monday 30 March to Wednesday 1 April

Where: Melbourne High School

Who: Students in Years 10–12

Cost: \$180 including morning tea and lunch

Spring Debate Camp (End of Term 3 Holidays)

When: Thursday 1 to Saturday 3 October

Where: TBC

Who: Students in Years 10–12

Cost: \$180 including morning tea 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).



Join the VICTORIAN SCHOOLS DEBATING TEAM!

Participating in the VST is a chance for you to represent Victoria at the National Championships – and even Australia in the World Championships! If you are selected for the team, you get to participate at the National Schools Debating Championships to be held in Adelaide in 2015.

Trials for the 2015 team will be held at:

St Kevin's College

31 Moonga Rd,

Toorak

on:

Sunday 15 February from 9:30am – 4:30pm

The top 24 speakers from this round will be required to attend a second round of trials at a date and venue to be announced.

To register your interest in the trials, contact the DAV:

Please complete the registration form at:

http://www.dav.com.au/schools/vst_trials.php

Registration closes Wednesday 11 February