



Primary School Program 2018

The Debater's Association of Victoria (DAV) is a non-profit association which exists to promote debate. We are the peak debating body in Victoria and run large competitions in primary and secondary schools across Victoria. We also provide training and resources for debaters, teachers and adjudicators.

The DAV's Primary School Program is the perfect introduction to the Australasian style of debating, in which two teams of three debate on a set topic. This format of debating is used in high schools and universities across Australia, so training students now will serve them well throughout their school lives. Our in-house training sessions provide both you and your students with a firm grounding in the rules and strategies of a debate, which can then be put into practice at one of our many Regional Debating Days across the state. We are able to be very flexible in how these sessions are run so a program can be tailored to suit your school if required.

Debating is a fun and effective way to get students engaged in learning. It is invaluable in developing their Critical and Creative Thinking skills as outlined in the Australian Curriculum F-10 and can be used to augment a range of other areas of study. With persuasion being the main focus of any debating speech this program also provides an alternative avenue to help students prepare for the persuasive writing segment of the NAPLAN.

All DAV trainers and adjudicators hold current Working with Children checks, details of which can be provided in advance if required.

Contact Us

Any questions or concerns about our Primary School Program should be directed to:

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Training Days

In-house Workshops

The DAV provides accredited trainers to run an introductory workshop day internally at your school. The interactive seminar includes:

- Discussions on persuasion
- An explanation of the rules and structure of debates
- Rebuttal strategies and activities
- Methods for debate preparation
- Tips for presenting to an audience

The program typically runs across 3 hours (including recess break) and can be tailored to your school's timetable. The workshops can involve a single class or entire year levels and can cater to years 3 and 4 or years 5 and 6, depending on your needs.

If you would prefer to split the training across multiple sessions, or run a longer training program, this can be arranged.

To book a workshop please fill out the form at dav.com.au/schools/TrainingServices.php or email us at debater@dav.com.au.

The cost per trainer is \$160. We recommend having groups of no more than 20-25 students per trainer.

Primary Teacher Inservice

The DAV runs a Primary Teacher Inservice at the beginning of each year to help Primary School coordinators and teachers learn more about debating and develop skills to pass this information on to their students. The 2018 Teacher Inservice will be held on **Monday 19th February** at the Stamford Plaza Hotel, 111 Little Collins St, from **3pm-5pm**.

The Primary 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.

The Program will include:

- A discussion of the benefits of debating;
- Adjudicators advice on how to prepare and present a case;
- Tips on how to adjudicate debates and coach a debating team; and
- An explanation of how adjudicators determine scores and results.

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

The total cost of the session is \$75 to be invoiced to the school at the close of registration. To register, please go to dav.com.au/resources/inservice_registration.php no later than Wednesday 14th February.

Debating Days

Regional Debating Days

Throughout terms 2 and 3 the DAV runs a number of Regional Debating Days at host schools across Victoria. These programs are an excellent opportunity for students to put their skills to use in 'friendly' debates with students from other schools. We welcome first time debaters as well as those who have previously participated in our programs.

Days are run within school hours, with teams participating in three debates (two will have prepared topics and one will have a secret topic announced on the day). Accredited DAV adjudicators provide students with feedback after each debate.

No debating experience is required, although these days assume that students are familiar with the very basics of debating. Schools may register up to 4 teams per regional day, but are only guaranteed entry of 2 teams, subject to registration. The cost per team is \$75.

For a complete list of regions and dates, and to register, please visit our website at dav.com.au. If your school is interested in hosting a regional day please contact Isabella Kruzas on 03 9348 9477 or email debater@dav.com.au.

State Tournament

As a capstone to this program the DAV holds an annual Primary School Debating Tournament in term 4. This round-robin competition aims to introduce students to competitive inter-school debating whilst also providing further opportunities to develop their debating skills.

This day follows the standard format of three debates (two prepared and one secret). After the debates medals are awarded to the overall winning team of the day, as well as the overall highest scoring speaker.

Each school is able to enter one team of 4-6 students. Lunch is provided for students and staff. Further details of location and cost will be released later in the year, and will be available on our website at dav.com.au.