

Student Safety

IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY

Over the years, student safety at interschool events has become more and more important and it has gained more and more acceptance. The DAV has set down a number of student safety procedures. These procedures are not simply practical initiatives. They are a fundamental change to the way the DAV interacts with schools, teachers, parents and students – particularly at regional nights – and so we need everyone's cooperation.

REGIONAL NIGHTS

At DAV regional nights, there is dedicated room allocated to the adjudicators and Regional Coordinator, so that they can be found with ease. Visiting School Coordinators, or the adult responsible for supervising students from each school, *will be required to sign-in with the Regional Coordinator.*

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

We have clarified the responsibilities of the Regional Coordinator, Host School Coordinator, and Visiting School Coordinator (VSC). These are made clear to Regional Coordinators and host schools. VSCs are the Debating Coordinators from schools visiting the Host School to debate.

The VSC is the person responsible for the health and behavior of the students from their school. In an emergency, the VSC will be the person to make decisions about medical treatment, or in case of an evacuation the VSC will be responsible to account for students from their school when everyone assembles at the emergency meeting place.

There are three key requirements for Visiting School Coordinators –

1. You should obtain Consent forms and Emergency Medical Information for all students who will be attending debating nights in 2011. Debating nights should be treated just like any official excursion.
2. Adult supervision will be required at debating nights for the time that students from your school are onsite, usually 6PM to 9PM. This means that you will require an adult supervisor (staff member or parent) for each team present.
3. The Debating Coordinator, or another teacher or approved parent must **sign in** as the Visiting School Coordinator, with the Regional Coordinator at the beginning of the night. Signing in makes sure we know in advance who to contact in case of an emergency. When you sign in, you will be required to give the Regional Coordinator a list of the students who will be attending the night. A student attendance form is included with this letter, which you should copy and fill in to give to the Regional Coordinator at each debating night. *To stress the importance of having VSCs sign in and provide a student attendance form at each regional night, the DAV Executive may impose fines (similar to those for forfeiting debates) on any school that does not fulfill this requirement.*