

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 2014. It includes:

- dates for the Schools Competition,
- a brochure with information about the DAV Teacher In-Service for 2014,
- information about junior programs, training, and other services that the Association provides, and

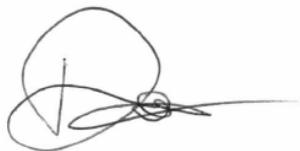
The registration process for the Schools Competition will again be online. To register for the Schools Competition, log in to your account at <http://www.dav.com.au> and choose "Start registration". Please feel free to call or email me at the office if you have any questions about the registration process. Registration must be completed by **4pm Wednesday 19 February** (or 4pm Friday 14 February if you are registering in the Coburg or Brighton regions). Our aim is to release draws for all regions by **Wednesday 26 February**. Please help us meet this quick turnaround deadline 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	\$185	1-4 Teams	\$70
Teams 3-4	\$225	4-9 Teams	\$100
Teams 5-6	\$300	10-14 Teams	\$130
Teams 7+	\$370	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 2014 dates**

Region	Host school	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
Ballarat	Ballarat HS	Wed 12 Mar	Wed 2 Apr	Wed 30 Apr	Wed 21 May	Wed 18 Jun
Berwick	St Margaret's School	Thur 13 Mar	Thur 24 Apr	Thur 22 May	Thur 12 Jun	Thur 31 Jul
Brighton*	Brighton GS	Wed 26 Feb	Wed 26 Mar	Wed 7 May	Wed 28 May	Wed 18 Jun
Camberwell	Camberwell GS	Mon 17 Mar	Mon 5 May	Mon 19 May	Mon 16 Jun	Mon 28 Jul
Caulfield	Caulfield GS	Tues 18 Mar	Tues 1 Apr	Tues 13 May	Tues 17 Jun	Tues 29 Jul
Coburg	Mercy College	Wed 26 Feb	Wed 19 Mar	Wed 23 Apr	Wed 4 Jun	Wed 6 Aug
Essendon	St Bernard's College	Mon 24 Mar	Mon 28 Apr	Mon 12 May	Mon 2 Jun	Mon 21 Jul
Geelong	Geelong GS	Mon 5 May	Mon 26 May	Mon 16 June	Mon 28 July	<b>Thurs 7 Aug</b>
Glen Waverley*	Wesley College	Thur 27 Mar	Thur 1 May	Thur 29 May	Thur 19 Jun	Thur 24 Jul
Hawthorn*	Scotch College	Thur 13 Mar	Thur 15 May	Thur 12 Jun	Thur 17 Jul	Thur 7 Aug
Ivanhoe*	Ivanhoe Girls' GS	Thur 20 Mar	Thur 8 May	Thur 5 Jun	Thur 19 Jun	Thur 24 Jul
Keysborough	Haileybury College	Tues 4 Mar	Tues 18 Mar	Tues 29 Apr	Tues 13 May	Tues 29 Jul
Mount Eliza	Toorak College	Tues 11 Mar	Tues 20 May	Tues 3 Jun	Tues 24 Jun	Tues 5 Aug
Ringwood	Tintern Girls GS	<b>Mon 17 Mar</b>	Tues 1 Apr	Tues 6 May	Tues 3 Jun	Tues 22 Jul
South Yarra	Melbourne HS	Tues 25 Mar	Tues 29 Apr	Tues 27 May	Tues 17 Jun	Tues 22 Jul
Toorak	St Kevin's College	Mon 3 Mar	Wed 26 Mar	Thur 15 May	Wed 18 Jun	Thur 7 Aug
Watsonia	Loyola College	Mon 31 Mar	Mon 5 May	Mon 19 May	Mon 21 Jul	Mon 4 Aug
Williamstown	Williamstown HS	Wed 19 Mar	Wed 7 May	Wed 4 Jun	Wed 23 Jul	Wed 6 Aug

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

# Debaters Association of Victoria Teacher Inservice 2014

*A professional development program for teachers and debating coordinators*

**Monday February 24th  
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**

The training will include:

- a discussion of the benefits of debating,
- adjudicator's advice on how to prepare and present a case,
- an exhibition debate
- 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

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>Principles of Adjudication</i>
11:00	Morning tea	
11:30	<i>Exhibition Debate</i>	
12:45	Lunch	
1:30 Session 2	<i>Principles of 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.



### ***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.

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

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.



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 Interschool Debating Championships in 2010 and the World Universities Debating Championships in 2012. Amit coached the Victorian Schools Debating Team and has also been involved in training secondary school and university students in Melbourne, Hong Kong and recently in Africa.

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### **Exhibition Debate**

As well as the four training sessions, we will be running an exhibition debate featuring six excellent former high school debaters. 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 particularly useful for discussion in the two afternoon sessions and provide staff a good point of reference for both understanding 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](mailto:tda@dav.com.au)

Online: [http://www.dav.com.au/resources/in-service\\_registration.php](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 12 FEBRUARY 2014**

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 24th February 2014

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, Melissa Matteo on (03) 9348 9477 or email her at [tda@dav.com.au](mailto:tda@dav.com.au)

# Debaters Association of Victoria

## External Services 2014

*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 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 \$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 2014 Teacher Inservice will be held on Monday 24h 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 9 to Friday 11 April

**Where:** Melbourne High School

**Who:** Students in Years 10–12

**Cost:** \$180 including lunch

### Winter Holidays Debate Camp

**When:** Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 July

**Where:** Melbourne High School

**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 2014

*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, 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 \$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 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.

<b>Where:</b>	Armadale	T.B.C.	T.B.C.
	Bundoora	Parade College	Friday 23 May
	Geelong	T.B.C.	T.B.C.
	Maribyrnong	Maribyrnong College	Thursday 8 May
	Mentone	T.B.C.	T.B.C.
	Mt Waverley	Avila College	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 when regional dates are finalised

For more information about these programs, please contact:

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