

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 2012. It includes:

- dates for the Schools Competition,
- a brochure with information about the DAV Teacher In-Service for 2012,
- 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 Economic.

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 Friday February 17th**. Our aim is to release draws for all regions on **Thursday February 23rd**. Please help us meet this quick turnaround deadline by completing your registration as soon as possible.

Your website credentials are printed the same as last year. If you do not have a username and password, or need to retrieve your details, please call or email the office.

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

Team fees (per team, per grade)	
Teams 1-2	\$170 per team
Teams 3-4	\$210 per team
Teams 5-6	\$275 per team
Teams 7+	\$340 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,

Michael Ciesielski  
Schools Administrator



**Debaters**  
Association of Victoria

**Schools Competition 2012 dates**

Region	Host school	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
Ballarat	Ballarat HS	Tue Mar 20	Tue May 8	Tue May 29	Tue Jun 19	Tue Aug 7
Berwick	St Margaret's School	Thu Mar 8	Thu May 10	Thu May 24	Thu Jul 26	Thu Aug 9
Brighton	Brighton GS	Wed Mar 21	Wed May 9	Wed May 30	Wed Jun 20	Wed Aug 1
Camberwell*	Camberwell GS	Mon Mar 26	Mon Apr 30	Mon May 28	Mon Jun 25	Mon Aug 6
Caulfield*	Caulfield GS	<b>Wed</b> Mar 14	Tue Mar 27	Tue Apr 24	Tue May 15	Tue Jul 24
Coburg	Mercy College	Wed Mar 7	Wed Mar 28	Wed May 23	Wed Jul 25	Wed Aug 8
Essendon	St Bernard's College	Mon Mar 19	Mon Apr 23	Mon May 14	Mon Jun 4	Mon Jul 30
Geelong	Geelong GS	Thu Mar 15	Thu Apr 26	Thu May 10	Thu Jul 19	Thu Aug 9
Glen Waverley*	Wesley College	Thu Mar 22	Thu Apr 26	Thu May 17	Thu May 31	Thu Jul 26
Hawthorn*	Scotch College	Thu Mar 22	Thu May 3	<b>Wed</b> May 16	Thu Jun 21	Thu Aug 2
Ivanhoe*	Ivanhoe Girls' GS	Thu Mar 15	Thu Apr 19	Thu May 17	Thu Jun 21	Thu Jul 19
Keysborough	Haileybury College	Wed Mar 7	Wed Mar 21	Wed May 9	Wed May 23	Wed Aug 8
Mount Eliza	Toorak College	Tue Mar 20	Tue May 1	Tue May 22	Tue Jun 5	Tue Jul 31
Ringwood	Tintern Girls GS	Mon Mar 26	Mon Apr 23	Mon May 14	Tue May 29	Tue Jul 24
South Yarra	Melbourne HS	Tue Mar 27	Tue May 1	Tue May 22	Tue Jun 19	Tue Jul 31
Toorak*	St Kevin's College	Thu Mar 1	Wed Mar 21	Tue Apr 24	Wed Jun 20	Thu Aug 2
Watsonia	Loyola College	Mon Mar 26	Mon Apr 30	Mon May 21	Mon Jul 23	Mon Aug 6
Williamstown	Williamstown HS	Wed Mar 14	Wed May 2	Wed May 16	Wed Jun 6	Wed Aug 1

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

**Other key dates:** Vic Schools Team trials: Sun Feb 26th & Mar 4th, Viewpoint - Sun Mar 25th; Senior BP - Sun Sep 9th; Schools Competition Finals Series begins August 24th.

# Debaters Association of Victoria Teacher Inservice 2012

*A professional development program for teachers and debating coordinators*

**Friday March 2nd**  
**Jasper Hotel, Elizabeth 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."*

*"The sessions were helpful and productive. I gained some excellent strategies and information."*

*"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>Introduction to Adjudication</i>
11:00	Morning tea	
11:30	Plenary and Networking	
12:45	Lunch	
1:30 Session 2	<i>Extensions (Public Speaking &amp; BP style)</i>	<i>Advanced Debating Strategy (Case Construction, Definitions &amp; Manner)</i>
3:00	End of day	

## Session Information

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

#### ***Charisma Dungan***

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.



### ***Introduction to Adjudication***

#### ***Monique Hardinge***

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.

## Session Information (continued)

### **Introduction to Adjudication**

#### **Monique Hardinge**

Monique has been adjudicating with the DAV since 2008 and is now beginning her third term as the Vice President (Adjudication and Training) at the DAV. She has been the President of the Melbourne University Debating Society, and has also been the coordinator for their Schools Training Programs. Monique has adjudicated at the World Universities Debating Championships and at the Australian Intervarsity Debating Championships. She is studying a postgraduate Juris Doctor at the University of Melbourne.



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### **Extensions (Public Speaking & BP Style)**

#### **Jonathan Benney**

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. This session 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.



Jonathan has been involved in debating as a debater, adjudicator and trainer since the 1990s. He has represented Melbourne University 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. He has a PhD in Chinese Studies from the University of Melbourne and is working as a postdoctoral research fellow at the National University of Singapore.

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### **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 at a law firm and previously edited the Melbourne Journal of International Law.



## Registration Form

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

Fax: (03) 9348 9466

Mail: Debaters Association of Victoria  
PO Box 2125  
Royal Melbourne Hospital VIC 3050

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

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

Please return this form by **FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2012.**

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:

Friday 2 March

Morning session: ☐ Introduction to Debating  
☐ Introduction to Adjudication

Afternoon session: ☐ Extensions (Public Speaking & BP Style)  
☐ 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 Junior Programs 2012

*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 Balwyn, Brunswick, Bundoora, Cranbourne East, Croydon, Essendon, Geelong, Ivanhoe, Kew, McKinnon, Mentone, Mt Waverley, Taylors Lakes, Warragul and Werribee

**Who:** Students in Years 7–8

**Cost:** Beginning at \$105 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 2012 will run across one school day, commencing with a training session led by DAV instructors.

**When:** Term 2 (with finals to be held throughout Terms 3 and 4)

**Where:** Host schools across Victoria

**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

*The DAV relies heavily upon host schools in order to facilitate competitions, training programs and other events. If your school is interested in hosting a DAV event during and/or after school, please let us know and we will be in contact when opportunities are available. Host schools receive benefits which may include discounted registration for DAV programs.*

For more information about these programs, please contact:

**Andrew Costa**

Training and Development Administrator

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

Phone: (03) 9348 9477

# Debaters Association of Victoria External Services 2012

*Offering adjudication and training services across Victoria*

## Adjudication Services

The DAV can provide 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 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 short-time preparation. Students will learn and practise processes for preparing to deadlines as well 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 learn more about debating and develop skills to pass this information on to their students. The 2012 Teacher Inservice will be held on **Friday 2nd March**. 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.

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### **Debate Camp**

In 2011, the DAV piloted a non-residential debating camp for students in Years 10-12. In 2012, the camp will run over three days during the Easter/Winter holidays. The camp will include matter sessions on recurring debating themes, workshops to improve practical debating skills, and daily secret topic debates led by DAV accredited trainers. Students have the option of attending the entire camp or any two days of the program.

Registration details will be emailed to coordinators when the location and dates have been finalised. As places are limited, a maximum of 6 students are permitted to attend from each school. Further details will be published on the DAV website as they become available, however feel free to contact the Training and Development Administrator, Andrew Costa, by emailing [tda@dav.com.au](mailto:tda@dav.com.au) or by phoning the DAV office on 9348 9477 if you wish to discuss this program.

## **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).

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

*Staff training rates: \$35/head for 90minute session (min 3 participants)*

*Travel levy: no cost for training held within 50km of Melbourne CBD  
\$15 (50-100km from CBD), \$25 (100-150km from CBD), \$40 (150+km from CBD)*

# The Monash Economics Debate



## Debaters Association of Victoria