

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 regional debating night.

This registration pack contains everything you will need to register teams in the Schools Competition for 2011. It includes:

- dates for the Schools Competition,
- a brochure with information about the DAV Teacher In-Service for 2011, and
- an *Expression of Interest* form detailing training opportunities in 2011.

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

Your website credentials remain the same as last year. If you don't have a record of your login details, or are a new debating co-ordinator, please email or telephone the DAV Office to retrieve your details.

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

Schools Competition 2011 dates

Region	Host school	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
Ballarat	Ballarat HS	Tue Mar 29	Tue May 10	Tue May 31	Tue Jun 21	Tue Aug 2
Berwick	St Margaret's School	Thu Mar 3	Thu Mar 24	Thu May 12	Thu Jun 2	Thu Aug 4
Brighton	Brighton GS	Wed Mar 2	Wed Mar 16	Wed May 25	Wed Jun 22	Wed Aug 3
Camberwell*	Camberwell GS	Mon Mar 28	Mon May 2	Mon May 23	Mon Jun 27	Mon Aug 1
Caulfield*	Caulfield GS	Tue Mar 15	Tue May 3	Thu May 19	Tue Jun 21	Thu Aug 4
Coburg	Mercy College	Wed Mar 9	Wed Mar 30	Wed May 25	Wed Jul 27	Wed Aug 10
Essendon	St Bernard's College	Mon Mar 21	Mon Apr 4	Mon May 9	Mon May 23	Mon Aug 1
Geelong	Geelong GS	Thu Mar 24	Thu May 5	Thu Jun 2	Thu Jul 21	Thu Aug 11
Glen Waverley*	Wesley College	Thu Mar 10	Thu May 5	Thu May 26	Thu Jun 23	Wed Jul 27
Hawthorn*	Scotch College	Thu Mar 17	Thu Mar 31	Thu May 19	Thu Jun 23	Thu Aug 11
Ivanhoe*	Ivanhoe Girls' GS	Thu Mar 17	Thu May 26	Thu Jun 9	Thu Jun 23	Thu Jul 21
Keysborough	Haileybury College	Wed Mar 9	Wed Mar 23	Wed May 11	Wed May 25	Wed Aug 10
Mount Eliza	Toorak College	Tue Mar 15	Tue Apr 5	Tue May 17	Tue Jun 7	Tue Jun 28
Ringwood	Tintern Girls GS	Mon Feb 28	Mon Apr 4	Tue May 10	Tue May 31	Tue Jul 26
South Yarra	Melbourne HS	Tue Mar 29	Tue May 3	Tue May 24	Tue Jun 21	Tue Jul 26
Toorak*	St Kevin's College	Thu Mar 3	Thu Mar 31	Thu May 5	Thu Jun 2	Thu Aug 4
Watsonia	Loyola College	Mon Mar 28	Mon May 2	Mon May 30	Mon Jun 20	Mon Jul 25
Williamstown	Williamstown HS	Wed Mar 9	Wed Mar 23	Wed May 11	Wed Jun 8	Wed Aug 3

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

Other key dates: Viewpoint - March 27th; Senior British Parliamentary Competition - September 18th; Schools Competition Finals Series begins August 24th.

Debaters Association of Victoria Teacher Inservice 2011

A professional development program for teachers and debating coordinators

Friday February 25th
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?

English teachers, librarians, 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
- workshops on effective public speaking

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."

"Very helpful. It will really make a difference in how I help my students prepare for their debates."

"An open and practical session that gave good advice and illuminated some aspects of the mysteries of adjudication."



Program

There will be a choice of three sessions in the morning and three 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>Coaching and Strategy</i>	<i>Introduction to Adjudication</i>
11:00	Morning tea		
11:30	Plenary and networking		
12:45	Lunch		
1:30 Session 2	<i>Introduction to Adjudication</i>	<i>Public Speaking</i>	<i>Advanced Basics</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-on-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 School and Public Speaking programs.



Coaching and Strategy—Amit Golder

This session will enable you to take the role of debating coach for your students. It will cover some basic training and development skills, as well as some specialised tips for how to coach students at different year levels, experience levels and for prepared, advised and secret topics.



Amit Golder has been Vice President (Schools) of the Debaters Association of Victoria since 2010. 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 the Australasian Interschool Debating Championships in 2010. Amit is the current coach of the Victorian Schools Debating Team and has also been involved in training secondary school and university students in Melbourne and Hong Kong.

Session Information (continued)

Introduction to Adjudication—Monique Hardinge and Amit Golder

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 roles in debating for some time.

As a DAV debater in her school years, Monique has been adjudicating with the DAV since finishing high school and is now beginning her second 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 adjudicated the Grand Final of the most recent Australian Interservice Debating Championships, held in 2010. She is studying a postgraduate Juris Doctor at the University of Melbourne.



Public Speaking—Jonathan Benney and Charisma Dungan

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 session aims to demystify the skills of public speaking. It will cover the use of the voice and the body; the development of effective content; ways of organizing speeches to hold the audience's attention; and preparing for impromptu speeches. The session will also prepare teachers to teach and assess public speaking.



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 will be working as a postdoctoral research fellow at the National University of Singapore in 2011.

Advanced Basics—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 the DAV. He has been adjudicating and training since 2005 and served as the Vice-President (Schools) of the DAV from 2007-2009 and as Secretary in 2010. He also currently serves as the Executive Officer of the Australian Debating Federation. Outside the DAV, he studies law, politics and English literature and has served as editor of the *Melbourne Journal of International Law*.



Registration Form

To register, provide your details online at www.dav.com.au
OR 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: \$150 per day for the first teacher from your school
\$125 per day for each additional teacher.
(includes all materials, lunch and morning tea)

Please return this form by **WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2011**.
Places are strictly limited and will fill up fast, so please get in early to guarantee your place.

Please select your preferred sessions:

Friday 25 February

Morning session: Introduction to Debating
 Coaching and Strategy
 Introduction to adjudication

Afternoon session: Introduction to Adjudication
 Public Speaking
 Advanced Basics

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

Training Programs 2011

If you are interested in participating in any of these programs, or learning more, please mark the boxes on the left of the page and return by fax to (03) 9348 9466 or email debater@dav.com.au.

School name: _____

Debating co-ordinator: _____

Co-ordinator's email address: _____

Launchpad training

WHAT: A group training session held before Round 1 of the Schools Competition that will cover debate preparation, adjudication criteria and other skills to get students ready for the debating season. This training can be tailored to beginners or more experienced debaters.

WHO: All year 9-12 debaters. **COST:** \$50 for groups of up to 10 students.

Training DVD

WHAT: The DAV has produced a training DVD which includes two debates, a 45 minute beginners training session and a 40 minute advanced training session. Also includes a CD-Rom containing teacher reference materials. **WHO:** Everyone! **COST:** \$95.

Debate Camp

WHAT: A 3 day non-residential camp in the April holidays combining training and debating. **WHO:** Year 9-12 students. **COST:** TBC.

Development Squad

WHAT: A weekend training session held over four weeks to workshop debating skills. **WHO:** School debaters with high potential but who do not have access to other training. Students are selected through recommendations from adjudicators and schools. **COST:** Free.

Private training/adjudication

WHAT: The DAV can provide adjudicators and trainers for your school by request. We run training sessions throughout the year and can adjudicate inter-school or house debating, and public speaking. The DAV can tailor a program to suit your individual needs. **WHO:** Schools, Other Organisations **COST:** \$60-\$80 per hour, depending on the service required and your location.

Junior Public Speaking

WHAT: The DAV will also continue its Public Speaking program for year 7-9 students. Speakers present one persuasive prepared speech and an impromptu speech. This program will run across a number of regions in Victoria, with finals held in fourth term. More information about the format of this program will follow. **WHO:** All schools. **COST:** \$50 per student.

British Parliamentary Competition

WHAT: An opportunity for students to experience three rounds of debating in the engaging BP format. In this style of debating, students speak in teams of two and may interrupt other speakers to ask questions. Training in this style is provided on each day. This competition is split into two divisions across two days, one for year 7-9 students, and one for year 10-12 students. Lunch is included. **WHO:** All schools. **COST:** \$90 per team.