

TEACHER IN-SERVICE

A professional
development program for
teachers and debating
coordinators

Secondary - 9am-3pm

Primary - 3:30pm-5pm

Monday 24 February 2025

Stamford Plaza Hotel, Little
Collins St, Melbourne



Debaters

Association of Victoria Inc.

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.

- Adjudicator's advice on how to prepare and present debating and public speaking speeches
- 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.

PROGRAM

9:00 AM

Registration and Welcome

9:15 AM

Session 1: Introduction to
Debating

10:30 AM

Morning tea

11:00 AM

Session 2: Advanced Debating
Strategy

12:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 PM

Session 3: Introduction to
Adjudication

3:00 PM

Afternoon tea

3:30 PM

Session 4: Introduction to
Debating (Primary)

5:00pm

End of Day



SESSION INFORMATION



Introduction to Debating

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.

Introduction to Adjudication

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. 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.

Advanced Debating Strategy

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.

TRAINING TEAM



Charisma Taylor has been the DAV's Executive Officer since 2006. She has been involved in training students, teachers, and adult debaters for the last 20 years. She has co-created and managed pilot initiatives such as the Junior Public Speaking, Primary Schools and Public Speaking programs, and delivers many of the DAV's adjudication training sessions.

Charisma has qualifications in Business and Project Management from Swinburne University and a Master of Human Resource Management from Deakin University.

Michael Donaghue-Evans is a former Vice-President (Schools) and coach of the Victorian Schools Team, who won the 2021 National Championships, and has also coached the Australian Schools team. Michael is actively involved in university debating and has won the Australian Interschool Debating Championships and been a Chief Adjudicator of the Australia-New Zealand Pro-Am Debating Championships. He has also completed Honours in politics and international studies at The University of Melbourne.

TRAINING TEAM



Jonathan Benney is a former President of the DAV. He has been a member of the DAV since the 1990s, and has served as regional coordinator, Schools Administrator, and Vice-President (Adjudication and Training), amongst many other positions.

As a debater and adjudicator, he represented the University of Melbourne and the National University of Singapore at the Australian, Australasian, and World Interschool Debating Championships. He has been involved in schools debating in Melbourne, Sydney, and Singapore. Jonathan has also debated for Australia at the world Chinese-language debating tournament. He works as a lecturer in Chinese Studies at Monash University.

Isabella Leach has been adjudicating with the DAV since 2013, and an administrator in the DAV office since 2016. In that time she has contributed significantly to the growth of the Primary Schools Program, including piloting the Primary School Public Speaking Competition and the Primary School Teacher Inservice.

What Previous Participants Say...

The DAV has run similar in-services 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”

To Register

To register, please fill out the online registration form by

Monday 17 February 2025

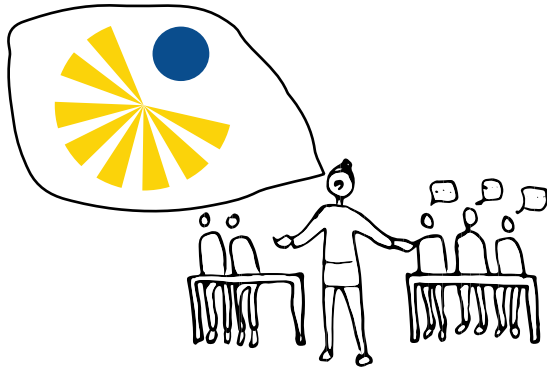
http://www.dav.com.au/resources/inservice_registration.php

- Cost** \$275 for three sessions
(includes all materials, arrival tea/coffee, morning tea and lunch)
- \$200 for two sessions
(includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch)
- \$120 for one session
(includes morning tea/afternoon tea or lunch)

Places are strictly limited and will fill up fast, so please get in early to guarantee your place. **Discounts are available for multiple registrations from the same school.**

We will invoice your school at the close of registration.

Cancellations received within 5 business days of the program will be charged at the full registration rate.



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