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EXTERNAL SERVICES



Debaters Association of Victoria
Offering adjudication and training services across Victoria



The DAV can provide **experienced 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.



The DAV can provide **training to students and staff** according to your school's needs. Attached to this document is a sampling of available training packages, which can be modified or combined to suit your needs.

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.

TRAINING SAMPLES



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.

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.

Public Speaking

This session looks at different styles of presentation, considering pace, volume, pitch and expression. It also explores

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 practice processes for preparing to deadlines as well as techniques for brainstorming more widely.

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. This training will be held on Wednesday 21th February at the Stamford Plaza Hotel.

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.

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.

SERVICE RATES



Training/Service	Rate	Notes
Adjudication	\$90/first hour, \$77/subsequent hours	fee per adjudicator
Training	\$100/first hour, \$82.5/subsequent hour	fee per trainer
Large Booking Surcharge	10%	applied where 4+ trainers required
Travel levy	\$30 (25km+ from CBD) \$60 (50km+ from CBD) \$Variable (150+km from CBD)	no cost for training held within 25km of Melbourne 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.

Registration information is available from the DAV website. As places are limited, a maximum of 5 students are permitted to attend from each school.

** The DAV is able to offer a limited number of equity places for students from under-resources schools. Further Details can be obtained from the DAV Office.*

Easter Debate Camp (Term 1 Holidays)

When	Easter Holidays
Where	TBC
Who	Students in Years 10–12
Cost	TBA

Winter Debate Camp (Term 2 Holidays)

When	Winter Holidays
Where	TBC
Who	Students in Years 10–12
Cost	TBA

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**. This can be downloaded from the DAV website at <http://dav.com.au/resources/aadg.php>. 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.



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