

# The Debaters Association of Victoria

## 2017 Regional Debating Competitions

Since 2005, the DAV has run regional programs around Victoria to encourage students in rural areas to become involved in debating. Our regional programs are open to any student in years 7 to 10, regardless of their debating experience. This year the program will include a training session for beginner debaters followed by a day of debates for students in years 7 to 10.

### Training

The training session, an optional component open to all year levels but targeted at students with limited debating experience, will be a 2.5 hour afternoon session. This session will cover the basics of debating; methods of preparation; and how to formulate an argument and develop a case. The training day provides students with an opportunity to build on debating skills and confidence prior to the competition day. This is also a chance for students to ask questions of experienced DAV trainers and to benefit from their extensive experience.

### Debating Competition

The debating competition is divided into two divisions: Junior (years 7/8) and Senior (years 9/10). Debates will be held on from 9.30 am until 2.30 pm. Each division has three debates, including an advised topic for the Junior division, and one secret topic debate for the Senior division. All debates are viewed by experienced adjudicators who will offer students in-depth and constructive feedback. At the end of the day certificates will be awarded to highest ranked teams in both divisions, as well as highest ranked individual speakers.

### Why Debate?

Participating in debating is a great way for students to build their public speaking skills, develop critical thinking and to work closely with other schools in the region. The Regional Debating Competition is a rare opportunity for students to gain feedback from experienced adjudicators and to participate in a structured and welcoming interschool program.

Debating also;

- promotes confidence and effective public presentation
- encourages logical and critical thinking, social awareness and an interest in current affairs
- is multi-disciplinary: debating techniques can be used in all subject areas.
- its benefits extend through all aspects of the school curriculum

### Fees

- \$130 per team (up to 7 students) per competition day
- Annual \$30 DAV membership payment
- Cost includes participation in the training day.

### Registration

Coordinators must complete a registration form online. You can find this, as well as all our competition dates and locations here –

[http://dav.com.au/schools/regional\\_debating.php](http://dav.com.au/schools/regional_debating.php)



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