

Overview of Nights

Round 0 – Exhibition Debate - Wednesday August 19th, 2026

The aim of this session is to showcase a high quality debate by the trainers and bring all students to a similar level in terms of understandings about debating.

	<i>Group A (6pm-7:30pm)</i>	<i>Group B (6:45pm-8:15pm)</i>
6:00pm	Introduction training	
6:45pm	Exhibition debate	
7:30pm		Introduction training

Round 1 – Debate and Extension Session - Wednesday August 26th, 2026

The aim of this session is to extend knowledge of debating concepts, including case set up.

	<i>Group A (6pm-7:30pm)</i>	<i>Group B (6:45pm-8:15pm)</i>
6:00pm	Debate Round 1	
6:45pm	Extension training	Extension training
7:30pm		Debate Round 1

Round 2 – Debate and Extension Session - Wednesday September 9th, 2026

The aim of this session is to extend knowledge of debating concepts, including rebuttal.

	<i>Group A (6pm-7:30pm)</i>	<i>Group B (6:45pm-8:15pm)</i>
6:00pm	Debate Round 2	
6:45pm	Extension training	Extension training
7:30pm		Debate Round 2

Round 3 – Debate and Awards - Wednesday November 11th, 2026

The aim of this session is to recognise students' progress over the 3 debates.

	<i>Group A (6pm-7pm)</i>	<i>Group B (6:45pm-7:45pm)</i>
6:00pm	Debate Round 3	
6:45pm		Debate Round 3

Training Groups

Wednesday August 19th, Wednesday August 26th, Wednesday September 9th, 2026

Group A

<u>Room 1:</u> • Rosehill Secondary College 1 • Rosehill Secondary College 2 • Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 1 • Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 2	<u>Room 2:</u> • Australian International Academy – CSSC 1 • Australian International Academy – CSSC 2 • Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 3 • Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 4
<u>Room 3:</u> • Mount Alexander College 1 • Mount Alexander College 2 • Overnewton Anglican Community College 1 • Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 5	

Group B

<u>Room 1:</u> • PEGS McNab 1 • PEGS McNab 2 • Buckley Park College 1 • Buckley Park College 2	<u>Room 2:</u> • PEGS McNab 3 • PEGS McNab 4 • St Aloysius College 1 • St Aloysius College 2
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Group A Draw

Team listed first is affirmative. **Speaking times are 3-4 minutes.**

Round 1 – Wednesday August 26th, 2026

Topic: That health star ratings should be mandatory in Australia.

Affirmative		Negative
Australian International Academy - CSSC 1	v	Mount Alexander College 2
Australian International Academy - CSSC 2	v	Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 2
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 3	v	Rosehill Secondary College 2
Rosehill Secondary College 1	v	Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 1
Mount Alexander College 1	v	Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 4
Overnewton Anglican Community College 1	v	Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 5

Round 2 – Wednesday September 9th, 2026

Topic: That standardised testing (e.g. NAPLAN) does more harm than good.

Affirmative		Negative
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 1	v	Mount Alexander College 1
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 4	v	Australian International Academy - CSSC 2
Mount Alexander College 2	v	Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 3
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 2	v	Rosehill Secondary College 1
Rosehill Secondary College 2	v	Overnewton Anglican Community College 1
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 5	v	Australian International Academy - CSSC 1

Round 3 – Wednesday November 11th, 2026

Topic: That we should restrict the development of AI data centres in Australia.

Affirmative		Negative
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 4	v	Rosehill Secondary College 2
Rosehill Secondary College 1	v	Mount Alexander College 1
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 2	v	Australian International Academy - CSSC 1
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 3	v	Australian International Academy - CSSC 2
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 1	v	Overnewton Anglican Community College 1
Mount Alexander College 2	v	Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - Gottliebsen House 5

Group B Draw

Team listed first is affirmative. **Speaking times are 3-4 minutes.**

Round 1 – Wednesday August 26th, 2026

Topic: That health star ratings should be mandatory in Australia.

Affirmative		Negative
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - McNab House 4	v	Buckley Park College 2
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - McNab House 3	v	Buckley Park College 1
St Aloysius College 2	v	Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - McNab House 2
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - McNab House 1	v	St Aloysius College 1

Round 2 – Wednesday September 9th, 2026

Topic: That standardised testing (e.g. NAPLAN) does more harm than good.

Affirmative		Negative
Buckley Park College 2	v	Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - McNab House 1
Buckley Park College 1	v	Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - McNab House 4
St Aloysius College 2	v	Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - McNab House 3
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - McNab House 2	v	St Aloysius College 1

Round 3 – Wednesday November 11th, 2026

Topic: That we should restrict the development of AI data centres in Australia.

Affirmative		Negative
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - McNab House 4	v	St Aloysius College 2
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - McNab House 1	v	Buckley Park College 1
Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - McNab House 2	v	Buckley Park College 2
St Aloysius College 1	v	Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School - McNab House 3