



# 2008 Finals Series Information

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### What to do in preparation for the finals?

#### Coordinators/Coaches

- Complete and return a **Finals Acceptance Form** for each qualifying team by email or fax by **Tuesday 26 August 2008, 5:00pm**. Please contact us immediately if the team is unable to attend the finals.
- Distribute a copy of this pack to each member of the qualifying team(s).
- Collect contact details of team members so you can contact them on the day. Ensure they have our number, **0406 982 012**.

#### Debaters

- Read this pack.
- **For the Quarter Finals: Arrive at least 30 minutes before the scheduled debate time to have a team photo taken. Please arrive 15 minutes before all other debates.**
- RSVP for the Presentation Ceremony by **Thursday 18 September 2008, 5:00pm**.
- Contact James Tran on **0406 982 012** if you are running late (please store the number in your mobile phone if you have one)
- Contact your coach or Debating SA if you have any concerns.

## Dates and Venues

**Please arrive 30 minutes before your Quarter Final debate and 15 minutes before other debates.**

EVENT, DATE AND VENUE	DEBATE START TIMES
<b>Year 10 and Senior Quarter Finals</b> Wednesday 3 September 2008 Unley High School	<b>Year 10:</b> 7:00pm <b>Senior:</b> 8:00pm BYE FOR OPEN TEAMS.
<b>Year 8 and Year 9 Quarter Finals</b> Saturday 6 September 2008 Pembroke Senior School	<b>Year 8:</b> 11:00am <b>Year 9:</b> 12:00pm
<b>Year 10, Senior, Open Semi Finals</b> Wednesday 10 September 2008 Unley High School	<b>Year 10:</b> 6:30pm <b>Senior:</b> Secret topic release: 6:00pm; debate 7:30pm <b>Open:</b> Secret topic release: 7:00pm; debate 8:30pm
<b>Year 8 and Year 9 Semi Finals</b> Saturday 13 September 2008 Pembroke Senior School	<b>Year 8:</b> 11:00am <b>Year 9:</b> 12:00pm
<b>Year 10, Senior Grand Finals</b> Wednesday 17 September 2008 The House of Assembly Chamber Parliament House	<b>Year 10:</b> 6:30pm <b>Senior:</b> 8:00pm
<b>Year 8, Year 9, Open Grand Finals</b> Saturday 20 September 2008 Pembroke Senior School	<b>Year 8:</b> 11:00am <b>Year 9:</b> 12:00pm <b>Open:</b> 1:00pm
<b>Presentation Ceremony – ALL FINALISTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.</b> Wednesday 24 September 2008 R.A. Cook Chapel Pembroke Middle School	<b>Ceremony begins:</b> 7:00pm. Debaters should arrive by 6:30pm.  <b><u>RSVP by Thursday 18 September 2008, 5:00pm.</u></b>

## Where are the venues?

- **Unley High School**  
Kitchener Street, NETHERBY 5062

Enter through Gate 1 on Kitchener Street. Follow the roadway around the oval to the car park. Debates are held in the building nearest the oval to the left as you enter the car park.

- **Pembroke Senior School\***  
18 Holden Street, KENSINGTON PARK 5068  
\*Please be sure to go to the SENIOR SCHOOL campus.

- **The House of Assembly Chamber, Parliament House**  
North Terrace, ADELAIDE 5000

Parking is available in the Adelaide Festival Centre car park (entrance on King William Road) and the Plaza and Riverbank car parks (enter from Montefiore Road) below the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The main entrance is on the North Terrace side of the building. It is Parliament House policy that all attendees pass through security procedures upon arrival.

- **R.A Cook Chapel, Pembroke Middle School**  
342 The Parade, KENSINGTON PARK 5068

# 2008 Topics and Speaking Times

## Year 8

All debates are Prepared Debates. Speeches of 4 minutes; warning bell at 3 minutes.

Quarter Final That the Olympic Games are a waste of money.

Semi Final That the carrot is better than the stick.

Grand Final That we are slaves to fashion.

## Year 9

All debates are Prepared Debates. Speeches of 5 minutes; warning bell at 4 minutes.

Quarter Final That we overrate our celebrities.

Semi Final That violence has no place in entertainment.

Grand Final That staying at home broadens the mind.

## Year 10

All debates are Prepared Debates. Speeches of 6 minutes; warning bell at 5 minutes.

Quarter Final That protest has no place at the Olympics.

Semi Final That compulsory voting denies democracy.

Grand Final That Hollywood is a blot on society.

## Senior

Quarter Final That the fast track is worth all the risks.  
**Prepared debate. Speeches of 8 minutes; warning bell at 7 minutes.**

Semi Final **Short Preparation format debate.**  
**Speeches of 6 minutes; warning bell at 5 minutes.**

Grand Final That courtship is a lost art.  
**Prepared debate. Speeches of 8 minutes; warning bell at 7 minutes.**

## Open

Quarter Final *Bye for all teams.*

Semi Final **Short Preparation format debate.**  
**Speeches of 6 minutes; warning bell at 5 minutes.**

Grand Final That censorship is necessary in a free society.  
**Prepared debate. Speeches of 8 minutes; warning bell at 7 minutes**

## Side Assignments for Finals

Sides and oppositions for finals are determined by team rankings as shown below. Team rankings can be viewed on the website [www.debating.com.au](http://www.debating.com.au) from Friday 22 August 2008.

### Quarter Finals

<b>Debate number</b>	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Negative</b>
QF1	First ranked	Eighth ranked
QF2	Second ranked	Seventh ranked
QF3	Third ranked	Sixth ranked
QF4	Fourth ranked	Fifth ranked

### Semi Finals

<b>Debate number</b>	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Negative</b>
SF1	Winner QF1	Winner QF4
SF2	Winner QF2	Winner QF3

### Grand Final

<b>Debate number</b>	<b>Affirmative</b>	<b>Negative</b>
GF	Winner SF1	Winner SF2



cordially invites you to attend

**The Presentation Ceremony  
of the  
2008 Schools' Debating Competition**

to be held on  
**Wednesday 24 September 2008**

**7:00pm**

in the

R.A. Cook Chapel  
Pembroke Middle School  
342 The Parade  
KENSINGTON PARK SA 5068

All finalists for Debater of the Year, along with our finalist teams, adjudicators and volunteers will be recognised and presented with awards.

**Dress:** Lounge suit/Day dress. Student attendees should wear their formal school uniform.

**Parking:** Next to the sports stadium on The Parade. Please respect any parking restrictions in place. Signs will direct the way to the chapel.

Guests are asked to be seated by 6:45pm so the ceremony can begin at 7:00pm. Recipients of awards should arrive by 6:30pm to register their attendance.

**RSVP:** James Tran  
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**by Thursday 18 September 2008, 5:00pm. Please indicate your school, team name and how many people will be attending.**