



Welcome

Welcome to the 2019 season. I am delighted that debating is again such a popular co-curricular activity for students. Our programme has again grown to an amazing 275 teams representing 62 schools across the Government, Catholic and Independent schooling sectors. Whether you are new to debating or returning for another season, you're in for an exciting and fun season of challenging and thought-provoking debates.

A common theme that I have observed over my time over the nearly 20 years with Debating SA is the growth in the thinking and reasoning of students, as well as the maturity that students develop by participating in a disciplined activity such as debating. The ability to think, to question, to reason and to challenge ideas in a civilised, respectful and disciplined manner, is needed more than ever, as our society is constantly re-evaluating its structures, its processes and sometimes even its own values. To this end, as a volunteer, not-for-profit organisation, Debating SA is wholeheartedly committed to the development of critical and analytical thinking skills in students, encouraging free speech and the free exchange of ideas.

Some of the topics that students, particularly at the Senior Secondary level, will encounter this season will be challenging and topical. This is intentional. We want students to have license in a safe and supportive environment to explore ideas, even those that they may not personally agree with. As citizens of a free and democratic society such as Australia, we must acknowledge that not everyone will have the same view on an issue. We are of course free to disagree with others too. It is our hope as a debating association to encourage our participants to think freely, and to challenge themselves to consider other points of view, without hesitation; to come to realise a different view other than their own initial view, or reaffirm their own beliefs, with an enhanced understanding of the views of others.

It's already been a busy year so far for our team. We've run an extensive range of professional learning for teachers and coaches, training for primary and secondary students and our adjudicators. Recent weeks has seen new adjudicators join our team and they are very enthusiastic and looking forward to seeing the hard work and research that students have put into their debates.

The debating season seems always to go hand-in-hand with cold weather and this year is no exception. We encourage you to help yourself to a cup of tea, coffee or Milo to keep yourself warm!

I look forward to talking with many of you during the coming rounds.

James Tran
Administrative Officer

Debating SA is a vibrant and active organisation and we love to share our good news stories. See what we're up to by liking our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/debatingsa

Upcoming Workshops – aimed at students in Year 9 and above

Definition Debates Seminar

Tuesday 21 May, 6:00pm to 8:00pm - Cost: \$10.00 per student.

A definition debate is one where the two teams disagree on the meaning of the topic. This type of debate is often complex and confusing for debaters. In this practical hands-on seminar we will present you with the opportunity to engage with and discuss strategies around how to handle this kind of debate.

The Unwinnable Case: Taking the hard line in debates

Wednesday 22 May, 6:00pm-8:00pm - Cost: \$10.00 per student

So you've just received your debating topic and side and you think that you've got the hard side of the debate? This workshop is for you.

Every debate has two sides – you just need to have the right skills and techniques to approach the topic. During this interactive workshop, debaters will be encouraged to take what may initially appear to be the difficult side of a topical issue. Using the skills and techniques we will teach you, you will discover that it is in fact very possible to win "the unwinnable case".

It's essential that participants come with an open mind and willingness to have their views challenged and advocate for the side of an issue that they may not personally agree with.

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Register via our website at www.debatingsa.com.au

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Diary Dates

- Tuesday 28th May 2019**
Round 2 at Pembroke Middle School
- Wednesday 29th May 2019**
Round 2 at Glenunga International HS
- Thursday 30th May 2019**
Round 2 at Nazareth Catholic College
- Tuesday 4th June 2019**
Round 2 at Pulteney Grammar School
- Wednesday 5th June 2019**
Round 2 at Adelaide High School
- Thursday 6th June 2019**
Round 2 at Grange Schools
- Tuesday 18th June 2019**
Round 3 at Pembroke Middle School
- Wednesday 19th June 2019**
Round 3 at Glenunga International HS
- Thursday 20th June 2019**
Round 3 at Nazareth Catholic College
- Tuesday 25th June 2019**
Round 3 at Pulteney Grammar School
- Wednesday 26th June 2019**
Round 3 at Adelaide High School
- Thursday 27th June 2019**
Round 3 at Grange Schools

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Thanks to our 2019 Host Schools:

- Adelaide High School
- Glenunga International High School
- Grange Schools
- Nazareth Catholic College
- Pembroke School
- Pulteney Grammar School
- ...and the various school staff who give their time so generously.

Prep for Short Prep Workshop

Saturday 27 July, 10:30am to 1:30pm - Cost: \$10.00 per student

This workshop will guide participants through the process of preparing a short preparation debate, in the allocated 90 minutes. At the conclusion of the preparation time, students will have the opportunity to debate and/or discuss their prepared arguments with our team of expert adjudicators.

It is strongly recommended that students attend as debating teams to get the authentic preparation experience.

Register via our website at www.debating.com.au

Join our mailing list

We are looking to run some further student workshops later this term. If you would like to be informed when these are scheduled, please subscribe to our mailing list at www.debating.com.au/subscribe

Code of Conduct for Participants and Spectators

Debating SA believes firmly that each and every participant has the right to participate in a respectful, safe and supportive environment. Therefore, all persons involved in our programme, such as teachers, coaches, parents and other spectators, are required to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

1. All participants and spectators are expected to be courteous and respectful of one another at all times.
2. Where individual conflicts or differences may arise from time to time, Debating SA will make every reasonable effort to satisfactorily and mutually resolve the matter.

Members of the audience:

1. Use of Electronic and Other Devices

TURN OFF MOBILE PHONES OR OTHER DEVICES SUCH AS ELECTRONIC GAMES. Spectators are asked to behave in a way that is respectful to debaters and models best conduct. The use of electronic devices such as mobile phones or games, or other (non-electronic) items which could potentially cause audible and/or visual distraction to speakers, are not permitted during a debate.

2. Talking During a Debate

DO NOT SPEAK DURING THE DEBATE.

Spectators should refrain from talking (or whispering) while a debate is in session. They must not make any gestures, or noises or otherwise engage in any conduct which could potentially distract a speaker or others. Younger children who wish to attend must also adhere to this requirement otherwise, they should not attend a debate. It may not always be practicable or appropriate for very young children to attend.

3. Entering/Exiting a Debating Room

DO NOT ENTER THE ROOM WHILE A DEBATER IS SPEAKING.

Spectators should only enter or exit a debating room during the short break between speakers if a debate is in session. Entering/exiting audience members should move discreetly and quietly so that the debaters and the adjudicator can focus on their respective tasks without interruption

If an adjudicator believes that an audience member's behaviour is unacceptable, the adjudicator may ask the audience member to leave.

Persistent breaches of these expectations may result in particular individuals being excluded from attending future Debating SA events.

Sudoku Puzzles

Instructions: Fill in the empty spaces with the numbers 1-9 such that each row, column and 3 x 3 grid contains each number once only.

2			3		7
		2		5	4
	5	8	4		3
6	3			4	
9		1	8		6
	4			2	9
3		5	2	4	
8	5		9		
2		3			1

EASY

		6	9		
	5	4			
6				8	2
5			6		1
	4			3	
7		2			9
	4	9			7
			9	1	
			8	3	

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Manual
Second Edition**

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are available at the Information Desk for \$1.20 each. Cue cards are in packs of 15.