



### Welcome

Welcome to the 2020 season. I am delighted that despite the difficult year that we have all faced so far this year, that we have been able to proceed to hold a Term 3 competition. We have a wonderful 186 teams representing 35 schools.

I extend my sincere thanks to all of our generous host schools for their tireless efforts behind the scenes in allowing us to debate at their schools. With the various levels of restrictions and need for authorities and governing bodies to sign off on individual school activities to proceed, it has been no small effort on their part to get to this point.

Whilst this year's competition is shorter than usual, the opportunity for young people to come together to learn to debate and discuss issues in a civil and respectful way is as important as ever. One need only look at current news to see that discussion on societal issues is far from civil and respectful at times! Being able to assess an issue, looking critically at the evidence to support a case, rather than being distracted by emotional and meme-type arguments is a skill that will serve young people well throughout their personal and professional lives.

I mentioned the following in last year's newsletter which I think is timely to mention again:

*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.*

One advantage of a shorter season is that the winter solstice has passed for the year, so the early evenings will become lighter as the season progresses.

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](http://www.facebook.com/debatingsa)

### COVID Safe Procedures at Debating Nights

We have implemented the following procedures at all debating evenings

1. Hand sanitiser available at Information Desk as well as in each debating room. Please use this upon entry.
2. **SIGN IN EACH ROUND:** All students and spectators required to sign in either on the sheet provided in each room, provide their own list of contact or sign in via our website at [www.debatingsa.com.au/signin](http://www.debatingsa.com.au/signin)
3. Spectators are asked to sit in an arrangement that socially distances them from other spectators. Families are able to sit together.

Your co-operation with these procedures is greatly appreciated.

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### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 11th August 2020**  
Round 2 at Cabra Dominican College

**Wednesday 12th August 2020**  
Round 2 at Glenunga International High School

**Thursday 13th August 2020**  
Round 2 at Nazareth Catholic College

**Tuesday 18th August 2020**  
Round 2 at Pulteney Grammar School

**Wednesday 19th August 2020**  
Round 2 at Adelaide High School

**Thursday 20th August 2020**  
Round 2 at Grange Schools

**Tuesday 1st September 2020**  
Round 3 at Cabra Dominican College

**Wednesday 2nd September 2020**  
Round 3 at Glenunga International High School

**Thursday 3rd September 2020**  
Round 3 at Nazareth Catholic College

**Tuesday 8th September 2020**  
Round 3 at Pulteney Grammar School

**Wednesday 9th September 2020**  
Round 3 at Adelaide High School

**Thursday 10th September 2020**  
Round 3 at Grange Schools

**Tuesday 15th September 2020**  
Semi Finals at Nazareth Catholic College (Year 8/9 Finals)

**Wednesday 16th September 2020**  
Semi Finals at Nazareth Catholic College (Year 10/Senior Finals)

**Thursday 17th September 2020**  
Semi Finals at Nazareth Catholic College (Year 6/7 Finals)

**Saturday 26th September 2020**  
Grand Finals at House of Assembly, Parliament House (TBC closer to date)

### Thanks to our 2020 Host Schools:

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

## Upcoming Fallacies, Evidence and Reasoning and Rebuttal Workshops

We are running another round of workshops for students on Saturday 15 August at Nazareth Catholic College.

### Fallacies Seminar - 10:00am to 11:30am - \$15 per student

What are fallacies? How can they help you to develop better arguments and improve your rebuttal? Come along to this fun and interactive seminar and find out!

### Evidence & Reasoning Seminar - 12 noon to 2:30pm - \$15 per student

A key part of debating is providing evidence to support your case. This seminar will help you to ensure that you use evidence correctly and effectively.

### Rebuttal Seminar - 3:00pm to 4:30pm - \$15 per student

Highly recommended for all Primary School debaters this seminar will take you through the most popular techniques of rebuttal. We will teach you some fun games that you can play with your team to help improve your rebuttal skills.

Register for all seminars online at [www.debatingsa.com.au/training](http://www.debatingsa.com.au/training)

## 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.

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### HARD

## The Official Debating Manual Second Edition

provides comprehensive and detailed guidance about the rules and technique of debating.

Get your copy from the Committee Desk for \$15.

## Cue Cards / Freddo Frogs

are available at the Information Desk.