



## Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 5&6

Dear Debating Coordinator

Welcome to the 2009 Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 5&6. In this package you will find details of this year's competition, including school contact information, the draw for 2009 and general information on the competition.

### Rules & Organisation

- The Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 5&6 is open to all NSW government primary and central schools.
- Different students can make up a team for different debates, but no student may appear for both Team A and Team B. Once a student has appeared for Team A, they may not appear for Team B at any stage of the competition, and vice versa.
- Teams consist of four students with one acting as the team's adviser in the preparation room and during the debate.
- Teams entering the competition have been organised into Zones, where they will debate each other in a round-robin format.
- Zone debates are organised by the schools involved. The home school will be listed on the draw, and that school will contact their opponent and an adjudicator to arrange a suitable time and date for the debate.
- Zone winners then proceed to a knock-out stage of the competition until a regional winner has been determined.
- The ten regional winners attend a three-day camp at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre, 8-11 November, and compete in a series of debates to decide the state champion. (Schools involved at this stage should be aware that they will incur travel and accommodation costs).
- The speaking time in the Years 5&6 competition is 4 minutes, with a warning bell at three minutes and a continuous bell at five minutes.
- Teams will have 60 minutes in which to prepare their case without a teacher.
- Teams may not take any notes or research into the preparation rooms. Pens, blank paper, palm cards and stopwatches are allowed.

### Hosting a Debate

- The home school should contact the visiting school and the adjudicator as soon as possible to arrange the debate.
- Host schools should prepare their own debating kit which should include palm cards, blank paper, pens and a stopwatch for each team.
- Host schools should try to provide some refreshments for after the debate.
- Host schools accept responsibility for duty of care for visiting students.
- Schools should make every effort to complete their debates by the deadlines outlined below. Where this is not possible, adjustments can be made as needed through consultation with the Regional Coordinator.
- If a host school has not contacted you to arrange a debate before the deadline closes, or if a visiting school continuously fails to return calls, please contact your Regional Coordinator.
- A forfeit is a win to the other team.
- Please note that a forfeit disadvantages all the teams in the zone, so every effort should be made to complete your debates on time.

## Dates and Topic Areas

Round	Topic area	To be completed by	
1	Education	Week 5	Term 2
2	The Media	Week 8	Term 2
3	Australian Society	Week 11	Term 2
4	Health & Fitness	Week 3	Term 3
5	General	Week 5	Term 3
<b>Zone Winners</b> To be finalised by Week 7 Term 3			
<b>Regional Finals</b> To be finalised by Week 10 Term 3			
<b>State Finals</b> Stanwell Tops Centre, Sun 8 to Wed 11 November			

## Topics & Coin Toss

- Topics in sealed envelopes are included in this package for any debate you are hosting. It is the host school's responsibility to keep these topics secret.
- The topic envelope should be opened in the presence of the two teams just before preparation time begins.
- Only the students involved in the debate may take part in topic selection. Coaches and other adults must not be involved.
- Teams will rank the topics from 1 to 3. Both 3<sup>rd</sup> choices will be eliminated, and the highest-rated topic chosen. Where two remaining topics are equally popular, a coin toss shall decide between them.
- The toss of a coin will determine affirmative/negative. The winner of the toss is the affirmative.

## Results

- Included in this package is a combined Chairperson's Form/Results Fax.
- The top section of this form should be completed by the chairperson, and used during the debate.
- At the end of the debate, the winning coach is responsible for ensuring that all sections (top & bottom) of the form are completed, and that both coaches and the adjudicator have signed off on the result.
- The winning coach should fax the form to The Arts Unit as soon as possible.
- Alternatively, results can now be emailed to [debating@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:debating@det.nsw.edu.au). Be sure to include the round, schools involved, topic, adjudicator's name and winner.
- Should you be unable to secure signatures or remember some of these details, it's still important that you contact us with the result as soon as possible.

On behalf of the State Coordinator for Debating & Public Speaking, I commend your school for being involved in the Premier's Debating Challenge this year, and acknowledge the effort and goodwill of classroom teachers and coaches who ensure that the experience is a positive and enriching one for all the students involved. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the competition.



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 (The home team is underlined)

<b>ZONE 1</b>			
1a	<u>Mount Keira Public School</u>	v	Mount St Thomas Public School
1b	<u>Lindsay Park Public School</u>	v	Unanderra Public School
1c	<u>Wollongong Public School</u>	v	Towradgi Public School
2a	<u>Mount Keira Public School</u>	v	Lindsay Park Public School
2b	<u>Towradgi Public School</u>	v	Unanderra Public School
2c	<u>Mount St Thomas Public School</u>	v	Wollongong Public School
3a	<u>Towradgi Public School</u>	v	Mount Keira Public School
3b	<u>Unanderra Public School</u>	v	Wollongong Public School
3c	<u>Lindsay Park Public School</u>	v	Mount St Thomas Public School
4a	<u>Unanderra Public School</u>	v	Mount Keira Public School
4b	<u>Wollongong Public School</u>	v	Lindsay Park Public School
4c	<u>Mount St Thomas Public School</u>	v	Towradgi Public School
<b>ZONE 2</b>			
1a	<u>Gerringong Public School (A)</u>	v	Gerringong Public School (B)
1b	<u>Kiama Public School</u>	v	Minnamurra Public School (A)
1c	<u>Jamberoo Public School</u>	v	Minnamurra Public School (B)
2a	<u>Minnamurra Public School (B)</u>	v	Minnamurra Public School (A)
2b	<u>Kiama Public School</u>	v	Gerringong Public School (A)
2c	<u>Gerringong Public School (B)</u>	v	Jamberoo Public School
3a	<u>Gerringong Public School (A)</u>	v	Minnamurra Public School (B)
3b	<u>Minnamurra Public School (A)</u>	v	Jamberoo Public School
3c	<u>Gerringong Public School (B)</u>	v	Kiama Public School
4a	<u>Jamberoo Public School</u>	v	Kiama Public School
4b	<u>Minnamurra Public School (A)</u>	v	Gerringong Public School (A)
4c	<u>Minnamurra Public School (B)</u>	v	Gerringong Public School (B)

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<b>ZONE 3</b>			
1a	<u>Shellharbour Public School</u>	v	Farmborough Road Public School (A)
1b	<u>Albion Park Public School</u>	v	Helensburgh Public School
	Farmborough Road Public School (B)	–	BYE
2a	<u>Farmborough Road Public School (B)</u>	v	Helensburgh Public School
2b	<u>Albion Park Public School</u>	v	Shellharbour Public School
	Farmborough Road Public School (A)	–	BYE
3a	<u>Shellharbour Public School</u>	v	Farmborough Road Public School (B)
3b	<u>Farmborough Road Public School (A)</u>	v	Albion Park Public School
	Helensburgh Public School	–	BYE
4a	<u>Farmborough Road Public School (A)</u>	v	Farmborough Road Public School (B)
4b	<u>Helensburgh Public School</u>	v	Shellharbour Public School
	Albion Park Public School	–	BYE
5a	<u>Helensburgh Public School</u>	v	Farmborough Road Public School (A)
5b	<u>Farmborough Road Public School (B)</u>	v	Albion Park Public School
	Shellharbour Public School	–	BYE
<b>ZONE 4</b>			
1a	<u>Moss Vale Public School (A)</u>	v	Moss Vale Public School (B)
1b	<u>Robertson Public School</u>	v	Mittagong Public School (A)
1c	<u>Bowral Public School</u>	v	Mittagong Public School (B)
2a	<u>Mittagong Public School (B)</u>	v	Mittagong Public School (A)
2b	<u>Robertson Public School</u>	v	Moss Vale Public School (A)
2c	<u>Moss Vale Public School (B)</u>	v	Bowral Public School
3a	<u>Moss Vale Public School (A)</u>	v	Mittagong Public School (B)
3b	<u>Mittagong Public School (A)</u>	v	Bowral Public School
3c	<u>Moss Vale Public School (B)</u>	v	Robertson Public School
4a	<u>Bowral Public School</u>	v	Robertson Public School
4b	<u>Mittagong Public School (A)</u>	v	Moss Vale Public School (A)
4c	<u>Mittagong Public School (B)</u>	v	Moss Vale Public School (B)

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<b>ZONE 5</b>			
1a	<u>Illaroo Road Public School (A)</u>	v	Illaroo Road Public School (B)
1b	<u>Nowra Public School</u>	v	Sussex Inlet Public School (A)
1c	<u>Vincentia Public School</u>	v	Sussex Inlet Public School (B)
2a	<u>Sussex Inlet Public School (B)</u>	v	Sussex Inlet Public School (A)
2b	<u>Nowra Public School</u>	v	Illaroo Road Public School (A)
2c	<u>Illaroo Road Public School (B)</u>	v	Vincentia Public School
3a	<u>Illaroo Road Public School (A)</u>	v	Sussex Inlet Public School (B)
3b	<u>Sussex Inlet Public School (A)</u>	v	Vincentia Public School
3c	<u>Illaroo Road Public School (B)</u>	v	Nowra Public School
4a	<u>Vincentia Public School</u>	v	Nowra Public School
4b	<u>Sussex Inlet Public School (A)</u>	v	Illaroo Road Public School (A)
4c	<u>Sussex Inlet Public School (B)</u>	v	Illaroo Road Public School (B)
<b>ZONE 6</b>			
1a	<u>Braidwood Central School (A)</u>	v	Braidwood Central School (B)
1b	<u>Exeter Public School</u>	v	Crookwell Public School (A)
1c	<u>Hill Top Public School</u>	v	Crookwell Public School (B)
2a	<u>Crookwell Public School (B)</u>	v	Crookwell Public School (A)
2b	<u>Exeter Public School</u>	v	Braidwood Central School (A)
2c	<u>Braidwood Central School (B)</u>	v	Hill Top Public School
3a	<u>Braidwood Central School (A)</u>	v	Crookwell Public School (B)
3b	<u>Crookwell Public School (A)</u>	v	Hill Top Public School
3c	<u>Braidwood Central School (B)</u>	v	Exeter Public School
4a	<u>Hill Top Public School</u>	v	Exeter Public School
4b	<u>Crookwell Public School (A)</u>	v	Braidwood Central School (A)
4c	<u>Crookwell Public School (B)</u>	v	Braidwood Central School (B)



# CHAIRPERSON'S SCRIPT & RESULTS FAX

I welcome you to the \_\_\_\_\_ round of the Premier's Debating Challenge for Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

This debate is between \_\_\_\_\_ (A / B) and \_\_\_\_\_ (A / B)

The Affirmative team, from:

The Negative team, from:

\_\_\_\_\_  
School is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
School is: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Speaker \_\_\_\_\_

Team Adviser \_\_\_\_\_

Team Adviser \_\_\_\_\_

The Adjudicator for this debate is: \_\_\_\_\_

Each speaker may speak for \_\_\_\_\_ minutes. There will be a warning bell at \_\_\_\_\_ minutes with two bells at \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to indicate that the speaker's time has expired. A bell will be rung continuously if the speaker exceeds the maximum time by more than one minute. As a courtesy to the speakers, please ensure that all mobile phones are switched off.

The topic for this debate is: \_\_\_\_\_

Please welcome the 1<sup>st</sup> speaker of the Affirmative to open the debate. *(After each speaker, wait for a signal from the adjudicator and then introduce the next speaker).*

*(After the debate)* Please welcome the adjudicator to announce the result of this debate.

*(After the adjudication)* A speaker will now congratulate the winning team.

*(After the congratulations)* A speaker from the winning team will now respond.

## ATTN: LLOYD CAMERON, FAX: (02) 9569 6878

Winning Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Coach: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Away Coach: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Adjudicator: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Debate Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**The home school** should ensure that all of the top section is completed *(round number, age division, topic, team A or B & adjudicator's name)*. **The home school** should then collect the signatures needed and fax this entire page to the number above. Please note that results can also be emailed to [debating@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:debating@det.nsw.edu.au)