



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
Zone Winners To be finalised by Week 7 Term 3			
Regional Finals To be finalised by Week 10 Term 3			
State Finals 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 3rd 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. 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)

ZONE 1			
1a	<u>Temora West Public School</u>	v	Stockinbingal Public School
1b	<u>Cootamundra Public School</u>	v	Temora Public School
2a	<u>Temora West Public School</u>	v	Cootamundra Public School
2b	<u>Stockinbingal Public School</u>	v	Temora Public School
3a	<u>Temora Public School</u>	v	Temora West Public School
3b	<u>Cootamundra Public School</u>	v	Stockinbingal Public School
ZONE 2			
1a	<u>Murrumburrah Public School (B)</u>	v	Young Public School (B)
1b	<u>Murrumburrah Public School (A)</u>	v	Young Public School (A)
2a	<u>Young Public School (B)</u>	v	Murrumburrah Public School (A)
2b	<u>Young Public School (A)</u>	v	Murrumburrah Public School (B)
3a	<u>Young Public School (A)</u>	v	Young Public School (B)
3b	<u>Murrumburrah Public School (A)</u>	v	Murrumburrah Public School (B)
ZONE 3			
1a	<u>The Rock Central School</u>	v	Henty Public School (B)
1b	<u>Henty Public School (A)</u>	v	Yerong Creek Public School
2a	<u>The Rock Central School</u>	v	Henty Public School (A)
2b	<u>Henty Public School (B)</u>	v	Yerong Creek Public School
3a	<u>Yerong Creek Public School</u>	v	The Rock Central School
3b	<u>Henty Public School (A)</u>	v	Henty Public School (B)
ZONE 4			
1a	<u>Junee Public School (A)</u>	v	Junee Public School (B)
1b	<u>Illabo Public School</u>	v	Junee North Public School (A)
1c	<u>Eurongilly Public School</u>	v	Junee North Public School (B)
2a	<u>Junee North Public School (B)</u>	v	Junee North Public School (A)
2b	<u>Junee Public School (A)</u>	v	Eurongilly Public School
2c	<u>Junee Public School (B)</u>	v	Illabo Public School
3a	<u>Illabo Public School</u>	v	Eurongilly Public School
3b	<u>Junee North Public School (A)</u>	v	Junee Public School (A)
3c	<u>Junee North Public School (B)</u>	v	Junee Public School (B)

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ZONE 5			
1a	<u>Wagga Wagga Public School</u>	v	Turvey Park Public School (A)
1b	<u>Kooringal Public School (A)</u>	v	Kooringal Public School (B)
	Turvey Park Public School (B)	–	BYE
2a	<u>Turvey Park Public School (B)</u>	v	Kooringal Public School (B)
2b	<u>Kooringal Public School (A)</u>	v	Wagga Wagga Public School
	Turvey Park Public School (A)	–	BYE
3a	<u>Wagga Wagga Public School</u>	v	Turvey Park Public School (B)
3b	<u>Turvey Park Public School (A)</u>	v	Kooringal Public School (A)
	Kooringal Public School (B)	–	BYE
4a	<u>Turvey Park Public School (A)</u>	v	Turvey Park Public School (B)
4b	<u>Kooringal Public School (B)</u>	v	Wagga Wagga Public School
	Kooringal Public School (A)	–	BYE
ZONE 6			
1a	<u>Ariah Park Central School (B)</u>	v	Barellan Central School
1b	<u>Lake Cargelligo Central School</u>	v	Beckom Public School
1c	<u>Ardlethan Central School</u>	v	Ariah Park Central School (A)
2a	<u>Beckom Public School</u>	v	Ariah Park Central School (B)
2b	<u>Ariah Park Central School (A)</u>	v	Lake Cargelligo Central School
2c	<u>Barellan Central School</u>	v	Ardlethan Central School
3a	<u>Ariah Park Central School (A)</u>	v	Ariah Park Central School (B)
3b	<u>Lake Cargelligo Central School</u>	v	Ardlethan Central School
3c	<u>Beckom Public School</u>	v	Barellan Central School
ZONE 7			
1a	<u>Leeton Public School (A)</u>	v	Leeton Public School (B)
1b	<u>Parkview Public School (A)</u>	v	Narrandera Public School (A)
1c	<u>Parkview Public School (B)</u>	v	Narrandera Public School (B)
2a	<u>Narrandera Public School (A)</u>	v	Narrandera Public School (B)
2b	<u>Leeton Public School (A)</u>	v	Parkview Public School (A)
2c	<u>Leeton Public School (B)</u>	v	Parkview Public School (B)
3a	<u>Parkview Public School (A)</u>	v	Parkview Public School (B)
3b	<u>Narrandera Public School (A)</u>	v	Leeton Public School (A)
3c	<u>Narrandera Public School (B)</u>	v	Leeton Public School (B)

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ZONE 8			
1a	<u>Griffith North Public School (A)</u>	v	Griffith North Public School (B)
1b	<u>Beelbangera Public School</u>	v	Griffith East Public School (A)
1c	<u>Griffith Public School</u>	v	Griffith East Public School (B)
2a	<u>Griffith East Public School (B)</u>	v	Griffith East Public School (A)
2b	<u>Griffith North Public School (A)</u>	v	Griffith Public School
2c	<u>Griffith North Public School (B)</u>	v	Beelbangera Public School
3a	<u>Beelbangera Public School</u>	v	Griffith Public School
3b	<u>Griffith East Public School (A)</u>	v	Griffith North Public School (A)
3c	<u>Griffith East Public School (B)</u>	v	Griffith North Public School (B)
ZONE 9			
1a	<u>Deniliquin South Public School</u>	v	Barham Public School (B)
1b	<u>Barham Public School (A)</u>	v	Deniliquin North Public School
2a	<u>Deniliquin South Public School</u>	v	Barham Public School (A)
2b	<u>Barham Public School (B)</u>	v	Deniliquin North Public School
3a	<u>Deniliquin North Public School</u>	v	Deniliquin South Public School
3b	<u>Barham Public School (A)</u>	v	Barham Public 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: _____

1st Speaker _____

1st Speaker _____

2nd Speaker _____

2nd Speaker _____

3rd Speaker _____

3rd 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 1st 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.

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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