



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>Blaxland East Public School (A)</u>	v	Blackheath Public School (A)
1b	<u>Blaxland East Public School (B)</u>	v	Blackheath Public School (B)
1c	<u>Ellison Public School</u>	v	Springwood Public School (A)
	Springwood Public School (B)	–	BYE
2a	<u>Springwood Public School (B)</u>	v	Blaxland East Public School (B)
2b	<u>Springwood Public School (A)</u>	v	Blaxland East Public School (A)
2c	<u>Blackheath Public School (B)</u>	v	Ellison Public School
	Blackheath Public School (A)	–	BYE
3a	<u>Blackheath Public School (B)</u>	v	Springwood Public School (B)
3b	<u>Blackheath Public School (A)</u>	v	Springwood Public School (A)
3c	<u>Blaxland East Public School (B)</u>	v	Ellison Public School
	Blaxland East Public School (A)	–	BYE
4a	<u>Blaxland East Public School (A)</u>	v	Blaxland East Public School (B)
4b	<u>Springwood Public School (A)</u>	v	Springwood Public School (B)
4c	<u>Blackheath Public School (A)</u>	v	Blackheath Public School (B)
	Ellison Public School	–	BYE
5a	<u>Springwood Public School (B)</u>	v	Blaxland East Public School (A)
5b	<u>Ellison Public School</u>	v	Blackheath Public School (A)
	Blaxland East PS (B), Blackheath PS (B), Springwood PS (A) – BYE		

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ZONE 2			
1a	<u>Bligh Park Public School</u>	v	Comleroy Road Public School
1b	<u>Kurrajong Public School (A)</u>	v	Windsor Park Public School
1c	<u>Grose View Public School</u>	v	Kurrajong Public School (B)
	Oakville Public School	–	BYE
2a	<u>Oakville Public School</u>	v	Bligh Park Public School
2b	<u>Windsor Park Public School</u>	v	Grose View Public School
2c	<u>Comleroy Road Public School</u>	v	Kurrajong Public School (A)
	Kurrajong Public School (B)	–	BYE
3a	<u>Bligh Park Public School</u>	v	Kurrajong Public School (A)
3b	<u>Comleroy Road Public School</u>	v	Oakville Public School
3c	<u>Kurrajong Public School (B)</u>	v	Windsor Park Public School
	Grose View Public School	–	BYE
4a	<u>Oakville Public School</u>	v	Grose View Public School
4b	<u>Kurrajong Public School (A)</u>	v	Kurrajong Public School (B)
4c	<u>Windsor Park Public School</u>	v	Bligh Park Public School
	Comleroy Road Public School	–	BYE
5a	<u>Kurrajong Public School (B)</u>	v	Oakville Public School
5b	<u>Grose View Public School</u>	v	Comleroy Road Public School
	Bligh Park Public School, Windsor Park Public School, Kurrajong Public School (A)	–	BYE
ZONE 3			
1a	<u>Dundas Public School (B)</u>	v	Rydalmere East Public School
1b	<u>Carlingford Public School</u>	v	Carlingford West Public School
1c	<u>Telopea Public School</u>	v	Dundas Public School (A)
2a	<u>Carlingford West Public School</u>	v	Dundas Public School (B)
2b	<u>Dundas Public School (A)</u>	v	Carlingford Public School
2c	<u>Rydalmere East Public School</u>	v	Telopea Public School
3a	<u>Dundas Public School (B)</u>	v	Carlingford Public School
3b	<u>Telopea Public School</u>	v	Carlingford West Public School
3c	<u>Rydalmere East Public School</u>	v	Dundas Public School (A)
4a	<u>Dundas Public School (A)</u>	v	Dundas Public School (B)
4b	<u>Carlingford Public School</u>	v	Telopea Public School
4c	<u>Carlingford West Public School</u>	v	Rydalmere East Public School

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ZONE 4			
1a	<u>Winston Hills Public School (B)</u>	v	Greystanes Public School (B)
1b	<u>Greystanes Public School (A)</u>	v	Jasper Road Public School (A)
1c	<u>Jasper Road Public School (B)</u>	v	Winston Hills Public School (A)
2a	<u>Winston Hills Public School (B)</u>	v	Greystanes Public School (A)
2b	<u>Jasper Road Public School (A)</u>	v	Winston Hills Public School (A)
2c	<u>Greystanes Public School (B)</u>	v	Jasper Road Public School (B)
3a	<u>Jasper Road Public School (B)</u>	v	Winston Hills Public School (B)
3b	<u>Winston Hills Public School (A)</u>	v	Greystanes Public School (A)
3c	<u>Greystanes Public School (B)</u>	v	Jasper Road Public School (A)
4a	<u>Winston Hills Public School (A)</u>	v	Winston Hills Public School (B)
4b	<u>Jasper Road Public School (A)</u>	v	Jasper Road Public School (B)
4c	<u>Greystanes Public School (A)</u>	v	Greystanes Public School (B)
ZONE 5			
1a	<u>Shelley Public School</u>	v	The Meadows Public School
1b	<u>Quakers Hill Public School (A)</u>	v	Toongabbie West Public School
1c	<u>Lalor Park Public School</u>	v	Quakers Hill Public School (B)
	Marayong Heights Public School	–	BYE
2a	<u>Marayong Heights Public School</u>	v	Shelley Public School
2b	<u>Toongabbie West Public School</u>	v	Lalor Park Public School
2c	<u>The Meadows Public School</u>	v	Quakers Hill Public School (A)
	Quakers Hill Public School (B)	–	BYE
3a	<u>Shelley Public School</u>	v	Quakers Hill Public School (A)
3b	<u>The Meadows Public School</u>	v	Marayong Heights Public School
3c	<u>Quakers Hill Public School (B)</u>	v	Toongabbie West Public School
	Lalor Park Public School	–	BYE
4a	<u>Marayong Heights Public School</u>	v	Lalor Park Public School
4b	<u>Quakers Hill Public School (A)</u>	v	Quakers Hill Public School (B)
4c	<u>Toongabbie West Public School</u>	v	Shelley Public School
	The Meadows Public School	–	BYE
5a	<u>Quakers Hill Public School (B)</u>	v	Marayong Heights Public School
5b	<u>Lalor Park Public School</u>	v	The Meadows Public School
	Shelley PS, Toongabbie West PS, Quakers Hill PS (A)	–	BYE

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ZONE 6			
1a	<u>Barnier Public School</u>	v	Hambledon Public School
1b	<u>Ironbark Ridge Public School</u>	v	Rouse Hill Public School
1c	<u>Beaumont Hills Public School</u>	v	Kings Langley Public School
2a	<u>Barnier Public School</u>	v	Ironbark Ridge Public School
2b	<u>Kings Langley Public School</u>	v	Rouse Hill Public School
2c	<u>Hambledon Public School</u>	v	Beaumont Hills Public School
3a	<u>Kings Langley Public School</u>	v	Barnier Public School
3b	<u>Rouse Hill Public School</u>	v	Beaumont Hills Public School
3c	<u>Ironbark Ridge Public School</u>	v	Hambledon Public School
4a	<u>Rouse Hill Public School</u>	v	Barnier Public School
4b	<u>Beaumont Hills Public School</u>	v	Ironbark Ridge Public School
4c	<u>Hambledon Public School</u>	v	Kings Langley Public School
ZONE 7			
1a	<u>Colyton Public School (A)</u>	v	Colyton Public School (B)
1b	<u>Crawford Public School</u>	v	Plumpton Public School (A)
1c	<u>Doonside Public School</u>	v	Plumpton Public School (B)
2a	<u>Plumpton Public School (B)</u>	v	Plumpton Public School (A)
2b	<u>Crawford Public School</u>	v	Colyton Public School (A)
2c	<u>Colyton Public School (B)</u>	v	Doonside Public School
3a	<u>Colyton Public School (A)</u>	v	Plumpton Public School (B)
3b	<u>Plumpton Public School (A)</u>	v	Doonside Public School
3c	<u>Colyton Public School (B)</u>	v	Crawford Public School
4a	<u>Doonside Public School</u>	v	Crawford Public School
4b	<u>Plumpton Public School (A)</u>	v	Colyton Public School (A)
4c	<u>Plumpton Public School (B)</u>	v	Colyton 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.

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