



# Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7&8 2009 Information

Dear Debating Coordinator

Welcome to the 2009 Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7&8. In this package you will find details of this year's competition including school contact information, the draw for 2009, and a new results reporting fax.

## NSW Schools Debating Policy

- Home schools (underlined) are responsible for the initial contact with both the adjudicator and the other school.
- Home schools should contact the adjudicator as soon as possible and arrange at least three suitable dates for the debate. They should then confirm the arrangements with the adjudicator AND the other school.
- Once arrangements have been made for a debate, more than 48 hours notice must be given by a school wishing to postpone the debate. A suitable alternative must then be organised by that school.
- All rounds must be completed by the dates specified (see below).
- If any problems arise which prevent the organisation of a debate please contact your Regional Coordinator immediately.
- If a debate has not taken place by the due date, it may be awarded to the team deemed to be disadvantaged due to another team's unwillingness to debate.
- 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.
- Metropolitan schools must use the adjudicator assigned to their zone. Under no circumstances are schools to appoint their own adjudicator or adjudicate their own debates.
- The adjudicator's decision is final. No protests will be considered unless the rules of the competition have been broken.
- Any disputes regarding any aspect of the conduct of a debate must be forwarded in writing to the State Coordinator within one week of the problem arising.

## Topic Areas and Completion Dates

Round	To be completed by	Topic area
1	Week 9 Term 2	Education
2	Week 3 Term 3	Media
3	Week 6 Term 3	Politics
Regional Final to be held in November		General
Championships to take place at Women's College, University of Sydney from Wed 9 - Fri 11 December		General

## Reporting Results

- The procedure for reporting results in the Premier's Debating Challenge has changed for 2009. Please read the details below carefully.
- All results should be reported to the **State Coordinator**.
- A chairperson's script & results fax is included in this package. Make copies of this page and use it for each debate you host.
- Home schools should try to get the signatures of both the away coach and the adjudicator on this chairperson's script & results fax.
- This page should be faxed through to the State Coordinator by the home school immediately after the debate with the results section completed.
- 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 in your email.
- 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.

## Rules of the Competition

- The Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7&8 is open to all NSW government secondary 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 the 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 will participate in a Championship stage for the Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7&8 at Women's College, University of Sydney, from Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 December.
- Schools winning their region should be aware that there are costs involved in attending the Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7&8 State Championships.
- The speaking time for the Years 7&8 competition is 6 minutes, with a warning bell at 4 minutes and a continuous bell at 7 minutes.
- 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.
- Teams will have 60 minutes in which to prepare their case.
- Teams may not take any notes or research into the preparation rooms. Pens, blank paper and cards and stopwatches are allowed.

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**2009 Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7&8 – New England Region**  
(The home team is underlined)

<b>ZONE 1</b>			
1a	<u>Armidale High School</u>	v	Tenterfield High School
1b	<u>Duval High School (A)</u>	v	Bundarra Central School
	Glen Innes High School	–	BYE
2a	<u>Glen Innes High School</u>	v	Bundarra Central School
2b	<u>Duval High School (A)</u>	v	Armidale High School
	Tenterfield High School	–	BYE
3a	<u>Armidale High School</u>	v	Glen Innes High School
3b	<u>Tenterfield High School</u>	v	Duval High School (A)
	Bundarra Central School	–	BYE
4a	<u>Tenterfield High School</u>	v	Glen Innes High School
4b	<u>Bundarra Central School</u>	v	Armidale High School
	Duval High School (A)	–	BYE
<b>ZONE 2</b>			
1a	<u>Farrer Memorial Agricultural High</u>	v	Tamworth High School (B)
1b	<u>Quirindi High School</u>	v	Narrabri High School
2a	<u>Farrer Memorial Agricultural High</u>	v	Quirindi High School
2b	<u>Tamworth High School (B)</u>	v	Narrabri High School
3a	<u>Narrabri High School</u>	v	Farrer Memorial Agricultural High
3b	<u>Quirindi High School</u>	v	Tamworth High School (B)
<b>ZONE 3</b>			
1a	<u>Macintyre High School</u>	v	Inverell High School
1b	<u>Moree Secondary College Carol Ave</u>	v	Bingara Central School
2a	<u>Macintyre High School</u>	v	Moree Secondary College Carol Ave
2b	<u>Inverell High School</u>	v	Bingara Central School
3a	<u>Bingara Central School</u>	v	Macintyre High School
3b	<u>Moree Secondary College Carol Ave</u>	v	Inverell High School

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<b>ZONE 4</b>			
1a	<u>Tamworth High School (A)</u>	v	Farrer Memorial Agricultural High
1b	<u>Duval High School (B)</u>	v	Oxley High School
2a	<u>Tamworth High School (A)</u>	v	Duval High School (B)
2b	<u>Farrer Memorial Agricultural High</u>	v	Oxley High School
3a	<u>Oxley High School</u>	v	Tamworth High School (A)
3b	<u>Duval High School (B)</u>	v	Farrer Memorial Agricultural High



# 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)