



Dear Coordinator,

We are pleased to invite your school to participate in the 2014 Kilmore Regional Debating Competition.

Since 2003, the DAV has run regional programs around Victoria to encourage students in rural areas to become involved in debating. Our regional programs are open to any student in Years 7 to 10, regardless of their debating experience. This year the program will include a training session designed for inexperienced debaters, followed by a competition day.

The training day will be held on **Wednesday 23 July**, at The Kilmore International School from 1.30 pm until 3.30 pm. This session will cover the basics of debating, discuss methods of preparation and practice for the competition, and provide an opportunity to ask questions of DAV trainers and adjudicators, as well as a chance to practice debating skills. This is an optional component of the program and schools unable to attend the day will be sent a debating guide and a topic resource guide to assist students to prepare for the competition day.

The debating competitions for both the Year 7/8 and Year 9/10 divisions will be held on **Wednesday 6 August**, at The Kilmore International School from 9.15 am until 3.00 pm. Each division has three debates, with the last debate a secret/advised topic.

Entry into the program is **\$120 per team** (three to nine students per team) and a \$30 membership fee, per school, if your school has not participated in any DAV competitions this year.

Participating in debating is a great way for students to build public speaking skills, discuss issues, and work closely with other schools in the region. The Kilmore Regional Debating Competition is a rare opportunity for students to gain insight and feedback from experienced trainers and adjudicators and to participate in a structured, welcoming interschool program.

**To register**, simply email ([schoolsadministrator@dav.com.au](mailto:schoolsadministrator@dav.com.au)) or fax (03) 9348 9466 the attached form to by **5pm Monday 21 July**. If you have any questions about the competition, please call me at the office on (03) 9348 9477.

We hope you can join us in this great opportunity for students to engage with debating.

Yours faithfully,

Dominique Caesar  
Schools Administrator

# The Debaters Association of Victoria Kilmore Regional Debating Competition

Since 2005, the DAV has run regional programs around Victoria to encourage students in rural areas to become involved in debating. Our regional programs are open to any student in years 7 to 10, regardless of their debating experience. This year the Kilmore program will include a training session for inexperienced debaters followed by a day of debates for students in years 7 to 10.

## Training Day

The training day (an optional component designed for inexperienced debaters) will be held on Wednesday 23 July at The Kilmore International School. This session will cover the basics of debating; methods of preparation; how to formulate an argument and develop a case. The training day provides students with an opportunity to build on their debating skills and confidence prior to the competition day. This is also a chance for students to ask questions of DAV trainers and adjudicators and to benefit from their extensive experience. Schools that are unable to attend the training day will receive a debating and resource guide to assist students to prepare for the competition day.

## Debating Competition

The debating competition is divided into two divisions: years 7/8 and years 9/10. Debates will be held on Wednesday 6 August at The Kilmore International School from 9.15 am until 3.00 pm. Each division has three debates, including one secret topic debate. All debates are viewed by experienced adjudicators who will offer students in-depth and constructive feedback.

## Why Debate?

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## When?

**Training Day:** Students are invited to join us on **Wednesday 23 July** at The Kilmore International School from 1.30 pm until 3.30 pm.

**Competition Day:** Held on **Wednesday 6 August** at The Kilmore International School from 9.15 am until 3.00 pm.

## Fees

\$120 per team and a one time \$30 DAV membership payment for schools that have not participated in DAV competitions this year. Cost includes participation in the training day.

(Minimum of 3 and maximum of 9 students per team)

## Registration

Coordinators must complete a registration form and submit it to the DAV through fax or email by **5pm, Monday 21 July**.

**Schools may enter up to two teams in each division.**

## DAV Office

### Office Hours

Weekdays 10AM–5PM

### Contact Details

Phone: 9348 9477

Fax: 9348 9466

Email: [debater@dav.com.au](mailto:debater@dav.com.au)

The Debaters Association of Victoria  
**Kilmore Regional Debating Competition  
Registration**

Please return by fax or email to the DAV (03 9348 9466; debater@dav.com.au) by **5pm Monday 21 July**. Registration will be confirmed by email.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR 7 & 8 DEBATERS

YEAR 9 & 10 DEBATERS

Team number	Name	Attending training?		Team number	Name	Attending training?

(N.B. Schools may enter up to two teams in each division, however if you have more students interested please let us know and we will allow additional teams if space is available. The minimum number of students per team is three, but we encourage you to register slightly larger teams in case debaters are unavailable (e.g., ill). Teams can include up to nine students, but please note there will only be 9 opportunities to speak in debates on the day. If you wish to enter more teams, please attach additional forms as needed.)

