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Dear Debating Coordinator,

Since 2005 the Debaters Association of Victoria Inc (DAV) has run a Regional Debating Program in the Mallee Region. This year we will be running this event on **Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 November at St Joseph's College in Mildura** and I warmly invite your school to participate.

The program this year will include a half day (1-3pm) training session for all students. The training 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 representatives, as well as a chance to practice debating skills.

The second day is the debating day, which will run from 9:15am-2:45pm. Adjudicators from the DAV will offer their extensive knowledge and experience to give in-depth feedback to all students and teams. The competition will be divided into two divisions: one for Year 7 and 8 students and one for Year 9 and 10 students. Please note that a team should include at least 4 and up to 9 students.

Depending on the level of interest, the program will also include a training clinic for teachers on the training afternoon. This session will focus on developing coaching and adjudication skills with a focus on how best to establish and sustain a debating program in your school.

Please find enclosed a registration form. The program is funded by a Commonwealth Government Grant and therefore **there is no cost to participants**. To register, please complete this form and return it to the DAV by **4pm, Wednesday 22 October**.

Returning the form will confirm your enrolment in the competition and your availability on the competition dates. The DAV will send further details about the competition following close of registration, including the competition draw and resources to assist students to prepare.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the competition, please do not hesitate to contact the DAV office, by phone on (03) 9348 9477, or email at [schoolsadministrator@dav.com.au](mailto:schoolsadministrator@dav.com.au).

We look forward to seeing you at the competition!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dominique Caesar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dominique Caesar  
Schools Administrator

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# The Debaters Association of Victoria

## Mallee 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 Mallee program will include a training session for beginner debaters followed by a day of debates for students in years 7 to 10.

### Training Day

The training day (an optional component open to all year levels but targeted at students with limited debating experience) will be held on Tuesday 11 November at St Joseph's College. This session will cover the basics of debating; methods of preparation; and how to formulate an argument and develop a case. The training day provides students with an opportunity to build on 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.

### Debating Competition

The debating competition is divided into two divisions: years 7/8 and years 9/10. Debates will be held on Wednesday 12 November at St Joseph's College from 9.30 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?

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

### When?

**Training Day:** Students are invited to join us on **Tuesday 11 November** at St Joseph's College Mildura from 1pm until 3 pm for an optional training session.

**Competition Day:** For students in years 7-10, held on **Wednesday 12 November** at St Joseph's College Mildura from 9.30 am until 3.00 pm.

### Fees

Thanks to a Federal Government grant, we are able to offer the program at **no cost to participating schools**.

### Registration

Coordinators must complete a registration form and submit it to the DAV through fax or email by **4pm, Wednesday 22 October**.

### 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 Mallee Regional Debating Competition Registration

Please return by fax or email to the DAV (03 9348 9466; debater@dav.com.au) by **4pm Wednesday 22 October**. 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. 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.)

