

Debaters Association of Victoria

External Services 2017

Offering adjudication and training services across Victoria

Adjudication Services

The DAV can provide experienced debating and/or public speaking adjudicators for internal/house competitions, friendly interschool debates and associated school competitions. We also have adjudicators and debaters available for public events.

Training Services

The DAV can provide training to students and staff according to your school's needs. Below is a sampling of available training packages, which can be modified or combined to suit your needs.

Introduction to debating

This session covers speaker roles, scoring, adjudication criteria, definitions and basic case preparation. Students will apply the theory that they have learnt by participating in skills building activities throughout the session.

Special introductory rate of \$60/hr for training in February/March for up to 12 students

Topic preparation

This session looks at how to best prepare cases for different kinds of topics, from normative to empirical. It also explains the difference between 'hard' and 'soft' case lines, and the use of models.

Secret topic preparation

This session incorporates elements from the "topic preparation" session, but is targeted more specifically at preparing in limited time. Students will learn and practise processes for preparing to deadlines as well as techniques for brainstorming more widely.

Rebuttal workshops

This session aims to educate students in effective rebuttal which targets the opposition's primary arguments and identifies their flaws. Students will also be taught to identify key themes in the debate, and how to use these to structure their rebuttal and highlight their own team's strengths.

British Parliamentary debating

This session teaches the basics of British Parliamentary style debating, including format and speaker roles. These sessions can also include a practice debate.

Public Speaking

This session looks at different styles of presentation, considering pace, volume, pitch and expression. It also explores different structures for speeches and tips for impromptu speaking.

Staff training

The DAV runs a Teacher Inservice at the beginning of each year to help coordinators and coaches learn more about debating and develop skills to pass this information on to their students. The 2017 Teacher Inservice will be held on **Wednesday 22nd February**.

The DAV can run any of its teacher training modules in-house. These include: Basics of Debating, Basics of Adjudicating, Public Speaking and Advanced Debating Strategy. All sessions aim to provide staff with basic theory and ways to workshop these theories to educate your students. Teacher resources are provided.

Training & Adjudication rates: \$77/first hour, \$55/subsequent hours (per trainer)

Staff training rates: \$45/head for 90minute session (min 3 participants)

Travel levy: no cost for training held within 50km of Melbourne CBD,
\$25 (50–100km from CBD), \$40 (100–150km from CBD), \$75 (150+km from CBD)

Debate Camp

Debate Camp is a non-residential debating ‘camp’ for students in Years 10–12 which runs over three days during the Easter and Spring school holiday periods. The camp will include matter sessions on recurring debating themes (e.g. the role of government, the legal system), workshops to improve practical debating skills, and daily secret topic debates led by DAV accredited trainers.

Easter Debate Camp (Term 1 Holidays)

When: Monday 3rd April–Wednesday 5th April

Where: Wesley College St Kilda

Who: Students in Years 10–12

Cost: \$180 including morning tea and lunch

Winter Debate Camp (Term 3 Holidays)

When: Monday 3rd July–Wednesday 5th July

Where: TBC

Who: Students in Years 10–12

Cost: \$180 including morning tea lunch

The DAV is able to offer a limited number of equity places for students from under-resourced schools. Further details can be obtained from the DAV office.

Registration information is available from the DAV website. As places are limited, a maximum of 5 students are permitted to attend from each school.

Training Resources

The DAV has released a training DVD “Guide to Debating” which has been designed by experienced DAV trainers to give your students the best opportunity at succeeding in debating competitions. The Guide includes different levels of training, demonstration debates, and teacher resources on a separate CD-ROM. Copies can be ordered from the DAV office for \$95.

The debating ‘bible’ is the Australia-Asia Debating Guide. This can be downloaded from the DAV website at <http://dav.com.au/resources/aadg.php>. It is written in a generally-accessible style and is recommended for anyone wanting to better understand the mechanics of debating and adjudication. More information about the AADG and downloadable chapters are available online at our website.