TEACHER IN-SERVICE

A professional development program for teachers and debating coordinators

9am–3pm, Monday 15 Feb

Savoy on Little Collins

Corner Spencer St, Melbourne

Debaters Association of Victoria Inc.

Debating promotes confidence in oral presentation and teaches structured argument and analysis—skills essential far beyond debating itself. Through debating, students can learn how to work in a team and to argue with confidence and precision. Debating also encourages awareness about the world at large as students grapple with challenging issues.

The Debaters Association of Victoria's Teacher Inservice is an excellent opportunity to learn about debating and to develop the skills to pass this knowledge on to students in classrooms, or coach them to success in competitions. The Inservice will provide an array of useful hints, practical tips, activities, real life applications, and examples.

Who should attend?

Debating coordinators, English teachers, librarians, team coaches and anyone interested in debating.

- A discussion of the benefits of debating
- Adjudicator's advice on how to prepare and present a case
- Tips on how to adjudicate debates and coach a debating team; and
- An explanation of how adjudicators determine scores and results.

You will also receive a comprehensive set of materials to use throughout the year.

PROGRAM

There will be a choice of two sessions in the morning and two in the afternoon. You are free to choose which you would rather attend, or alternatively to send different staff from your school to each session.

9:00 AM	Registration and Welcome
9:30 AM session 1	Introduction to Debating
10:30 AM	Morning tea
11:00 AM session 2	Advanced Debating Strategy
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM session 3	Principles of Adjudication
3:00 PM	End of Day

SESSION INFORMATION

Exhibition Debate

As well as the four training sessions, we will be running an exhibition debate featuring six excellent former high school debaters. This will provide staff with the opportunity to see a high-quality debate and raise any questions or comments they might have on the three key criteria (manner, matter and method), case structure and different styles of debating.

The debate will be particularly useful for discussion in the two afternoon sessions and provide staff a good point of reference for both understanding adjudications and advanced debating strategies.

Principles of Adjudication

Charisma Taylor

The adjudication sessions will teach how to judge debates in a fair and consistent fashion and will focus on the three key criteria which adjudicators use in deciding debates: manner, matter and method. By explaining the criteria adjudicators use to judge a debate, the session aims to aid staff in understanding what is required of students. This will ensure that they can make the most of the feedback they are given by adjudicators. We will also cover the exhibition

Charisma Taylor has been the DAV's Executive Officer since 2006. She has been involved in training students, teachers, and adult debaters for the last 10 years. She has co-created and managed pilot initiatives such as the Junior Public Speaking, Primary Schools and Public Speaking programs.

SESSION INFORMATION

Introduction to Debating

Jonathan Benney

A beginners' guide to the aims, benefits and rules of debating. This session will cover the format of
3 vs. 3 debating, including the rules of debate, speaker roles and assessment criteria. It will also provide resources and activities for teachers to use to assist students to develop the basic skills involved in preparing and presenting an argument.

Jonathan Benney is the President of the DAV. He has been a member of the DAV since the 1990s, and has served as regional coordinator, Schools Administrator, and Vice-President (Adjudication and Training), amongst many other positions. As a debater and adjudicator, he represented the University of Melbourne and the National University of Singapore at the Australian, Australasian, and World Intervarsity Debating Championships. He has been involved in schools debating in Melbourne, Sydney, and Singapore. Benney has also debated for Australia at the world Chinese-language debating tournament. He works as a lecturer in Chinese Studies at Monash University.

SESSION INFORMATION

Advanced Debating Strategy

Grace Zhang

This session aims to extend on previous debating knowledge. It will look at advanced research techniques and present ideas for enhancing rebuttal. As well as looking at how to improve presentation, we will also examine the principles involved in building a case – hard/soft lines, use of models, and winning definitional debates.

Grace Zhang has been closely involved with the DAV since 2015, when she represented Victoria at the National Schools Debating Championships as a year 12 student. Since then, she has worked with the DAV as an adjudicator, trainer and co-coach of the Victorian Schools Team. During her time at university, Grace has represented the Melbourne University Debating Society at state, national, Australasian and worldwide tournaments. In 2019 she was ranked as a top 5 debater in Australia and as a top 10 debater in Australasia. She is also a current reigning champion of the Australasian Intervarsity Debating Championships. After graduating in 2019, Grace is set to begin working as a public policy consultant in 2020.

What Previous Participants Say...

The DAV has run similar in-services since 2003. *Teachers from Government, Catholic, and independent schools across Victoria have attended.* Some teachers had not seen a debate; others had been involved in debating for decades. Here are some typical comments from those teachers:

"One of the best PD days that I have ever attended. It was very useful and interesting with practical advice on how to conduct debates in school."

"I was extremely impressed by this PD—it was informative, helpful, thought-provoking and well planned. I can't praise it enough!"

"An open and practical session that gave good advice and illuminated some aspects of the mysteries of adjudication"

"Very informative and interesting—As a first year coordinator I feel it's a critical intro into DAV debating"

To Register

To register, please fill out the relevant form by
Wednesday 10th February 2021.

Online http://www.dav.com.au/resources/inservice_registration.php

Cost $210 for all three sessions

(includes all materials, arrival tea/coffee, morning tea and lunch)

$150 for two sessions
(includes arrival tea/coffee, morning tea and lunch)

$80 for one session
(includes one session and morning tea or lunch)

Online Training

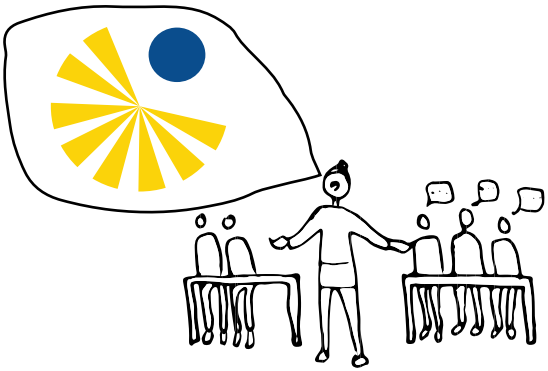
Please note that we will also be offering an online version of each session from **4:15pm-5:45pm** on the following dates:

- Introduction to Debating - **Monday 9 February** & **Monday 22 February**
- Introduction to Adjudicating - **Tuesday 16 February**
- Advanced Strategy - **Wednesday 10 February**

Places are strictly limited and will fill up fast, so please get in early to guarantee your place. **Discounts are available for multiple registrations from the same school.**

We will invoice your school at the close of registration.

Cancellations received after 5pm, Wednesday 10th February will be charged at the full registration rate.



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