

The Debaters Association of Victoria

Junior Secondary Program 2021

The Junior Secondary Program (JSP) is an introduction to debating for junior secondary students in years 7 and 8 who have not participated in the DAV Schools Competition.

The program runs over four evenings in Terms 3/4 in various regions throughout Victoria and online, incorporating friendly debates with the training elements below.

Introductory training

DAV trainers will introduce students to the art of persuasion and look at how debates work. Students will learn how to formulate arguments, how to define topics, and the role of each speaker in a debate.

The best way to consolidate skills is with interactive activities, so the training component includes various games where students work in smaller groups.

Demonstration debate

DAV adjudicators will act as debaters in an exhibition debate, showcasing high quality speeches to provide practical examples of what the students are taught.

Rebuttal seminars

After students have participated in an actual debate, they will take part in an extension training session in which they will work with trainers to discuss the role of rebuttal and different ways of approaching it.

Extended adjudication

Following the final debate, adjudicators will spend extra time giving feedback to students which aims to consolidate the skills learnt in the training component of the program.

More details about the JSP schedule can be found on the following page.

Online program:

A parallel online program will also be offered. More information available here: [Debaters Association of Victoria - About the Junior Secondary Program \(dav.com.au\)](http://debaters.com.au)

When?

Dates: Regions run across 4 evenings on various dates in Terms 3/4. The dates for each region can be found on the DAV website.

Times: Each school will be allocated a starting time of *either 6pm or 7pm* for the face to face program and *4pm or 5pm* for the online program.

Fees

Teams 1-2:	\$145 per team
Teams 3-4:	\$165 per team
Teams 5-6:	\$180 per team
Teams 7-8:	\$195 per team
Teams 9-10:	\$225 per team

(Minimum of 4 students per team)

Registration

Coordinators can register teams through the DAV website. Please contact us if you require login details.

Registration closes Friday 23 July for face to face and online programs.

DAV Office

Contact Details

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2021 Junior Secondary Program (Face to Face) PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Each participating school will be allocated to *either* Group A or B at the close of the registration period. This allocation will dictate the schedule for each of the 4 evenings.

Group A

5:45pm Arrival

Training Night

On the first evening of the program, students participate in training seminars and skills workshops to gain a basic understanding of debating.

Start: 6:00pm

Finish: 7:00pm

Round 1

Students will begin the evening with a debate. Following this, they will watch a demonstration debate by DAV adjudicators and participate in a short debriefing session.

Start: 6:00pm

Finish: 7:30pm

Round 2

Students will begin with an extension training seminar before participating in another debate.

Start: 6:00pm

Finish: 7:30pm

Round 3

Students will take part in a debate and then receive an extended adjudication which aims to consolidate the skills covered in the training components of the program.

Start: 6:00pm

Finish: 7:00pm

Group B

6:45pm Arrival

Training Night

On the first evening of the program, students participate in training seminars and skills workshops to gain a basic understanding of debating.

Start: 7:00pm

Finish: 8:00pm

Round 1

Students will begin the evening by watching a demonstration debate by DAV adjudicators and participating in a short debriefing session. Following this, they will take part in a debate.

Start: 6:45pm

Finish: 8:30pm

Round 2

Students will begin with an extension training seminar before participating in another debate.

Start: 7:00pm

Finish: 8:30pm

Round 3

Students will take part in a debate and then receive an extended adjudication which aims to consolidate the skills covered in the training components of the program.

Start: 7:00pm

Finish: 8:00pm