

# PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATING

## CSDA Public Speaking Competition

Following are this year's public speaking topics:

- **Select, don't settle**
- **With me in charge...**
- **It gets better**
- **Just make it work!**
- **It's all just a little bit of history repeating**
- **Be not afraid**

Please refer to the website [www.cstda.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cstda.nsw.edu.au) for all the information you will need regarding the competition itself. You might also like to look at the 'Students' section on the Catholic Schools' Debating Association (CSDA) website to explore more about the competition and the adjudicator's expectations.

The important things to know are:

- Choose one topic. The speech can be kept for the entire competition, or it can be changed.
- Check the times for the speech for each year group.
- A public speech is not a drama/comedy performance.
- Each school entering needs to provide a CSDA accredited adjudicator. Anyone can attend the adjudication accreditation seminars

The CSDA Public Speaking competition runs on the following three Friday. Information on venues and times will follow as soon as the College is informed. All students interested in competing this year need to register their interest there will be a meeting this Friday 9th February at lunchtime in the JCR. Students will also be advised of this meeting in the Daily Notices this week.

### Term 1 Public Speaking Competition Dates

- 2nd March - Round 1
- 9th March - Zone Final
- 16th March - Grand Final

## **Catholic Schools' Debating Competition (CSDA)**

Registration forms will be at the front office from Friday 9th February. Students need to complete the form and return it to the box marked "Public Speaking and Debating" on the front verandah. The CSDA competition dates are as follows. Pius will host around half of these rounds as home events are easier for our parents. The CSDA competition dates for 2018 are:

### Term 2 Debating

- 4th May - Round 1
- 11th May - Round 2
- 18th May - Round 3
- 25th May - Round 4
- 1st June - Round 5
- 15th June - Round 6
- 22nd June - Elimination Final 2
- 29th June - Quarter Final

### Term 3

- 27th July - Semi Final
- 3rd August - Grand Final

Registration forms will be at the front office from Friday 9th February. Students need to complete the form and return it to the box marked "Public Speaking and Debating" on the front verandah. The CSDA competition dates are as above. SPX will host as many of these rounds as possible as home events are easier for our parents.

If you want to be a part of the terrific St Pius X College debating community it is essential that you attend ALL of the first six rounds. If your team makes it through to the Elimination round (and beyond) you also need to keep the above dates free.

Our senior students act as coaches/supporters for our junior teams. We are also lucky enough to have ex-students to work with the junior teams as the younger students really enjoy contact with our ex-debating "champions".

## **SCHOOL'S DEBATING NETWORK**

St Pius X College participates in the School's Debating Network (SDN) Competition. Schools include Abbotsleigh, Redlands, Riverview, Roseville, Stella Maris, Monte & Wenona. This seven-round competition runs in Term 3 every Friday night from Week 1 to Week 7. If your team moves to the final you will need to keep that Friday night (usually Week 8) free.

- Round 1 21st July, Roseville College hosting St Pius X
- Round 2 28th July, Stella Maris hosting St Pius X
- Round 3 4th August, Riverview hosting St Pius X
- Round 4 11th August, St Pius X hosting Wenona
- Round 5 18th August, St Pius X hosting Monte
- Round 6 25th August, Abbotsleigh hosting St Pius X
- Round 7 2nd September, Redlands hosting St Pius X
- Tiebreaker 8th September, hosted by St Pius X
- Final 15th September, hosted by Monte

The fee for the CSDA extra-curricular activity is \$105.00 which will be included in your Term 2 school fees. This fee goes towards paying for Friday evening coach hire in order to get to our Away venues. We keep our fees as low as possible and have funding from the St Pius X College P&F to subsidise the cost of hiring coaches on Friday evenings.

Two hours of training per week is mandatory. Our training commences 2-3 weeks before Round 1 with SPX hosting pre-season 'friendly' debates with local high schools. Friday afternoon training from 3.30 – 5pm is compulsory for all debaters and coaches determine the other hour or so of training each week at times that suit their team. CSDA debates commence at 6pm and students and coaches either travel to venues at 5pm or, when hosting, students have a one hour dinner break before our guests arrive at the Collee for a 6pm competition commencement. SDN debates have a different, later running order.

Thank you on behalf of the brilliant SPX debating coaches and senior student mentors.

*Mrs M Waterson - Debating and Public Speaking Convener*