



OPEN DEBATING COMPETITION 2025

**Thursday May 8th at St Joseph's College,
5 Brenock Park Drive, Ferntree Gully.**

CONFIRMED FORMAT & RULES

1. Each participating school shall have one team consisting of a maximum of SIX students with three speakers for any one debate. This competition is “Open” and each school can choose their participating students (best available team) from Years 7 through to 12.
2. There shall be two divisions with competing teams being placed into either Division One or Two based on their school's placing in last year's Intermediate competition and the number of teams competing. Schools that did not compete last year will participate in the Division 2 competition.
3. Each school shall have ONE affirmative in the first two set rounds with the first named team in the draw having the affirmative.
4. Each speaker will be allowed **5 - 6 minutes**.
5. Debates shall follow DAV guidelines. DAV adjudicators will award points to teams according to standard set procedures. A win will score 2 pts and the marking scheme shall be as follows:-
Matter - 40, Manner - 40, Method - 20 = 100 per speaker.
6. For Debate Two (the advised topic) students can bring in newspapers and other pertinent information to assist with their preparation. All team members can assist with debate development during preparation time for the advised topic but without staff assistance.
7. Students are not allowed to use laptop computers or mobile internet for research.
8. Power pairings will occur for Debate Three. These pairings will be set at the end of Debate Two according to the number of wins/losses and total number of marks scored in the first two set debates. Once the secret topic is released, staff members are not permitted to assist students to prepare.

9. At the end of Debate Three, the team with the highest points score for wins/draws shall be judged champion school in their respective Division. If two or more teams are equal on points, the team with the highest total marks over the three debates will be judged the champion school and will receive the banner and pennants.
10. Under DAV guidelines, no electronic device shall be used in the delivery of a speech.

DEBATE PROGRAM

9:30am: Arrival
 9:45am: Welcome and event briefing
 10.00 am: Debate One
 10.45 am: Advised debate topic released and Break
 11.00 am: Advised debate topic preparation
 11.30 am: Debate Two
 12.15 pm: Lunch break
 12.45 pm: Secret debate topic released and preparation time allowed
 1.30 pm: Debate Three
 2.15 pm: Presentations/finish.

2025 DIVISIONS

(Based on 2024 results in Open and Intermediate Competitions)

| <u>Division 1</u> | <u>Division 2</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| De La Salle College | Salesian College |
| Emmanuel College | Simonds |
| Mazenod College | St Mary's College |
| Parade College | St Joseph's Geelong |
| St Bernards's College | St Patrick's Ballarat |
| St Bede's College | |
| St Joseph's College FTG | |
| Whitefriars College | |

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ADJUDICATORS & CATERING

Adjudicators will be arranged by DAV. Morning tea, beverages and lunch will be provided for all staff and adjudicators. Students to BYO lunch.

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DRAW – First named team has affirmative

10:00am

DEBATE 1

Prepared topic:

That Australians should be banned from travelling overseas for medical tourism.

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| Div One | DE LA SALLE | | MAZENOD |
| | PARADE | | ST BERNARD'S |
| | ST JOSEPH'S FTG | | ST BEDE'S |
| | EMMANUEL | | WHITEFRIARS |
| Div Two | | | |
| | SALESIAN | | SIMONDS |
| | ST MARY'S | | ST JOSEPH'S |
| | ST PATRICKS | | BYE |

11:30am

DEBATE 2

Advised topic: Social Media

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| Div One | MAZENOD | | ST JOSEPH'S FTG |
| | WHITEFRIARS | | DE LA SALLE |
| | ST BEDE'S | | PARADE |
| | ST BERNARD'S | | EMMANUEL |
| Div Two | | | |
| | SIMONDS | | ST MARY'S |
| | BYE | | SALESIAN |
| | ST JOSEPH'S | | ST PATRICK'S |

1:30pm

DEBATE 3

Secret Topic: *To be advised on the day*

Power Pairing for Division 1 & 2 – teams to be informed at 12:35pm

Power pairings are based on previous results.



OPEN PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2025

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FORMAT & RULES

1. Each participating school shall have one team consisting of FOUR students from Years 7-12. The four participants can be from any year level as it is an “Open” competition.
2. Each participant will complete **two speeches**.
Speaker 1 - Round 1 (prepared) & Round 3 (impromptu)
Speaker 2 - Round 1 (prepared) & Round 3 (impromptu)
Speaker 3 - Round 2 (prepared) & Round 4 (impromptu)
Speaker 4 - Round 2 (prepared) & Round 4 (impromptu)
3. The topics for the prepared speeches are at the discretion of the speaker in consultation with their teacher. The topics for the impromptu speeches will be provided by the ACC. Each participant in the impromptu rounds will be provided with two topics, from which they will then choose one of those topics for their speech. Each participant will have five minutes preparation time before they must commence their speech. Notes can be made during this preparation time, but the students are not allowed to receive any assistance from other students or their teacher.
4. Each speaker will be allowed **5 - 6 minutes for prepared speeches** and **3 – 4 minutes for impromptu speeches**, with a knock given 30 seconds prior to their time expiring.

5. All speeches will be awarded points by independent adjudicators from the DAV. The marking scheme shall be as follows:- Matter – 50 Manner – 50 = 100 points per speaker. Please see notes on page 3 for further information on the marking criteria.
6. At the end of the fourth round, all points from the four rounds will be tallied and the team with the highest points score shall be judged champion school. All schools will compete in the same division. If two or more teams are equal on points, the team with the highest individual score from the four rounds will be judged the champion school and will receive the banner and pennants.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION PROGRAM

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| 9:30am | Arrival |
| 9:45am | Welcome and event briefing |
| 10:00am | Round 1 - prepared speech (Speaker 1 and 2) |
| 11:00am | Recess break |
| 11:15am | Round 2 - prepared speech (Speaker 3 and 4) |
| 12:15pm | Lunch break |
| 12:45pm | Round 3 – impromptu speech (Speaker 1 and 2) |
| 1:30pm | Round 4 - impromptu speech (Speaker 3 and 4) |
| 2:15pm | Presentations |

2025 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Competing schools:

Salesian College, Parade College, Mazenod College, St Bernard's College, St Joseph's FTG, St Bede's College, Simonds College, St Patrick's College, St Joseph's Geelong

Please note:

Adjudicators will be appointed by DAV.

Morning tea, beverages and lunch will be provided for all staff and adjudicators.

Students to BYO lunch.

Public Speaking Adjudication Criteria (DAV)

There are 4 key components to a successful speech.

- The subject matter for the prepared speech should be persuasive in some way;
NOTE: impromptu speeches may be descriptive rather than persuasive
- The subject matter should be well constructed;
- The delivery must be convincing and engaging;
- The words of the speech should be concise, precise, and accessible to the audience

Our sub-criteria are matter and manner.

Matter involves:

- Subject matter of the speech
 - Does it aim to be persuasive?
 - Is it well-reasoned?
 - Is it engaging?
 - Is there a clear sense of “message” in the speech?
- Structure of the speech, inasmuch as it refers to logical development of the speech
 - Does the speech make its purpose clear at the start?

- Does the speech have a clear structure? Does the speech develop its ideas logically?

Manner involves:

- Style of speaking:
 - Fundamental tools of persuasiveness: clear speech and eye contact
 - Voice
 - Body language
 - Does the speaker tailor his/her speaking style to their content?
 - Is the speech varied enough to hold the audience's attention?
 - Cues: notes are allowed, but shouldn't interfere
 - Props are not allowed
 - Microphones and lecterns are not allowed
 - The speech should be delivered with conviction and emphasis, but the delivery should not distract from the content.

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