

Debating & Public Speaking

The SDN roster is completed and all debaters have received a hard copy of their rostered on debate nights. Training commences Week 1 and every team will have their 30 minutes before school training this week as well as their Friday afternoon training from 3.30 – 5pm for ALL debaters. At 5pm debaters rostered on for the night will travel to the allocated venue. IT IS VITAL THAT ALL DEBATERS BRING AN EXTRA SANDWICH AND DRINK ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AS THERE WILL BE NO TIME TO TRAVEL TO WESTFIELD BEFORE WE TRAVEL TO OUR DEBATES. The early coin toss (5.30) means that we will not have time for Year 7 and 8 to travel to Westfield for their dinner even on the nights that we are hosting so it should be a routine for all debaters to bring their supper to school on Fridays.

At 5pm the coaches rostered on for the night will travel to the venues. The SDN venues are typically closer to Chatswood so our travelling time will be reduced. Our first debate at Roseville College is on the first Friday of Term 3, 21st July.

SCHOOLS DEBATING NETWORK

St Pius X participates in the Schools Debating Network (SDN) Competition run from Week 1 to Week 7 in Term 3. We compete against: Abbotsleigh, Redlands, Riverview, Roseville, Stella Maris, Monte & Wenona (and Ravenswood debate with St Pius X as our two Primary team representatives). This 7 round competition runs in Term 3 every Friday night from 21st July to 8th September. There will then be a Tiebreaker and Final round.

Round 1 21st July, Roseville College hosting St Pius X

Topic Area: Health and Well Being. Debaters have commended research for this topic area in preparation for Week 1 next term.

2016 Topics were:

5 & 6 - That all schools should provide recess and lunch for students

7 & 8 - That Australia should introduce a tax on foods that are high in sugar and/or fat

9 & 10 - That Australia should implement a quota for Indigenous athletes in the Olympics

11 & 12 - That Medicare should cover elective cosmetic surgery

Students and parents can visit the SDN site at: <http://www.sdndebating.com.au> for locations of all schools and for all past topics and updates on the draw etc.

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 (only students who compete in this Tiebreaker need attend)**
 Final 15th September, hosted by **Monte**

This is a very exciting competition and this experience is extremely valuable for our students broadening their debating skills. As the Schools Debating Network Competition requires ONE team of debaters each evening we only need our students to commit to 3 of the debate nights listed above. Training is compulsory for ALL debaters each week. Please visit the Schools Debating Network website to explore more about this rigorous debating competition:
<http://www.sdndebating.com.au/>

The cost of SDN Competition is half of the CSDA Competition (\$50.00) and the fee will be included in your Term 3 school fees. This fee goes towards paying for Friday evening coach hire 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.

SDN debates have a different team structure and coin toss running order:

Primary A (Ravenswood) Primary B (Ravenswood) SPX Year 7 SPX Year 8	5.30 – 6.30 PREP	6.30 – 7.30 DEBATE
SPX Junior Team (combined Years 7,8,9) SPX Year 9, SPX Year 10, SPX Senior Team (combined Years 11,12)	6.30 – 7.30 PREP	7.30 – 8.30 DEBATE

Debates DO NOT run late as this competition is adjudicated by external adjudicators who run both rounds of debates in the one evening. Pius debaters will travel to venues from school each Friday afternoon and rooms at our host schools are provided for study/work for the later debaters.

Round 1 Topic Area - Health and Well-Being

Round 2 - Education

Round 3 - General

Round 4 - Technology

Round 5 - Arts and Media

Round 6 - Law and Order

Round 7 - Social Issues

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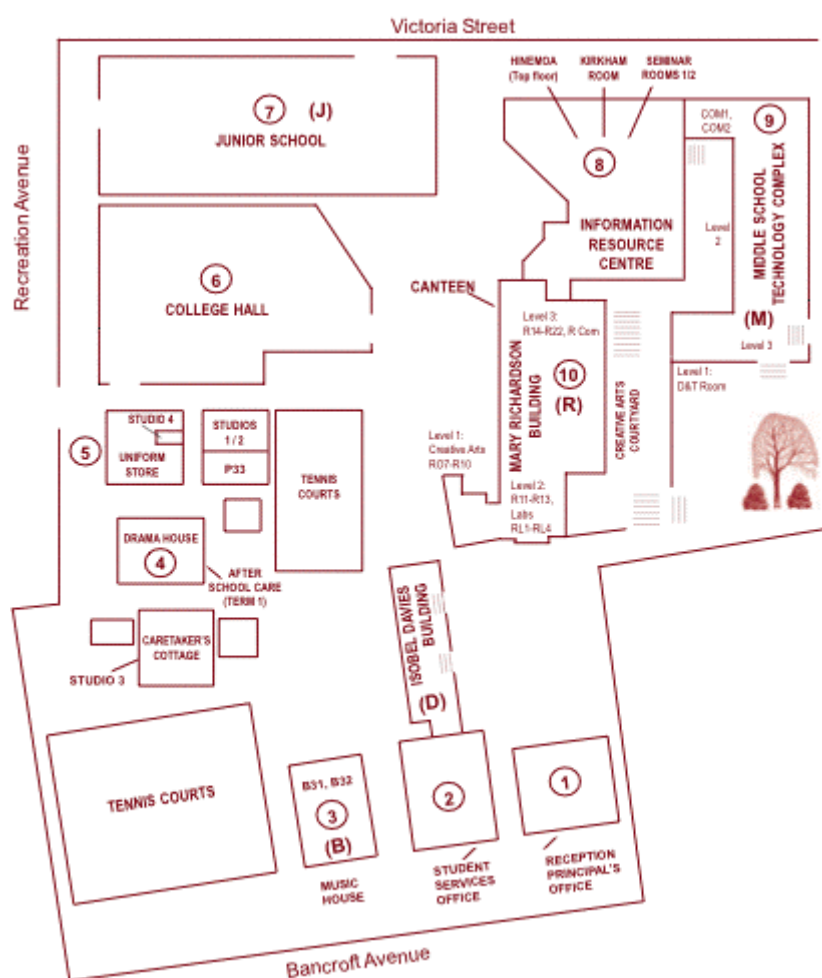
Venue information:

- Debaters meet above the Information Resources Centre in Hinemoa.

Parking and site access information:

On street parking available in Victoria Ave. Enter via Victoria St. gates.

- Buses may find it easier to park in Bancroft Ave at an allocated bus stop outside the school.



Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition

St Pius X College will be entering two students into the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition which will be run in August.

Mrs M Waterson - Debating & Public Speaking Convenor