

PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATING

Wednesday 30th August

PUBLIC SPEAKING

James Baldock competed in the 2017 Northern Sydney Regional Final on Wednesday 16th August at The Arts Unit at Lewisham. He competed against students from: North Sydney Boys High; Hornsby Girls High; Arden Anglican School; Shore School; Normanhurst Boys High; Wenona School; Ryde Secondary College; Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College and St Aloysius' College.

He gained exceptional experience at this event and felt confident about this speech presentation. However, his impromptu speech was more challenging. Congratulations to James for reaching such a prestigious level in your public speaking. Both James Baldock and Joshua Jones will be presented with their certificates at next Monday's assembly.

SCHOOLS DEBATING NETWORK COMPETITION (WEEK 1-7 TERM 3)

Last Friday we travelled to Abbotsleigh College for Round 6 of the SDN Competition. We didn't win any debates on the night however as our students understand that the SDN is a competition where we are punching above our weight and that this competition is an effective training experience as noted in last week's Woodchatta. Again, the coaches and I were so proud of the attitude that the St Pius X boys displayed after their losses.

This Round 7, Friday 1st September, St Pius X is travelling to Redlands at Cremorne Senior Campus (see venue information below).

We will be travelling by coach or maxi-taxi from Chatswood leaving at around 4.30pm to arrive at 5pm. There is no time to travel to Westfield to purchase dinner so all students need to bring a sandwich and a drink.

Parents need to collect their son from Redlands at Cremorne (Year 7 & 8 debate commences at 6.30pm. The Junior Team, Year 9, Year 10 and Senior Team commence their debate at 7.30pm. The map of Redlands and venue information is below:

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

Our topic area this week is: Round 7 - Social Issues. The 2016, 2015, 2016 Topics are listed below.

2016 Round 7 - Social Issues

5 & 6 - That we should ban school uniforms

7 & 8 - That the Australian government should ban live animal exports

9 & 10 - That we should ban all beauty contests

11 & 12 - That workers should be able to trade their right to unionise for a pay increase

2015 Round 7 - Social Issues

5 & 6 - That primary school students should get shorter school days

7 & 8 - That we should stop celebrating Australia Day

9 & 10 - That Australia should lower the compulsory voting age to 16

11 & 12 - That Australian individuals that are convicted of terrorism offences should have their citizenship revoked

2014 Round 7 - Social Issues

5 & 6 - That schools should teach driver education as a subject

7 & 8 - That we should raise the drinking age

9 & 10 - That we school replace welfare payments with food stamps

11 & 12 - That we should drug test welfare recipients

Venue Information

Debating is held in the R Block (Roseby Building) on the Senior Campus on Military Rd, Cremorne.

- The meeting point/topic distribution area is the Liggins Quadrangle in the centre of the school.
- This can be easily accessed from either the Military Rd gates or the Gerard St gates.

Parking and site access information:

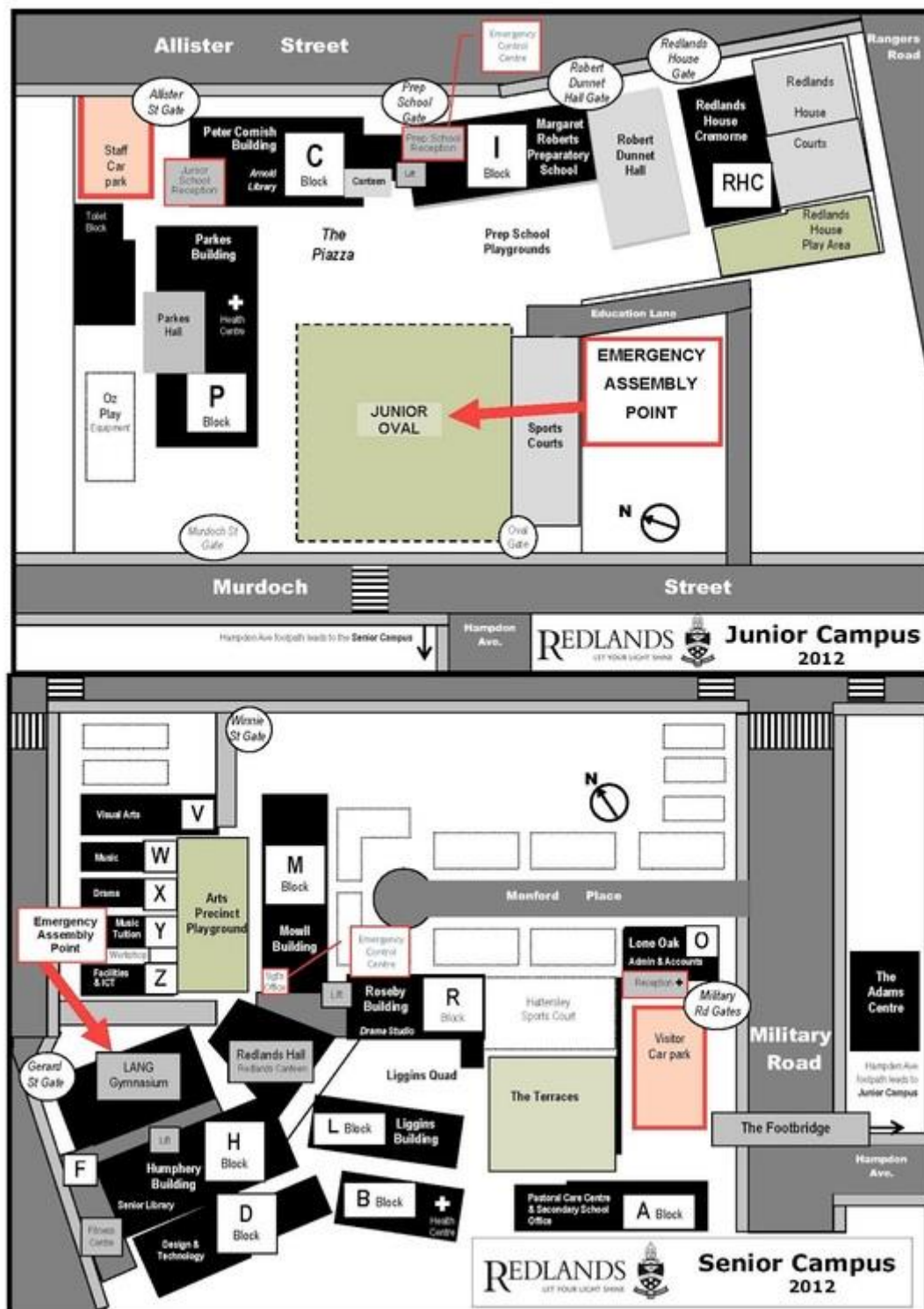
On-site parking is not available at Redlands. The most accessible streets to park in are those behind Gerard Street, near St Peter's Church.

- School buses can stand on Military Rd temporarily while students alight.
- Students, coaches or adjudicators travelling by bus to Redlands should enter the campus via the 272 Military Road entrance. (Details below and MAP on following page)

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Round 7 2nd September, **Redlands** hosting St Pius X
 Tiebreaker 8th September, hosted by **St Pius X (no SPX students will need to attend)**

