

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING – Woodchatta 27 February

Our Public Speaking and Debating registration forms are available at the front office for collection. All students interesting in joining our teams will have the opportunity to meet their coaches and collect the registration form at our first meeting for the year after Friday's sports assembly. We meet under the clock after assembly.

CSDA Public Speaking Competition

Could all public speakers Year 7 – 12 meet **Mrs Waterson in B10 at lunch time** every Friday to reflect upon and develop their speech. The competition runs from Week 6-Week 8 this term on the following Friday evenings in Term 1.

Term 1 Public Speaking

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| Friday 8th March | Round 1 - Marist College Eastwood. 44 Hillview Road, Eastwood 2122 |
| Friday 15th March | Zone final |
| Friday 22 nd March | Grand final |

Students have enrolled in this event and are writing their speeches on the following topics.

2019 CSDA Public Speaking topics

- If you give me your attention, I will tell you what I am
- I've got a little list
- Ties
- The Sandpit
- I'm not making this up, you know!
- The internet will end in an hour

Important

- Speakers are to choose one topic only. The same speech can be used for all three rounds
- Times:

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Warning bell</i> | <i>Final bell</i> | <i>MAX time</i> |
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| Year 7 & 8 | 3 Mins | 4 Mins | 4 Mins |
| Year 9 | 4 Mins | 5 Mins | 5 Mins |
| Year 10 | 5 Mins | 6 Mins | 6 Mins |
| Senior | 6 Mins | 8 Mins | 8 Mins |

General expectations of a speech in CSDA competition:

- A speech is based on a central theme which is suggested by the topic
- The speaker should choose material suitable for the audience
- The speaker should choose a style of delivery suited to the material
- The purpose of this competition is for students to:-
 1. communicate their ideas
 2. to inform
 3. entertain
 4. persuade
 5. or any combination of these.
- The speaker must present a speech, not an act, recitation or a comedy performance.

Material:

- The content must be linked to the given topic, either directly or by suggestion.
- The speech must be substantially the speaker's own material.

Style:

- Style refers to the overall impression created by the speaker's delivery of the material. This includes:-
 1. Effective eye contact.
 2. Unobtrusive use of notes.
 3. Appropriate use of language.
 4. Clear and varied use of voice.
 5. Gestures which assist in conveying a message.
- The speaker should feel an affinity with the material and present it naturally.
- In establishing a rapport with the audience the personality of the speaker should be projected.

Structure:

- The material presented should be developed in a logical and ordered fashion.
 - A good speech will make its point within the time allowed.
- Humour should be a means to an end, not an end in itself.

Debating Competitions

St Pius X competes in two debating competitions: the Catholic Schools' Debating Association (CSDA) Competition <http://www.csdanew.edu.au/>, and the Schools Debating Network (SDN) Competition <http://www.sdndebating.com.au/>. Enrolment forms will be available for students to collect from the front office and/or the verandah from Monday Term 1 Week 2. Forms need to be completed by students and signed by parents before being returned the verandah notices box marked "Public Speaking and Debating". Training will commence in week 7 of Term 1 with 'friendly' debates taking place in the last weeks of Term 1. Dates for the CSDA Debating Competition are listed below. The SDN Debating Competition takes place on the first seven Fridays of Term 3. The SDN Debating Competition is structured in line with the ISA Debating focus and is another brilliant debating learning experience. More information on the structure of both competitions will follow in weekly Woodchatta posts.

Term 2 & Term 3 CSDA Debating Competition

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| Friday 3rd May | Round 1 |
| Friday 11th May | Round 2 |
| Friday 17th May | Round 3 |
| Friday 24th May | Round 4 |
| Friday 31st May | Round 5 |
| Friday 14th June | Round 6 |
| Friday 21st June | Elimination final 2 |
| Friday 28th June | Quarter final |

Term 3

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| Friday 26th July | Semi final |
| Friday 2nd August | Grand final |

SDN (Schools Debating Network) Competition <http://www.sdndebating.com.au/>

Runs every Friday evening from Week 1 – Week 7 in Term 3.

Mrs Michele Waterson - Debating and Public Speaking Convener