

## DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING INFORMATION

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' DEBATING COMPETITION (CSDA)**

Last Friday (25th May) we hosted Marist College, Eastwood. The 12B, 11B, 10B, 9B, 7B, had wins on the night. 11C won by forfeit. This week the Year 11 SPX/Mercy team will be debating at Marist College, North Sydney and the rest of us are travelling to Loreto, Normanhurst this Friday. This week ALL debaters will train from 3.30 – 5pm. We will all then travel to Normanhurst station by train and walk from the station to Loreto Normanhurst.

There is NO TIME to purchase dinner at Westfield this week as we will be travelling to Normanhurst during our dinner time. Please ensure that you bring an extra drink and sandwich to eat on the train on our way to Normanhurst.

Our coin toss should commence between 6pm and 6.30pm and debates should commence between 7pm and 7.30pm and conclude between 8pm and 8.30pm. Could all parents please collect their son from 8pm at Loreto Normanhurst. You will need to collect your son from Loreto school hall off Osborne Road. If you turn left of Pennant Hills Road onto Osborne Road and then drive into the school driveway fairly immediately you can collect your son from that driveway or drive down the hill and park in the school carpark at the bottom of the hill. We look forward to seeing you there on Friday night.

It is important that we remember that we have all signed the CSDA Code of Conduct as noted below. Essentially we are in this competition to build our students debating skills and we have a wonderful reputation for transparency and fairness in our adjudications. We are also very proud of our equity within our teams as we try to ensure that all speakers get the opportunity to develop their debate skills. I have noted the Code of Conduct below as a reminder of our responsibility to respect the adjudicators' decisions and all of the members of each team. We ARE good at this and we do value our school's reputation of elegance within our two debating competitions.

### **Catholic Schools' Debating Association (CSDA) – Code of Conduct**

I have read the Code of Conduct Contract signed by my son. I understand that the primary aim of the CSDA is to encourage speaking and listening skills. I understand that any challenge to an adjudicator by any member of a school community following a verbal warning may result in an additional loss being credited to a team's tally. I agree that, outside of reasonable discussion, any complaint will be directed to the school in writing to be forwarded to the Executive.

**CSDA Year 7-10 Topic Areas** (years 11 and 12 do not have topic areas).

Round	Date	Topic area
5	June 1	ADVOCACY
6	June 15	MEDIA

### **CSDA Debating Draw 2018**

ZONE 2	HOSTING SCHOOL	GUEST SCHOOL
Round 4	St Pius AB	Eastwood AB
Round 5	Loreto AB	St Pius AB
Round 6	St Pius B St Pius A	St Greg's A St Greg's B

### **CSDA Debating Elimination and Finals dates Term 2**

22nd June	Elimination final 2
29th June	Quarter final

### **CSDA Debating Elimination and Finals dates Term 3**

27th July	Semi final
3rd August	Grand final

### **SDN Debating Competition Term 3**

St Pius X participates in the School's Debating Network (SDN) Competition. Competing schools are: Abbotsleigh, Redlands, Riverview, Roseville, Stella Maris, Monte & Wenona. This 7 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.

<b>Round</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Affirmative Team &amp; Hosting Venue</b>	<b>Negative Team</b>
<b>1</b>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Monte Roseville Riverview Wenona	Abbotsleigh St Pius Stella Maris Redlands
<b>2</b>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Redlands Wenona St Pius Abbotsleigh	Monte Roseville Stella Maris Riverview
<b>3</b>	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Monte Redlands Riverview Stella Maris	Roseville Abbotsleigh St Pius Wenona
<b>4</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Roseville Stella Maris Wenona Redlands	Abbotsleigh Monte St Pius Riverview
<b>5</b>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	St Pius Roseville Abbotsleigh Wenona	Monte Redlands Stella Maris Riverview
<b>6</b>	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Stella Maris Riverview Abbotsleigh Monte	Redlands Roseville St Pius Wenona
<b>7</b>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Abbotsleigh Roseville Redlands Monte	Wenona Stella Maris St Pius Riverview
<b>Tiebreakers</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	To be hosted by St Pius	
<b>Grand Final</b>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	To be hosted by St Pius	

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