

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING INFORMATION

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

Public speakers have taken a permission note home for this Friday's event at Marist College, Eastwood. Registration for speakers is at 6.30 for a 7pm commencement. I am the CSDA Representative at Marist College so I need to be there by 5.45pm. Students have stated that they would be travelling with me to the venue. We will need to travel on two trains to Eastwood so your son will need an Opal Card and he will need to bring an extra sandwich and drink for the trip as we will not be able to stop at any shops on the way to Marist College. Parents will need to collect sons 8pm on the night.

Thank you for your support, it will be a wonderful experience for our students.

Term 1 Public Speaking

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:

Year	Warning bell	Final bell	MAX time
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.csda.nsw.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

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

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.

Regards

Mrs Michele Waterson - Debating and Public Speaking Convener