

Debating Information

All debaters need to attend their 2 hours of training each week. Any absence must be supported by a parent letter.

2019 CSDA Debating Draw

Round - Date	Host School	Travelling School
ROUND 2 – 10th May	SPX A&B Teams	Mount St Benedict's A&B Teams
ROUND 3 – 17th May	SPX A&B Teams	Riverview A&B Teams
ROUND 4 – 24th May	Loreto Normanhurst A&B Teams	SPX A&B Teams
ROUND 5 – 31st May	SPX A&B Teams	Marist Eastwood A&B Teams
ROUND 6 – 14th June	Marist Sisters' Woolwich A&B Teams	SPX A&B Teams

Last Friday we travelled to Gilroy Catholic College, Castle Hill. Our Year 12 students, led by our Debate Captains Cian Roberts and Leo Lovesy, were brilliant at getting all of us onto the bus and out of Chatswood by 3.30pm. This meant that our trip was only an hour long and we had a good hour of training once we arrived at Gilroy. We were given spectacular open plan classrooms in which to train, so a big thankyou to Gilroy for their generosity. Our 11b and 12b teams did not debate and congratulations to the following teams who were successful on the night: 11a, 10a, 9a, 8b, 7a, 7b. A special mention must go to James Baldock and Nathan Byrne who stepped up to support their classmates ☺...such considerate young men!

This week St Pius X is hosting Mount St Benedict College. MSBC cannot leave Pennant Hills until 5pm so they may be a little late arriving at St Pius X. We will follow our 'home game' routine of:

- **3.15pm** straight to training. **ALL** TEAM MEMBERS ATTEND EVERY EVENT.
- **5.00pm** over to Chatswood to purchase dinner (parents who do not want their son to travel to Westfield to purchase their dinner have indicated this on the permission slip and students who are not to travel will be in the gym with me whilst I set up for the night. They will need to bring a sandwich and drink for their supper.)
- **5.45pm** back to the gym – students will be with their coaches in the gym (we cannot have ball games outside as we do not have the staff to supervise the playground).
- **6.00-6.30pm** coin toss – depending on when our guests arrive.
- **7.00-7.30pm** debates commence
- **8.00-8.30pm** debates conclude (**9.00pm** for senior debates)

- **ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO THE GYM AT THE CONCLUSION OF DEBATES – ALL STUDENTS MUST SIGN OFF WITH THEIR COACH ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE SCHOOL. THIS IS ESSENTIAL.**

TOPIC AREAS 2019

	Years 7/8	Years 9/10
Round 2	Media and Society	Commerce and the economy
Round 3	Activism	Social media
Round 4	Respect	Technology
Round 5	Responsibility	The world around us
Round 6	Humanitarian issues	Conflict

Term 2 & Term 3 CSDA Debating Competition

Friday 10th 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/>

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.

Mrs Michele Waterson - Debating and Public Speaking Convener