

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' DEBATING COMPETITION (CSDA)

Last Friday the brilliant Year 10 debaters won the CSDA Semi-Finals and now move to the Finals to be held at Bede Polding at Windsor this Friday night. Ethan Tat 1st speaker who sets the tone and scope of the whole debate, not just his teams case is supported by Matthew Hogan the 2nd speaker who presents a very sophisticated understanding and analysis of the breadth of the issues and Luke McManus, a profound 3rd speaker who sums up the flaws in the oppositions arguments in such detail whilst asserting his teams line as the superior argument. Watching them is a learning experience. They ARE brilliant! Their coach Mrs Suzanne Pence is travelling out to Windsor with the students. We wish them a fair adjudication and confidence in a challenging event. Bravo to you all. The coin toss will be at 6.30pm and the debate will commence at 7.30pm. We wish the boys every success on the night...know that the whole school will be with you in spirit.

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. Last Friday our Year 7 team were successful in their debate and deserve congratulations for achieving a win in this very different debate structure.

WE NOW HAVE A MICROSOFT 365 TEAM PAGE FOR DEBATING: STUDENTS HAVE THE CODE TO ACCESS ALL OF OUR SDN INFORMATION. PARENTS CAN ALSO ACCESS THIS SITE FOR UPDATES ON OUR SDN COMPETITION.

The SDN website: <http://www.sdndebating.com.au/> has addresses and maps of all schools for parents to check location of pick up.

The SDN season is underway and students have confirmed their debate commitments. The team selection and debate times are different to the CSDA Competition and details are listed below. We have some year groups wanting to debate for the whole 7 weeks of Term 3, and others are opting to debate for fewer rounds. SDN is a different system of debating. The structure is more in line with the Archdale and ISDA Debating competitions and the skill set required is more focussed on Matter and Method with little regard for Manner of speaking. The focus is on strong content argued through effective rebuttal. Keenan Smith, Pat McKenzie and I attended a full Saturday adjudication seminar in the holidays and the three of us will be coaching the SDN debaters for Term 3.

Prep & times that debates commence:

Teams	Time
Year 7 & 8	5:30pm prep & 6:30pm debate
Juniors (Yr 8/9 team), 9, 10 & Seniors (Yr 11/12)	6:30pm prep & 7:30pm debate

Topic Areas:

Round 2 – Education	Round 6 – Law and Order
Round 3 – General	Round 7 – Social/Domestic Issues
Round 4 – Technology	Tiebreakers – International Issues
Round 5 - General	Grand Final - General

Coaching takes place every Tuesday morning from 8am in b10 and in B10, B9, B8 from 3.30 every Friday afternoon from Week 1 to Week 7 of Term 3. Students can travel to Westfield to purchase their dinner and need to **be back in the classroom by 3.45pm**. Please note that Pius X are travelling to Stella Maris this Friday 3rd August. We will travel by coach to Stella Maris College leaving Chatswood at 4pm. We leave Chatswood early in order to beat the traffic and will continue training once at Stella Maris. Some students still need to return their permission slips for the SDN competition.

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

FRIDAY 3rd AUGUST: Information from Stella Maris College

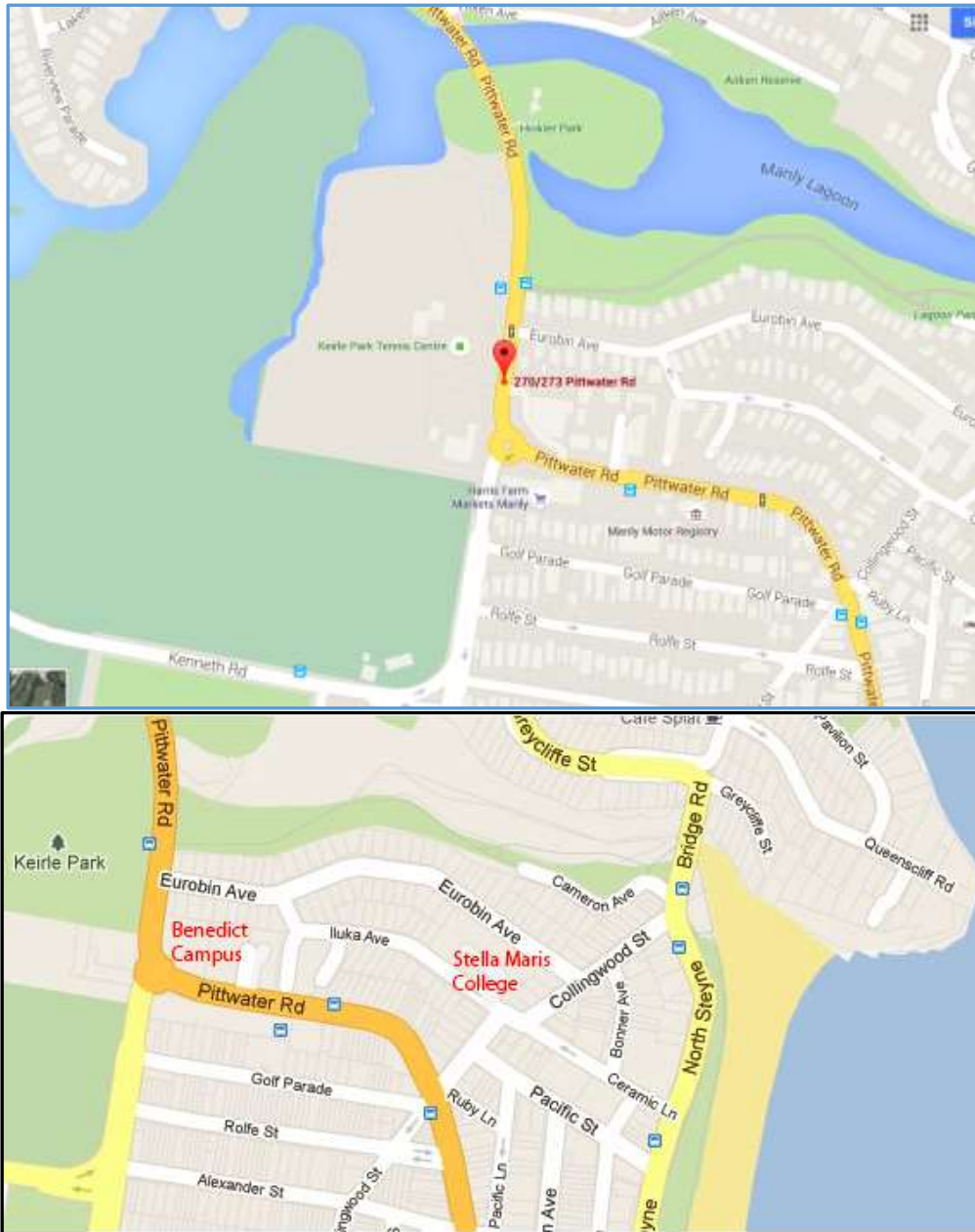
Parents can find up to date information on our SDN Debating Competition on our Microsoft 365 Debating Team location. Your son has the code to access this site.

Stella Maris College looks forward to meeting you for 2nd Round of the SDN Debating Competition on Friday 3th August.

You will find a map of our school location attached showing the best entry point and parking information. **We are using our Senior campus located at 270 Pittwater Road Manly NSW 2095.**

Please direct parents and buses to use this address rather than looking up the school on GPS or they will be taken to the wrong location.

The Senior campus has on-site parking for parents, teachers and coaches to use. Please enter the site heading south on Pittwater road. It is the second driveway after Eurobin Avenue, before you reach the roundabout.



Mrs Michele Waterson - Debating & Public Speaking Convenor