

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

CSDA COMPETITION PUBLIC SPEAKING

Following are this year's public speaking topics.

- **Select, don't settle**
- **With me in charge...**
- **It gets better**
- **Just make it work!**
- **It's all just a little bit of history repeating**
- **Be not afraid**

Please refer to the website www.csdanew.edu.au for all the information you will need regarding the competition itself. You might also like to look at the 'Students' section on the Catholic Schools' Debating Association (CSDA) website to explore more about the competition and the adjudicator's expectations.

The important things to know are:

- Choose one topic. The speech can be kept for the entire competition, or it can be changed.
- Check the times for the speech for each year group.
- A public speech is not a drama/comedy performance.
- Each school entering needs to provide a CSDA accredited adjudicator. Anyone can attend the adjudication accreditation seminars

The CSDA Public Speaking competition runs on the following three Friday. Information on venues and times will follow as soon as Pius is informed. All students interested in competing this year need to register their interest and come along to training sessions held every Friday at lunchtime in the old JCR room. Bring your lunch.

Public Speaking Competition dates

Term 1

2nd March	Round 1
9th March	Zone final
16th March	Grand final

Term 2

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' DEBATING COMPETITION (CSDA)

Registration forms will be at the front office from Friday 9th February.

Students need to complete the form and return it to the box marked "Public Speaking and Debating" on the front verandah. The CSDA competition dates are as follows. Pius will host around half of these rounds as home events are easier for our parents. The CSDA competition dates for 2018 are:

Debating

4th May	Round 1
11th May	Round 2
18th May	Round 3
25th May	Round 4
1st June	Round 5
15th June	Round 6
22nd June	Elimination final 2
29th June	Quarter final

Term 3

27th July	Semi final
3rd August	Grand final

If you want to be a part of the terrific St Pius X College debating community it is essential that you attend ALL of the first six rounds. If your team makes it through to the Elimination round (and beyond) you also need to keep the above dates free.

Our senior students act as coaches/supporters for our junior teams. We are also lucky enough to have ex-students to work with the junior teams as the younger students really enjoy contact with our ex-debating "champions".

SCHOOL'S DEBATING NETWORK

St Pius X participates in the School's Debating Network (SDN) Competition. Schools include: 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.

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	Redlands Wenona St Pius Abbotsleigh	Monte Roseville Stella Maris Riverview
3	Friday 10 th August	Monte Redlands Riverview Stella Maris	Roseville Abbotsleigh St Pius Wenona
4	Friday 17 th August	Roseville Stella Maris Wenona Redlands	Abbotsleigh Monte 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 Abbotsleigh Monte	Redlands Roseville St Pius Wenona
7	Friday 7 th September	Abbotsleigh Roseville Redlands Monte	Wenona Stella Maris St Pius Riverview
Tiebreakers	Friday 14 th September	To be hosted by St Pius X College	
Grand Final	Friday 21 st September	To be hosted by St Pius X College	

The fee for the CSDA extra-curricular activity is \$105.00 which will be included in your Term Two school fees. This fee goes towards paying for Friday evening coach hiring in order to get to our away venues. We keep our fees as low as possible and have funding from the St Pius X College P & F to subsidise the cost of hiring coaches on Friday evenings.

Two hours of training per week is mandatory. Our training commences 2-3 weeks before Round 1 with Pius hosting pre-season 'friendly' debates with local high schools. Friday afternoon training from 3.30 – 5pm is compulsory for all debaters and coaches determine the other hour or so of training each week at times that suit their team. CSDA debates commence at 6pm and students and coaches either travel to venues at 5pm or, when hosting, students have a one hour dinner break before our guests arrive at Pius for a 6pm competition commencement. SDN debates have a different, later running order.

Thank you on behalf of the brilliant St Pius X debating coaches and senior student mentors.

Mrs Michele Waterson - Debating and Public Speaking Convener