



Premier's Debating Challenge

Years 5 and 6

Western Sydney Primary Debating Days

The Arts Unit's Primary Debating Workshops are back for another year! In 2023 we had a limited return from the COVID pause and nearly 2,000 primary school students from regional NSW came along to a full day of coaching and practice with some of the state's most senior (but also least scary) adjudicators and coaches.

If you haven't been before, the days will cover all the things you need to know for primary school debating including rebuttal, arguments, definitions and speakers' roles, as well as a few games and activities and a chance for every single student to deliver a short debating speech and get some feedback. The days are appropriate for Years 5 and 6 kids of all levels from beginner to advanced, and are a great way for both students and teachers to learn more about debating and hear from the people who will be adjudicating the finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge in 2024. The days planned for Western Sydney are:

Tuesday 30 April
Barnier PS

Wednesday 1 May
Penrith PS

Thursday 2 May
Toongabbie PS

Friday 3 May
Kurmond PS

Times: Days run from 9:30 AM until 2:45 PM (try to arrive by 9:15 AM if you can).

Open to: Teachers and a maximum of 8 students per school. Note that it may be possible to bring more than 8 students to some days – just let us know if you'd like to bring extras and we'll get back to you.

Cost: \$25.00 per student. The Arts Unit will debit schools after the event.

Bring: Students should bring morning tea and lunch as well as a clipboard and things to take notes with. We'll provide palm cards and a light morning tea and lunch for the adults.

RSVP: It'll help if we can hear back from everyone by Monday 8 April.

How to register: [Register for the workshops by clicking here to complete a simple online form](#), or if it's easier for you just reply to this email letting us know:

- Your school
- The contact teacher's name
- Your preferred venue and any other venues you might be able to make if your preferred one is full or crowded
- The number of students you want to bring
- The number of teachers coming
- If you'd like to be emailed should there be room for more than 8 students

Call or email if you have any questions about the workshops, any trouble registering, or want to know anything else about debating and public speaking in NSW. Cheers for taking the time in another busy year!

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