



Premier's Debating Challenge

Years 5 and 6

North Coast Primary Debating Days

The Arts Unit's Primary Debating Workshops are back for 2025! Last year over 3,500 students from nearly 500 schools all across 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, and we're expecting even more students across the 50+ days this year.

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 2025. The five days scheduled for the North Coast are:

Mon 17 Feb
Alstonville PS

Tue 18 Feb
Kingscliff PS

Wed 19 Feb
Woolgoolga PS

Thu 20 Feb
Macksville PS

Mon 31 Mar
Laurieton 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 Wednesday 12 February.
- Apply:** [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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