

## SCHOOLS DEBATING NETWORK COMPETITION (WEEK 1-7 TERM 3)

### Woodchatta: Week 2, Term 3 2017

Last Friday we travelled to Roseville College for Round 1 of the SDN Competition. The Junior Team (represented by Year 8's with a Year 9 4<sup>th</sup> speaker) were successful on the night. I saw this team in their prep room and their organisation and team work was spectacular to witness. A big thank you to the senior SPX students who helped the coaches to guide our debaters on our trip to Roseville.

It is always wonderful when staff from other schools comment on the behaviour of St. Pius X students. Teachers from Roseville approached me with great big smiles to comment on our students' beautiful manners: "the Pius boys are so polite!!!".... "aren't the boys lovely, they say thank you and all that!" other staff commented on how they stepped aside to let the female staff and adjudicators move through the doorways before them. Of course I tried to not be too smug nor too confident in my affirmation of their comments ☺... WE know how beautifully mannered St Pius X students are...it is what we expect of them...but it is so lovely to know that other people notice.

We have our compulsory 2 hours training each week--30 minutes before school training as well as Friday afternoon training from 3.30 – 5pm for ALL debaters. At 5pm debaters rostered on for the night will travel to the allocated venue. IT IS VITAL THAT ALL DEBATORS BRING AN EXTRA SANDWICH AND DRINK ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AS THERE WILL BE NO TIME TO TRAVEL TO WESTFIELD BEFORE WE TRAVEL TO OUR DEBATES. The early coin toss (5.30) means that we will not have time to purchase any food, even on the nights that we are hosting, so it should be a routine for all debaters to bring an extra sandwich and drink to school on Fridays. Whilst every school provides a supper it is essential that we don't fall on this food when we arrive ☺ so we all need something to eat before we arrive at our debate venues. PLEASE feel comfortable contacting your coach or Mrs Waterson if you forget to bring a sandwich and we will organise something from the canteen.

At 5pm the coaches rostered on for the night will travel to the venues with debaters. This Friday we are travelling to Stella Maris **\*Please Note\*** Stella Maris has **two campuses**. This Friday we will travel to the **Benedict Campus** for the debates. The address for the Benedict Campus is: 270-278 Pittwater road, Manly. The driveway to the site may be entered from Pittwater road driving south towards Manly: turn right before the large roundabout. There is a site map on the SDN website.

Round 2 28<sup>th</sup> July, **Stella Maris** hosting St Pius X

**Topic Area:** Round 2 - Education

Debaters have commenced research on this topic area in preparation for Friday's debate.

**2016 TOPICS:**

**5 & 6** - That parents should financially reward their children for improving personal school results

**7 & 8** - That we should implement a quota for a minimum number of male teachers in schools

**9 & 10** - That the government should place a cap on the amount that private schools can charge in fees

**11 & 12** - That Aboriginal Studies should be a compulsory subject for all senior students

**2015 TOPICS:**

**5 & 6** - That we should ban homework for primary school students

**7 & 8** - That teachers and students should have an equal say in how funding is spent in schools

**9 & 10** - That studying an Asian language should be compulsory in high school

**11 & 12** - That mathematics and science should be compulsory subjects for the HSC

**Students and parents can visit the SDN site at: <http://www.sdndebating.com.au> for locations of all schools.**

Round 2 28<sup>th</sup> July, **Stella Maris** hosting St Pius X

Round 3 4<sup>th</sup> August, **Riverview** hosting St Pius X

Round 4 11<sup>th</sup> August, **St Pius X** hosting Wenona

Round 5 18<sup>th</sup> August, **St Pius X** hosting Monte

Round 6 25<sup>th</sup> August, **Abbotsleigh** hosting St Pius X

Round 7 2<sup>nd</sup> September, **Redlands** hosting St Pius X

Tiebreaker 8<sup>th</sup> September, hosted by **St Pius X (only students who compete in this Tiebreaker need attend)**

Final 15<sup>th</sup> September, hosted by **Monte**

This is a very exciting competition and a valuable experience for our students to broaden their understanding of debating. As the Schools Debating Network Competition requires ONE team of debaters each evening we only need our students to commit to 3 of the debate nights listed above. Training is compulsory for ALL debaters each week. SDN debates have a different team structure and coin toss running order:

<b>Primary A</b> (Ravenswood) <b>Primary B</b> (Ravenswood) <b>SPX Year 7</b> <b>SPX Year 8</b>	<b>5.30 – 6.30</b> <b>PREP</b>	<b>6.30 – 7.30</b> <b>DEBATE</b> <b>7.30 pickup</b>
<b>SPX Junior Team</b> (combined Years 7,8,9) <b>SPX Year 9,</b> <b>SPX Year 10,</b> <b>SPX Senior Team</b> (combined Years 11,12)	<b>6.30 – 7.30</b> <b>PREP</b>	<b>7.30 – 8.30</b> <b>DEBATE</b> <b>8.30 pickup</b>

Debates DO NOT run late as this competition is adjudicated by external adjudicators who run both rounds of debates in the one evening. Pius debaters will travel to venues from school each Friday afternoon and rooms at our host schools are provided for study/work for the later debaters.

Round 2 – Education; Round 3 – General; Round 4 – Technology;

Round 5 - Arts and Media; Round 6 - Law and Order; Round 7 - Social Issues

## Venue Information

**\*Please Note\*** Stella Maris has **two campuses** for students. This Friday we would like to use our secondary site, **Benedict Campus** for the debates and meeting area. The site itself is much more compact and more suited for parents and students to find their way around.

## Benedict Campus

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