

DEBATING INFORMATION

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' DEBATING COMPETITION (CSDA)

Last Friday the brilliant Year 10 debaters competed in the CSDA Finals held at Bede Polding at Windsor. Ethan Tat 1st speaker, Matthew Hogan 2nd speaker and Luke McManus 3rd speaker presented the affirmative for the topic "That imagination is more important than knowledge".

Their coach Mrs Suzanne Pence, who has been travelling to these distant venues with the boys, said that the girls were extremely confident and that whilst our arguments were insightful and sophisticated we just couldn't match the confidence that the girls had in their presentation. Ethan, Matt and Luke are our "quiet achievers". Their manner of presentation has never been loud or overly enthusiastic! Their personalities are calm, witty, reflective! No-one who has been lucky enough to see the beauty of their considered, deliberate, precise and well-manner absolute annihilation of an oppositions case would EVER want them to change ONE part of the way that they debate. We are so proud that they don't change who they are in order to come across as more attractive in their presentation skills. We are so proud of their profound quiet confidence - a confidence that ensures that they are true to who they are, even in an extremely stressful, high anxiety situation. Most adults would die if they had to spend 5 minutes doing what Ethan, Matt and Luke (and all debaters) do every Friday night and St Pius X salutes their courage and determination. It would have been nice for the boys to win (just so that they have that as another achievement), but not if it meant that these three perfectly suited speakers had to present as something that they are not. St Pius X gives a sincere and well deserved congratulations to the wonderful Saint Scholastica's debaters and an equal sincere and well deserved congratulations to our brilliant debaters Ethan, Matt & Luke.

SDN Debating Competition Term 3 – Round 3 at Riverview

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.

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.

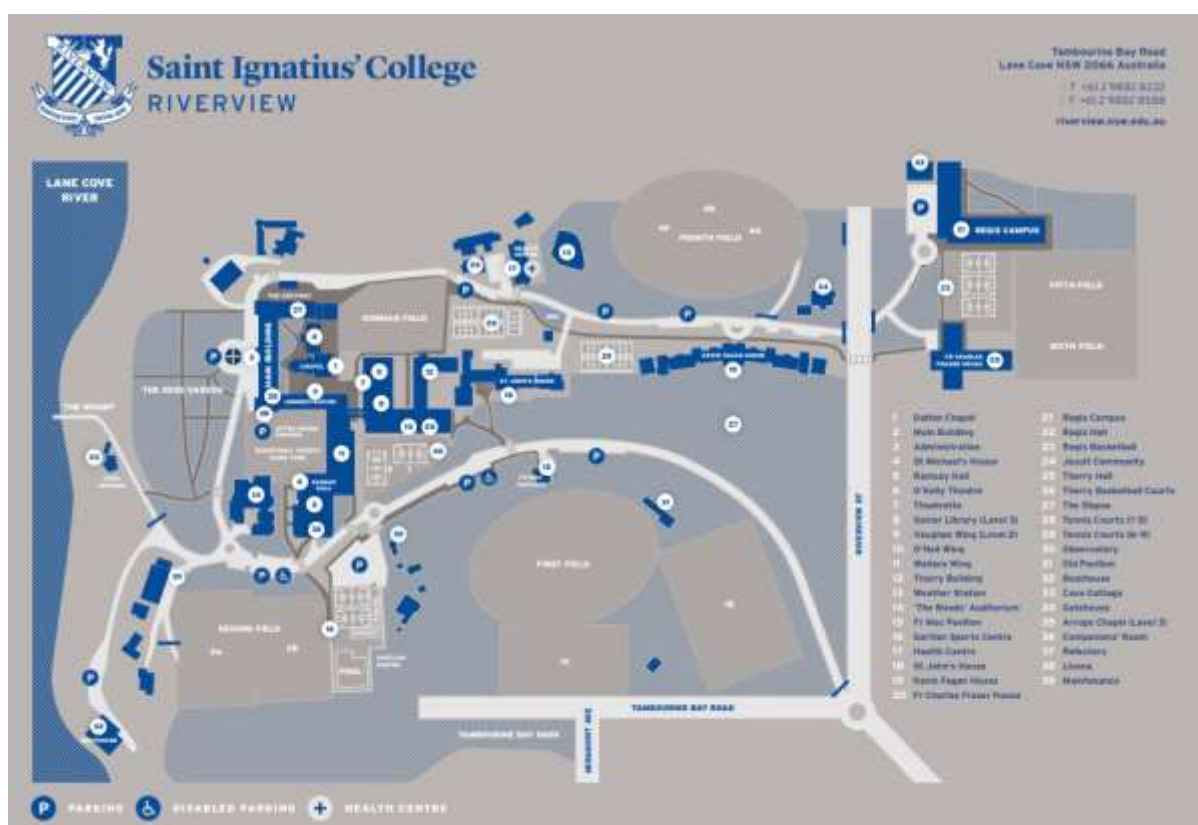
The SDN website. <http://www.sdndebating.com.au/> has addresses and maps of all schools for parents to check location of pick up.

The SDN season is into its 3rd week this Friday. Congratulations to the Year 7 debaters who are undefeated. 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. This week debaters were exploring the different approach needed during the actual debate to identify major 'clashes' or points of contention that are developing DURING the debate and how to merge examples explored during prep time to these 'clashes'. Our coaching focus is posted onto our Microsoft 365 Debating page. Please see IT if you are not able to access this Debating page.

This week we are travelling to Riverview by coach. Debaters will have 30 minutes to purchase food from Westfield on Friday afternoon as soon as the 3.15 bell goes and must be back in B10 by 3.45pm. We travel to Riverview at 4pm and continue training in classrooms at Riverview until we are called out for prep time. Times of all debates are listed below. Our topic area this week is 'General'.

Below are instructions and a map from the Riverview Debate Convenor regarding location for our event on Friday and where you can park. Please read over this as two debating competitions are being run at Riverview that night and we all need to get to the right building.

SDN will be held on the Regis Campus (top right-hand corner of the map). There is parking on Regis Campus, but various parking locations are also marked on the map. On arrival please come directly to Regis Hall (22 on map).



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 3 – General

Round 4 – Technology

Round 5 - General

Round 6 – Law and Order

Round 7 – Social/Domestic Issues

Tiebreakers – International Issues

Grand Final - General

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 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 St Pius	Grand Final