



CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS EVENTS NETWORK – DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

<u>LOCATION & DATE OF EVENT</u> -	Monday 19 th August –	Belgrave Heights Christian School Wattle Valley Road Belgrave Heights (to be confirmed)
	Tuesday 20 th August –	Hillcrest Christian College Soldiers Road Clyde North
	Wednesday 21 st August –	Melton Christian College 152 Brooklyn Road Melton
Finals (for qualifying teams)	Tuesday 15 th October -	Hillcrest Christian College Soldiers Road Clyde North

OPENING PRAYER - 9:45am

COST PER STUDENT - \$75.00 + GST per school per age group.

CHILD SAFETY

This Code of Conduct has a specific focus on safeguarding children and young people at CSEN Events against sexual, physical, psychological and emotional abuse or neglect. It is intended to complement other professional and/or occupational codes.

All staff, volunteers, contractors, and board/school council members at CSEN are expected to actively contribute to a school events association culture that respects the dignity of its members and affirms the Gospel values of love, care for others, compassion and justice. They are required to observe child safe principles and expectations for appropriate behaviour towards and in the company of children, as per information distributed to schools.

AWARDS

All participants will receive a certificate. The best speaker in each debate in both the heats and finals will receive a Best Speaker certificate.

The school that wins the overall competition will be awarded the Debating shield. Each student in the winning team will receive a First Place certificate.



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RULES

1. Schools enter teams of up to 6 students in any of the following categories: Junior (Years 7 – 9) or Senior (Years 10 – 12) or more than one section.
2. Schools compete in a Finals Day to determine the CSEN Champion Debating School..
3. The Finals shall be a round robin competition between all schools, with each team debating prepared topics. Due to the entries for this year's competition, Junior teams will debate three times on the one day and Senior teams will debate twice on the one day. This is so all schools will have debated each other to determine an overall winner.
4. Schools will only be given one place in the Heat Day for Primary Debating, one place for Junior Debating and one place for Senior Debating (unless another team is required to fill the places).
5. The intention of the day is for schools / students to compete to the best of their ability in a friendly, encouraging Christian setting.
6. Electronic equipment must not be accessed during the debates. It is preferred that these devices are not brought to CSEN Debating.
7. All debates should be adjudicated by DAV representatives. All competing teams must have a suitable chairperson with them.

TOPICS

1. Topics will be sourced from a bank of suitable topics.
2. Debating Coordinators will decide on the topics for both the Heat and Finals at the Debating Coordinators Meeting in the year of competition.
3. A representative from CSEN will decide the affirmative team for each debate and this will be communicated to schools prior to the debates.

ADJUDICATORS

1. Adjudicators will be sourced from Debating Association of Victoria where possible and the Adjudicators decision is final.
2. The Adjudicator/s will provide a copy of the adjudication sheets for each team at the conclusion of the debate.
3. In the unlikely case that the Debating Association of Victoria cannot provide adjudicators, it is expected that the staff member with each team will be able to adjudicate in the debates that do not involve their school.

SUGGESTED SPEAKING TIMES

1. Each competitor will aim to speak for 2 to 3 minutes (Primary), 3 to 4 minutes (Junior) and 4 to 5 minutes (Senior). Speeches that go out of these time frames will incur point penalties.
2. A bell will be rung at the following times to guide the competitors:
 - 1 ring at 3 minutes (2 minutes for Primary)
 - 2 rings at 4 minutes (3 minutes for Primary)
 - 3 rings at 5 minutes
 - Continuous ringing at 6 minutes.



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ORDER OF DEBATES -

Primary – To be updated if required

<u>Time</u>	<u>Debating Room # 1</u>	<u>Debating Room # 2</u>
10:00am	Opening Prayer / Information	Opening Prayer / Information
10:15am		
11:15am		
12:00pm	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
12:45pm		
1:45pm	Presentations / Closing Prayer	Presentations / Closing Prayer

Junior – to be updated

<u>Time</u>	<u>Heat # 1 – Belgrave Heights</u>	<u>Heat # 2 - Hillcrest</u>	<u>Heat # 3 - Melton</u>
10:00am	Opening Prayer / Information	Opening Prayer / Information	Opening Prayer / Information
10:15am			
11:15am			
12:00pm	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
12:45pm			
1:45pm	Presentations / Closing Prayer	Presentations / Closing Prayer	Presentations / Closing Prayer



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Senior

<u>Time</u>	<u>Heat # 1</u> – Belgrave Heights	<u>Heat # 2</u> - Hillcrest	<u>Heat # 3</u> - Melton
10:00am	Opening Prayer / Information	Opening Prayer / Information	Opening Prayer / Information
10:15am			
11:15am			
12:00pm	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
12:45pm			
1:45pm	Presentations / Closing Prayer	Presentations / Closing Prayer	Presentations / Closing Prayer



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PROCEDURES FOR THE COMPETITION

Start of the day

All students will meet at the beginning of the day for a briefing on rules as well as prayer.

Scoring Procedure

1. Schools that win a round of debating will score 3 points, a draw scores 2 points and a loss scores 1 point.
2. The school that has the highest score after the rounds will be declared the winner of CSEN Debating and shall receive the shield for that year.
3. If a competition has four schools, should there be a tie at the end of the day, the following procedure will apply to determine the winning school:
 - i. The school with the most points (3,2 1)
 - ii. If even, the school with the highest total score from both debates
 - iii. If even, the school with the greatest winning margin
 - iv. If even, both schools will share the shield

Final Procedures

It is expected that at the conclusion of the heat / finals, all schools will remain for presentations and a closing prayer.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. CSA will provide lunch for staff / adjudicators on the heat and finals day. Unfortunately food allergies / intolerances cannot be catered for.
2. Students are expected to provide their own lunch / snacks for the day. Hillcrest has an on – site canteen facilities that students may access. There is no canteen at Maranatha (Officer Campus) or Heathdale (Melton Campus).
3. All schools are expected to leave the facilities at Hillcrest, Belgrave Heights and Heathdale (Melton) neat and tidy. Excess cleaning costs will be passed onto the schools that leave their area in an unacceptable state.
4. If you require other information, please contact Karen Davidson on cсен@csa.edu.au or 0425 701 182.