

Class Schedule

DAY 1 - MAKING A CASE

Day 1 will focus on teaching you the fundamentals of how debating works, before moving to how to make a case. You will learn:

- What debating involves, speaker roles, types of topics etc.
- How to brainstorm ideas effectively, and ask yourself the right questions to develop a case.
- How to predict what your opposition will say, and develop pre-emptive responses.

DAY 2 - STRUCTURING ARGUMENTS

Day 2 will focus on showing you how you can take your scattered thoughts and form them into a perfectly structured argument. You will learn:

- The different categories of arguments (e.g. principled arguments, ethical arguments, practical harms based arguments).
- How each kind of argument should be structured
- How you can effectively use 'micro-structure' to make your arguments clearer.

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DAY 3 - Rebuttal and Debate

Day 3 will be focussed on teaching you the art of effective rebuttal as well as giving you the opportunity to do a full practice debate. You will learn:

- The different forms of rebuttal and when to apply them;
- How to start 'framing a debate' and tracking where the debate is going
- How to integrate your rebuttal into your substantive arguments.

BENEFITS OF THE COURSE

- Gain experience in debating and public speaking
- Build your public speaking confidence
- Learn skills that can be applied to writing essays and your school subjects, such as economics, english and history
- Connect and receive mentoring with some of the leading coaches in Sydney who have used their debating skills to build their own career profile