

2026 SHS Country Week

Speech and Debating Awards 29 June – 3 July

to be held at

Bendat Basketball Centre

(Underwood Ave)

and

High Performance Stadium (formerly HBF Stadium, Stephenson Ave)

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COUNTRY WEEK SPEAKING & DEBATING 2026

SCHOOLS COMPETING

	School	A Deb	A OC	A PP	B Deb	B OC	B PP	C Deb	C OC	C PP
1	Albany SHS	*	*	*	*	*	*			
2	Bunbury CGS	*	*	*	*	*	*			
3	Bunbury CC				*	*	*			
4	Bunbury SHS	*	*	*	*	*	*			
5	Christmas Island DHS	*	*	*	*	*	*			
6	Collie SHS							*		
7	Cunderdin WACOA							*		
8	Denmark SHS	*	*	*	*	*	*			
9	Eastern GGC				*	*	*	*	*	*
10	Geraldton CC							*		
11	Great SGS				*	*	*			
12	Hedland SHS				*	*				
13	Hope CC							*		
14	Karratha SHS	*	*	*	*	*	*			
15	Katanning SHS							*		
16	Manea SC	*	*	*						
17	Manjimup SHS				*	*	*	*	*	*
18	Margaret River SHS	*						*		
19	Newton Moore SHS							*		
20	St Lukes C				*		*	*		

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Monday 29 June

10.00 – 11.30: WADL Demonstration Debate (Bendat Stadium, Ellis Room)

12.00 noon: Debate topics released in Ellis Mezzanine and Hall of Champions

Day	Deb Prep - move to room	Debate Time	Ellis Nth	Ellis Sth	Bloomfield LT	Champs Room
Monday	12.00 - 12.30	12.30 - 1.15	Pool 1A BCG1 v MRSHS1 (1A)	Pool 1A DSHS1 v CI1 (2A)	Pool 2A ASHS1 v Manea (3A)	Pool 2A BSHS1 v Karr1 (4A)
	1.00 - 1.30	1.30 - 2.15	Pool BA A1 v A2	Pool BB B1 v B2	Pool BC C1 v C2	Pool BD D1 v D2
			BCG2 v Hedland (1B)	StLukes v ManjSHS (2B)	EG1 v GSG (3B)	Karr2 v ASHS2 (4B)
	2.00 - 2.30	2.30 - 3.15	Pool CA A1 v A2	Pool CA A3 v A4	Pool CB B1 V B2	Pool CB B3 V B4
			Cunderdin v KatSHS (1C)	GCC v ManjSHS (2C)	StLukes v EG2 (3C)	MR2 v NMSHS (4C)

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Day	Deb Prep - move to room	Debate Time	Ellis Nth	Ellis Sth	Bloomfield LT	Champs Room	
Tuesday 30 June	7.45 - 8.15	8.15 - 9.00	Pool BC C1 v C3	Pool BD D1 v D3	Pool BA A1 v A3	Pool BB B1 v B3	
			EG1 v BCC (7B)	Karr2 v BSHS2 (8B)	BCG v DSHS2 (5B)	StLukes v CIDHS2 (6B)	
	8.45 - 9.15	9.15 - 10.00	Pool CB B2 v B5	Pool CB B1 v B3	Pool CA A2 v A5	Pool CA A1 v A3	
			EG2 v CollieSHS (8C)	StLukes v MR2 (7C)	KatSHS v Hope (6C)	Cunderdin v GCC (5C)	
	9.45 - 10.15	10.15 - 11.00	Pool 1A BCG1 v DSHS1 (5A)	Pool 1A MRSHS1 v CI1 (6A)	Pool 2A ASHS1 v BSHS1 (7A)	Pool 2A Manea v Karr1 (8A)	
	10.45 - 11.15	11.15 - 12.00	Pool BB B2 v B3	Pool BA A2 v A3	Pool BD D2 v D3	Pool BC C2 v C3	
			ManjSHS v CIDHS2 (10B)	Hedland v DSHS2 (9B)	ASHS2 v BSHS2 (12B)	GSG v BCC (11B)	
	A division teams will be ranked 1-3 in each pool & 4 new pools (BE, BF, BG , BH) created, placing the top three teams in Pool E, next three in Pool F, etc B Division Teams will now be ranked 1 - 3 in each Pool						
		11.45 - 1.15	OWN COMP A - 13 entrants				
		1.15 - 3.15		OWN COMP B - 19 entrants		NOTE: ManjSHS & EGC in both B and C divisions. Present last in B division	
	1.30 - 2.00	OWN COMP C- 3 entrants					

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Day	Deb Prep - move to room	Debate Time	Ellis Nth	Ellis Sth	Bloomfield LT	Champs Room	
Wednesday 1 July	7.45 - 8.15	8.15 - 9.00	Pool BE BE1 v BE2	Pool BF BF1 v BF2	Pool BG BG1 v BG2	Pool BH BH1 v BH2	
			(13B)	(14B)	(15B)	(16B)	
	8.45 - 9.15	9.15 - 10.00	Pool CA A1 v A5	Pool CA A2 v A4	Pool CB B1 v B5	Pool CB B2 v B4	
			Cunderdin v Hope (9C)	KatSHS v ManjSHS (10C)	StLukes v CollieSHS (12C)	EG2 v NMSHS (11C)	
	9.45 - 10.15	10.15 - 11.00	Pool 1A CI1 v BCG1 (9A)	Pool 1A MRSHS1 v DSHS (10A)	Pool 2B Karr1 v ASHS1 (11A)	Pool 2B BSHS v Manea (12A)	
	10.45 - 11.15	11.15 - 12.00	Pool BF BF1 v BF3	Pool BE BE1 v BE3	Pool BH BH1 v BH3	Pool BG BG1 v BG3	
			(18B)	(17B)	(20B)	(19B)	
	11.45 - 12.15	12.15 - 1.00	Pool CB B1 v B4	Pool CB B3 v B5	Pool CA A1 v A4	Pool CA A3 v A5	
			StLukes v NMSHS (15C)	MRSHS v CollieSHS (16C)	Cunderdin v ManjSHS (13C)	GCC v Hope (14C)	
	A division teams now ranked 1 - 4 in each pool AND C division teams now ranked 1 to 5 in each pool						
		12.00 - 1.00		PP A - 13 entrants			
		1.15 - 2.45			PPB - 19 entrants	NOTE: ManjSHS & EGC in both B and C divisions. Present last in B division	
	2.00 - 2.30		PP C - 3 entrants				

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Day	Deb Prep - move to room	Debate Time	Ellis Nth	Ellis Sth	Bloomfield LT	Champs Room	
Thursday 2 July	7.45 - 8.15	8.15 - 9.00	Pool CA A3 v A2	Pool CA A5 v A4	Pool CB B4 v B5	Pool CB B2 v B3	
			GCC v Kat (18C)	Hope v ManjSHS (17C)	NMSHS v CollieSHS (20C)	EG2 v MRSHS (19C)	
	8.45 - 9.15	9.15 - 10.00	Pool BE BE2 v BE3	Pool BF BF2 v BF3	Pool BG BG2 v BG3	Pool BH BH2 v BH3	
			(21B)	(22B)	(23B)	(24B)	
	9.45 - 10.15	10.15 - 11.00	1st ranked Pool 1 v 2nd ranked Pool 2 (13A)	1st ranked Pool 2 v 2nd ranked Pool 1 (14A)	3rd ranked Pool 1 v 4th ranked Pool 2 (15A)	3rd ranked Pool 2 v 4th ranked Pool 1 (16A)	
	10.45 - 11.15	11.15 - 12.00	A1 v B2	A2 v B1	A3 v B4	A4 v B3	
			(21C)	(22C)	(23C)	(24C)	
			All B division teams will now be ranked based on points for and against in the first two round robin debates (4 each). Teams placed 9th to 12th will not take part in the finals on Friday.			Losers of 23/24 do not debate again but have had 5 debates and will be ranked 7th /8th as per the AWM.	
		11.45 - 12.30	OC FINALS B div x 7 finalists	PP FINALS A div x 5 finalists			
		1.00 - 1.45	OC FINALS A div x 5 finalists	PP FINALS B div x 7 finalists			
		2.00 - 2.30	OC FINALS C div x 3 finalists	PP FINALS C div x 3 finalists			
	2.45 - 3.30	OC and PP PRESENTATIONS					

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Day	Deb Prep - move to room	Debate Time	Ellis Nth	Ellis Sth	Bloomfield LT	Champs Room
Friday 3 July	7.30 - 8.00	8.00 - 8.45	Winner 13A v Winner 14A for 1/2 (17A)	Loser 13A v Loser 14A for 3/4 (18A)	Winner 15A v Winner 16A for 5/6 (19A)	Loser 15A v Loser 16A for 7/8 (20A)
	8.30 - 9.00	9.00 - 9.45	1st ranked v 2nd ranked for 1/2 (25B)	3rd ranked v 4th ranked for 3/4 (26B)	5th ranked v 6th ranked for 5/6 (27B)	7th ranked v 8th ranked for 7/8 (28B)
	9.30 - 10.00	10.00 - 10.45	Winner 21 v Winner 22 for 1/2 (25C)	Loser 21 v Loser 22 for 3/4 (26C)	Winner 23 v Winner 24 for 5/6 (27C)	5th debate for A5 v B5 for 9/10 (28C)
In C division 7th and 8th places will be determined by their place on the table at the end of Session 5						

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OWN COMPOSITION ORDER OF PRESENTATION

Number	School	OC A
OCA1	Albany SHS	Sienna Barbarich
OCA2	Albany SHS	Henry Manser
OCA3	Karratha SHS	Ka'el Calixto
OCA4	Karratha SHS	Dipesh Giri
OCA5	Bunbury CGS	student 1
OCA6	Bunbury CGS	student 2
OCA7	Christmas Is DHS	Jeslyn Tee
OCA8	Christmas Is DHS	Sophia Retallick
OCA9	Bunbury SHS	Claire Lindroth
OCA10	Bunbury SHS	Sophie Hawker
OCA11	Denmark SHS	Katelyn Py
OCA12	Manea SC	Jannah Baldonado
OCA13	Manea SC	Daina Armstrong

Number	School	OC C
OCC1	Eastern Goldfields C	Remi Lieberwirth
OCC2	Manjimup SHS	Jack R
OCC3	Manjimup SHS	Zenel C

Number	School	OC B
OCB1	Great Southern GS	Tilly Bradshaw
OCB2	Great Southern GS	Fraser Ravenhill
OCB3	Manjimup SHS	Finn K
OCB4	Manjimup SHS	Maddison F
OCB5	Bunbury CC	Ryan Berry
OCB6	Bunbury CC	Grace Richardson
OCB7	Eastern Goldfields C	Cassidy Allen
OCB8	Karratha SHS	Naomi Van Styn
OCB9	Christmas Is DHS	Lumi Hamanaka
OCB10	Christmas Is DHS	Madalyn Tresize
OCB11	Hedland SHS	Shaquille Brierly
OCB12	Bunbury SHS	Katalina Chalker
OCB13	Bunbury SHS	Caitlyn Sainsbury
OCB14	Denmark SHS	Eliza Gentle
OCB15	Denmark SHS	Mirella Edgar
OCB16	Albany SHS	Beau Hokianga-Baker
OCB17	Albany SHS	Estella Scally
OCB18	Bunbury CGS	student 5
OCB19	Bunbury CGS	student 6

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PERFORMANCE PIECE ORDER OF PRESENTATION

Number	School	PP A
PPA1	Bunbury SHS	Belle Harris
PPA2	Bunbury SHS	Nina Tovar
PPA3	Denmark SHS	Imogen Rowling
PPA4	Denmark SHS	Aiden Cull
PPA5	Bunbury CGS	student 3
PPA6	Bunbury CGS	student 4
PPA7	Manea SC	Blair Driscoll
PPA8	Manea SC	Sreesha Shaji
PPA9	Albany SHS	William Schupp
PPA10	Albany SHS	Freya Idle
PPA11	Christmas Is DHS	Inayah Sultan Syed
PPA12	Christmas Is DHS	Abby Kwong
PPA13	Karratha SHS	Grace Byrne
Number	School	PP C
PPC1	Manjimup SHS	Cerella N
PPC2	Manjimup SHS	Angus M
PPC3	Eastern Goldfields C	Thomas Moore

Number	School	PP B
PPB1	St Luke's College	Caleb Mills
PPB2	St Luke's College	Coby O'Connor
PPB3	Bunbury CGS	student 7
PPB4	Eastern Goldfields C	Izabella Wilson
PPB5	Bunbury SHS	Katalina Chalker
PPB6	Bunbury SHS	Tobias Staniford
PPB7	Christmas Is DHS	Lashana Yeap
PPB8	Christmas Is DHS	Elliot Ong
PPB9	Denmark SHS	Kess Vincent
PPB10	Bunbury CC	Abigail Bovell
PPB11	Bunbury CC	Grace O'Neill
PPB12	Karratha SHS	Fay Lalande
PPB13	Karratha SHS	Celeste Canning
PPB14	Great Southern GS	Alina Harms
PPB15	Great Southern GS	Darcey Perkins
PPB16	Albany SHS	Riley Eaton
PPB17	Albany SHS	Isabel Baker
PPB18	Manjimup SHS	Mazlyn M
PPB19	Manjimup SHS	Seraphina N

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DEBATE TEAMS / STUDENT NUMBERS

Number	School	A Debating
DA01	Albany SHS 1	William Schupp
DA02	Albany SHS 1	Freya Idle
DA03	Albany SHS 1	Sienna Barbarich
DA04	Albany SHS 1	Henry Manser
DA05	Bunbury CGS 1	student 1
DA06	Bunbury CGS 1	student 2
DA07	Bunbury CGS 1	student 3
DA08	Bunbury CGS 1	student 4
DA09	Bunbury SHS 1	Belle Harris
DA10	Bunbury SHS 1	Claire Lindroth
DA11	Bunbury SHS 1	Sophie Hawker
DA12	Bunbury SHS 1	Nina Tovar
DA13	Christmas Is DHS 1	Inayah Sultan Syed
DA14	Christmas Is DHS 1	Jeslyn Tee
DA15	Christmas Is DHS 1	Sophia Retallick
DA16	Christmas Is DHS 1	Abby Kwong
DA17	Denmark SHS 1	Imogen Rowling
DA18	Denmark SHS 1	Katelyn Py
DA19	Denmark SHS 1	Aiden Cull
DA20	Karratha SHS 1	Ka'el Calixto
DA21	Karratha SHS 1	Dipesh Giri
DA22	Karratha SHS 1	Grace Byrne
DA23	Karratha SHS 1	Haki Mautama
DA24	Manea SC	Jannah Baldonado
DA25	Manea SC	Blair Driscoll
DA26	Manea SC	Sreesha Shaji
DA27	Margaret River 1	Maya Wostear
DA28	Margaret River 1	Sophie Johnson
DA29	Margaret River 1	Violet Mckillop

Number	School	B Debating
DB01	Albany SHS 2	Beau Hokianga-Baker
DB02	Albany SHS 2	Isabel Baker
DB03	Albany SHS 2	Estella Scally
DB04	Albany SHS 2	Riley Eaton
DB05	Bunbury CC	Ryan Berry
DB06	Bunbury CC	Grace Richardson
DB07	Bunbury CC	Abigail Bovell
DB08	Bunbury CC	Grace O'Neill
DB09	Bunbury CGS 2	student 5
DB10	Bunbury CGS 2	student 6
DB11	Bunbury CGS 2	student 7
DB12	Bunbury CGS 2	student 8
DB13	Bunbury SHS 2	Katalina Chalker
DB14	Bunbury SHS 2	Caitlyn Sainsbury
DB15	Bunbury SHS 2	Tobias Staniford
DB16	Christmas Is DHS 2	Lumi Hamanaka
DB17	Christmas Is DHS 2	Lashana Yeap
DB18	Christmas Is DHS 2	Madalyn Tresize
DB19	Christmas Is DHS 2	Elliot Ong
DB20	Denmark SHS 2	Kess Vincent
DB21	Denmark SHS 2	Mirella Edgar
DB22	Denmark SHS 2	Eliza Gentle
DB23	Eastern Goldfields C 1	Cassidy Allen
DB24	Eastern Goldfields C 1	Isabella Wilson
DB25	Eastern Goldfields C 1	Natasha Taylor
DB26	Eastern Goldfields C 1	Izabella Hughes
DB27	Great Southern GS	Tilly Bradshaw
DB28	Great Southern GS	Fraser Ravenhill
DB29	Great Southern GS	Alina Harms

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Number	School	B Debating cont'd
DB30	Great Southern GS	Darcey Perkins
DB31	Hedland SHS	Shaquille Brierly
DB32	Hedland SHS	Endurer Acheampong
DB33	Hedland SHS	Jesse Asare
DB34	Karratha SHS 2	Celeste Canning
DB35	Karratha SHS 2	Naomi Van Styn
DB36	Karratha SHS 2	Fay Lalande
DB37	Manjimup SHS 1	Finn K
DB38	Manjimup SHS 1	Maddison F
DB39	Manjimup SHS 1	Mazlyn M
DB40	Manjimup SHS 1	Seraphina N
DB41	St Luke's College 1	Caleb Mills
DB42	St Luke's College 1	Coby O'Connor
DB43	St Luke's College 1	Chloe Varvell
DB44	St Luke's College 1	Giselle Downham

Number	School	C Debating
DC01	Collie SHS	Leah Robertson
DC02	Collie SHS	Mercades Ingram
DC03	Collie SHS	Mackayla Hickson
DC04	Cunderdin WACOA	Rani Chamberlain
DC05	Cunderdin WACOA	Riley Hughes-Odgers
DC06	Cunderdin WACOA	Jacob Wood
DC07	Cunderdin WACOA	Lilah Watt
DC09	Eastern Goldfields C 2	Remi Lieberwirth
DC10	Eastern Goldfields C 2	Thomas Moore
DC11	Eastern Goldfields C 2	Sewami-Samson Yepwi
DC12	Eastern Goldfields C 2	Stephanie Porte
DC13	Geraldton CC	Ella-Sandra Millington
DC14	Geraldton CC	Taj Evans
DC15	Geraldton CC	Sepehr Khalighi

Number	School	C Debating cont'd
DC16	Geraldton CC	Lucas Offszanka
DC17	Hope CC	Ryan Mellowship
DC18	Hope CC	Isabella Cameron
DC19	Hope CC	Isla Pritchard
DC20	Hope CC	Christine Balasta
DC21	Katanning SHS	Merekei Hannan
DC22	Katanning SHS	Liam brewer
DC23	Katanning SHS	James standage
DC24	Manjimup SHS 2	Jack R
DC25	Manjimup SHS 2	Cerella N
DC26	Manjimup SHS 2	Zenel C
DC27	Manjimup SHS 2	Angus M
DC28	Margaret River 2	Saphira Decaux
DC29	Margaret River 2	Angus Male
DC30	Margaret River 2	Aimee Bosman
DC31	Newton Moore SHS	Willow Jenkins
DC32	Newton Moore SHS	Lola Kelly
DC33	Newton Moore SHS	Jade House
DC34	Newton Moore SHS	Claire Swan
DC35	St Luke's College 2	Ezra Crain
DC36	St Luke's College 2	Hayley Parker
DC37	St Luke's College 2	Jappreet Kaur
DC38	St Luke's College 2	Patrick Fowler

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THE DEBATING COMPETITION

1. ALL debates will be impromptu and a coin toss by a supervisor will decide which team argues the affirmative case and which team argues the negative case. The coin toss will be made before the topic is given. The team winning the toss will choose to argue the affirmative or the negative case.
2. Coin toss and Topic hand out will take place in the Ellis Mezzanine at Bendat Stadium and in the Hall of Champions at HPC Stadium FOR DEBATERS ONLY (NO STAFF) by an Awards Supervisor.

Please note:

- If there are two teams with the same number of points, the team that was the winner of the debate between the two equally ranked teams will be ranked higher.
- If there are three teams with the same number of points, or if two equally ranked teams did not debate against each other, the ranks will be determined by the Average Winning Margins (the team with the highest AWM will be ranked higher).
- The average winning margin is calculated using points scored for a team and against a team.
224 points for and 223 points against is a AWM of +1.
224 points for and 225 points against is a AWM of -1.
- If two equally ranked teams have the same AWM, then the order of teams will be determined by their average speaker score (the team with the highest speaker score will be ranked higher).
- The average speaker score will be calculated as the average of the total speaker scores for all debates. For example, if a team receives 225 in debate 1, 228 in debate 2, 227 in debate 3 and 229 in debate 4 their Speaker Score is $909/4 = 227.25$.

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IMPROMPTU DEBATE RULES

1. A coin toss by a supervisor will decide which team argues the affirmative and negative cases. The coin toss will be made before the topic is given.
2. ***At the coin toss, opposing teams may greet each other & shake hands and then follow the 'no intimidation / contact rule' (no talking between the teams during coin toss, prep, and debate) until after the result of the debate is announced, when teams may offer congratulations.***
3. Coin toss and topic release will take place in the Ellis Mezzanine at Bendat Stadium and in the Hall of Champions at HPC Stadium FOR DEBATERS ONLY (NO STAFF) by an Awards Supervisor. **Teachers are not permitted to be present at the coin toss or at topic handout and are not permitted to take part in the preparation. They can be advised of the topic at the end of prep time when they see their students.**
4. Debate topics will be released to teams 60 minutes before the start of the debate. The team winning the coin toss will decide whether to argue the affirmative or the negative case BEFORE the topic is given to each team.
5. Both schools must be present for the topic to be released. However, after 5 minutes, if one school does not have three members present the teams will be given the topic to begin preparation, with the team with less than its full complement of students being at a disadvantage.
6. Preparation will take place in the Ellis Room Mezzanine at Bendat Stadium and in the Hall of Champions at HPC.
 - a. All team members will be permitted to take part in the preparation.
 - b. Schools are requested to advise ALL students, including those taking part in sporting events, that the prep areas are for Debate Prep ONLY and are out of bounds except for students prepping for the next debate on the program.
7. **The use of the internet is not permitted during preparation time or during a debate. No mobile phones, tablets, smart watches etc. are permitted. All such devices are to be left with the team's Speech Coordinator before going to Coin Toss and Topic Release. Before the coin toss the Awards Supervisor will check that no one has an electronic device and will confiscate any such devices until the end of the debate.**
8. After the coin toss any team found with an electronic / smart device will automatically forfeit the debate for which they are prepping but **MUST** still debate.
9. **Teams may use a hard copy dictionary and a hard copy thesaurus ONLY. To be supplied by each school.**
10. Teams must be seated in the room allocated to their debate 1 minute before the start of the debate. For every half minute a school team is late there will be a penalty of half a point.

NO INTIMIDATION is permitted throughout the Country Week Speech and Debating Awards

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SPEAKING AND DEBATING CODES OF CONDUCT

Speakers' Code of Behaviour

- Be on time to greet members of the opposition team.
- Be a good sport.
- Participate for enjoyment.
- Work hard for your team as well as yourself.
- Treat the members of every speech team (including opponents) as you enjoy being treated.
- Do not verbally bully or intimidate any person involved with the Speech & Debating Awards, either as a competitor, coach or adjudicator.
- Follow all rules.
- Cooperate with team coaches and officials.
- Control your behaviour on and off the speaking stage.
- Learn to value honest effort, verbal skills and improvement.

Coaches/Teachers' Code of Behaviour

- Set a good example for your speakers.
- Insist on behaviour that is not detrimental to other participants and bullying
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual speaking skills.
- Ensure that the division entered is appropriate for the age group and the verbal skill development level of your students.
- Teach your speakers to be friendly towards officials and opponents.
- Remove from the competition any speaker whose behaviour is not acceptable.
- Abide by the School Sport Australia policy which prohibits smoking and consumption of alcohol by team officials at any time whilst in the direct supervision of students.
- It is the responsibility of all coaches to ensure that none of their students goes to debate prep with any electronic devices in pockets, on wrists or in bags or cases.