



FED Debating

The Friday Evening Debating (FED) Competition, founded in 2008, is a seven round, Terms 1 and 2 competition, with two semi-finals and a Grand Final held in May. Each school is required to debate a select group of seven schools in a 'round robin' fashion. Each school fields one team from each grade, from Year 7 to Year 10, in addition to two Senior teams. There are six teams in all. Debates are conducted in accordance with the rules contained within the FED Handbook. Adjudicators for the Competition are independent and external.

It is envisaged that this competition may expand and be run on a regional basis in future years. Some rounds are based at *Pymble* and others are away rounds. Coaches often offer to accompany students to the venue. Parents must arrange collection from every venue.

The aim and philosophy of the FED Competition is to provide students who have some, little or no experience, an opportunity to debate in a friendly competition against debaters with similar skills throughout all stages of the competition. All participating in the FED competition recognise the spirit of fair play and this is valued equally as the opportunity to debate.

Preparation and Starting Times

- Debates will commence in two groups.
- The first group will consist of Years 7 and 8. Debaters in this group will be required to arrive at the venue at 5.45pm, ready to commence preparation at 6.00pm. Debates for this first group should commence by 6.45pm.
- Debaters in Years 9, 10 and Seniors will form the second section of debates. They will be required to arrive at the venue for the debate by 6.30pm, ready to commence preparation at 6.45pm. Debates should commence by 7.45pm.

Speaking Times

The speaking times for each division of the Competition are;

Seniors and Year 10	Substantive speeches: 6-8 minutes
Year 9	Substantive speeches: 5-6 minutes
Year 8	Substantive speeches: 4-5 minutes
Year 7	Substantive speeches: 3-5 minutes



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Program Contact	Miss Maggie Kerr mkerr@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au
Teachers	<i>Pymble</i> Coaches
Term/s	Term 1 and 2 (Semester 1)
Years	Years 7 to 12
Training Days/Times	To be determined by the Coach.
Cost	\$170.00
Minimum/Maximum per team	Min: 5 students Max: 5 students
Program Dates (Start/End)	Term 1: Monday 13 February to Friday 6 April Term 2: Monday 1 May to Friday 23 June
Venues	Various locations around Sydney
Equipment	Palm cards, pens

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