



## Mayor's Cup Debating

Dear Parents,

Your child has expressed an interest in being involved in Mayor's Cup Debating – that's great, thanks!

Debating is a formal, highly structured discussion about a given topic. It is a useful skill for building confidence, teamwork and thinking skills. Debating encourages students to reason quickly and to assess points of view for their strengths and weaknesses. It is great for developing essay writing skills and is the classic 'brain sport'.

The Mayor's Cup Debating is open to students from Years 9 to 11. This is the first time many of our team will have debated in a public competition so it is a great opportunity to pit their wit and will against some of the best debaters in our town and to build our skills for the future.

The competition will be held on August 3 2017 at Orange Civic Centre from 9am to approximately 1pm. We are waiting for details to be finalised, but expect the competition to consist of two debates followed by a final.

As the competition is part of Local Government Week, the theme of the topics will be on the significance and place of local government. It is designed to raise awareness of the role of local government in our community.

The team has held one training session and have been issued a debating handbook. There will be further training in the lead up to the competition.

Date:	Thursday 3 August 2017
Transport:	Teacher Vehicle: Mr A Lee
Depart:	From School at 8.40 am
Return:	To School at approx. 1.30pm
Uniform:	Full School uniform
Equipment:	Pens, paper, palm cards
Food:	Water bottle, snack / recess, lunch

Thanks again for the willingness of your child to be involved in debating.

Yours faithfully

Adrian Lee  
Middle School Coordinator