Essentials

Debating

**Attendance.** It is expected that *all* boys attend *all* debates. Absence, especially at short notice, can disable a team. If there is a very good reason for not coming you must advise in advance. This website has the capacity for you to do this.

**Dinner** is provided in the dining room for debaters staying after 5pm. This is charged to your accounts, at an approximate cost of $8 per meal. You place a dinner order on this website. One order is sufficient for the whole debating season. A teacher marks the names of those who order and collect in the dining room. No order, no dinner! Before leaving for their debate, boys must clean up so the Dining Hall is impeccable.

Boys are not allowed to order Pizza or other food deliveries. We ask parents not to interrupt training by bringing food to their sons. If you want a meal from home, please bring it to school in the morning.

**Transport.** Buses take boys to away debates. **There is no bus back.** We encourage you to car pool with your teammates. Boarders must see the teacher in charge to ensure an arrangement is in place to return them to school. Bus departure times are on the Scots debating website.

**Start times**

Training is straight after school on Fridays, with dinner for competition teams at about 4.30.

Debate start times are as follows:
- **ISDA** Primary, 7 & 8 prep at 6pm and debate at 7pm. Year 9, 10, and Senior A&B prep at 7pm and debate at 8pm.
- **Eastside** years 7, 8 & 9 prep at 5.30 and debate at 6.30pm. Years 10, 11 & 12 Prep at 6.30 and debate at 7.30.
- **FAD (Friday Afternoon Debating)** FAD runs from 3.15 – 5pm. For each home debate, 10 boys will be rostered to chair and time-keep. They work in pairs and do two debates, finishing at the close, around 8.30 - 9pm. Make sure you order dinner if you are staying late.

**Location.** At Scots we debate in the S 400s, Anderson Hall, Iles Theatre and occasionally the Coote Theatre and Main Building. Directions to other schools are on our debating website.

**Suppers.** Parents are asked to assist by providing supper and hosting at Home Debates. Karen Hamilton, President of the Parents' Support Group would love to hear from those of you who will help.

**Code of Conduct.** Please note the following:
- Mobile phones and laptops are not permitted in prep or debate rooms. If a team member has one the team will be disqualified.
- Talking to your teammates during a debate disturbs the speaker. Any communication within the team must be unobtrusive.
- Audience members should not signal or communicate with debaters while the debate is taking place.
- The adjudicator’s decision should be treated with respect.
- Debaters must stay after debates for feedback from their coach, and to reset classrooms and leave them clean and tidy.

**Team lineup.** The coach decides each week what the speaking order will be. Coaches must balance giving boys speaking experience with the need to choose the best team for Scots. Coaches decision are final.

**Your kit.** Please wear full school uniform with blazer. You must provide your own whiteboard markers, pens and palm cards.