

Good evening and welcome to the round of the Queensland Debating Union competition.

We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we gather today and pay respect to elders past, present and emerging. We recognise the pain and struggle of the past and commit to a future of reconciliation, where we share in the stewardship and care of the first nation's land on which we stand.

Tonight's topic is .

Debaters will speak for minutes. A warning bell will be sounded at minutes, with a double bell at minutes, and a triple bell at minutes and 30 seconds marking the end of the speaker's time. An overtime triple bell will also be sounded every 30 seconds after that to remind the speaker that they are overtime.

[Only for Grade 11, Grade 12 or Senior A: A single warning bell will also be sounded at 1 minute to indicate that POIs can now be asked.]

[Only for Senior A: Reply speeches will be given in reverse order, with a warning bell at 3 minutes, a double bell at 4 minutes, and a triple bell at 4 minutes and 15 seconds.]

On the affirmative side, is [name of school].

On the negative side, is [name of school].

Please note that taking any photos or recordings of the debate is strictly prohibited. Breaking this rule may result in your team forfeiting the debate, at the discretion of the QDU Schools Vice-President.

[Always wait for the adjudicator's signal before calling each speaker]

I now call upon the first speaker for the affirmative team.
I now call upon the first speaker for the negative team.
I now call upon the second speaker for the affirmative team.
I now call upon the second speaker for the negative team.
I now call upon the third speaker for the affirmative team.
I now call upon the third speaker for the negative team.

[When the 3rd negative speaker concludes]

Thank you to all speakers for their efforts in tonight's debate. The adjudicator will now take a few minutes to deliberate, please feel free to talk amongst yourselves during this time.

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[Wait for adjudicator's signal]

I now call upon the adjudicator, to deliver their adjudication.

[When the adjudicator has finished their oral adjudication]

I now call upon the affirmative team to deliver a vote of thanks

I now call upon the negative team to deliver a vote of thanks.

That concludes tonight's debate. I would like to remind everyone that the QDU values your feedback. Feedback can be provided through our online feedback form which can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the door sign or by navigating to the QDU website: qdu.org.au.

Thank you for your attendance. I now declare this debate closed.

Speaker Times:

Grade	Single Bell	Double Bell	Triple Bell
Grade 5	3:00	4:00	4:30
Grade 6	3:00	4:00	4:30
Grade 7	3:00	4:00	4:30
Grade 8	4:00	5:00	5:30
Grade 9	5:00	6:00	6:30
Grade 10	6:00	7:00	7:30
Seniors	1:00 and 7:00	8:00	8:30

A triple bell should be sounded every 30 second after to remind the speaker that they are overtime.