

Chairperson's Speech

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, a triple bell at _____ marking the end of the speaker's time and an overtime triple bell every **30 seconds** after that.

[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, as determined by 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.

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.

[Wait for adjudicator's signal]

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

[When the adjudicator has finished their 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 on adjudicators, and especially positive feedback. This can be done through the QDU website by searching qdu.org.au/adjudicatorfeedback. Simply enter the name of tonight's adjudicator shown on the door sign and complete the online form. Any feedback is greatly appreciated.

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 to remind the speaker that they are overtime.