

Chairperson's Speech

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

The QDU would like to acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we meet today. QDU would like to pay respect to the Elders, laws, customs, and creation spirits. We recognise that these lands have always been places of teaching and learning.

Tonight's topic is

_____.

Debaters will speak for _____. 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 Year 10] There will be a single bell at **1:00 minute** indicating that points of information may be offered and a warning bell at **6:00 minutes** marking the end of points of information].*

*[Only for Year 11- Senior A] There will be a single bell at **1:00 minute** indicating that points of information may be offered and a warning bell at **7:00 minutes** marking the end of points of information].*

[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].

Before we begin, I remind everyone that taking photographs, video or audio recordings of any part of any debate is strictly prohibited. If a person breaks this rule, their team forfeits the debate at the discretion of the QDU Executive.

[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.

[Only say this in Senior A, not Grade 11 or 12: I now call upon the negative reply speaker.

I now call upon the affirmative reply speaker].

Thank you to all speakers for their efforts in tonight's debate. The adjudicator will now take a moment to deliberate. [Wait for adjudicator to be ready].

I now call upon the adjudicator to deliver their decision

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.

QDU values your feedback, and we encourage all members of the community to submit feedback via the link found on the door sign. I thank everyone for their attendance; I now declare this debate closed.

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| Year Level | Warning Bell Single Bell | Final Bell Double Bell | Overtime Bell Triple Bell |
|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Year 5 | 3:00 | 4:00 | 4:30 and every 30 seconds after |
| Year 6 | 3:00 | 4:00 | 4:30 and every 30 seconds after |
| Year 7 | 3:00 | 4:00 | 4:30 and every 30 seconds after |
| Year 8 | 4:00 | 5:00 | 5:30 and every 30 seconds after |
| Year 9 | 5:00 | 6:00 | 6:30 and every 30 seconds after |
| Year 10 | 1:00 and 6:00 | 7:00 | 7:30 and every 30 seconds after |
| Year 11 | 1:00 and 7:00 | 8:00 | 8:30 and every 30 seconds after |
| Year 12 | 1:00 and 7:00 | 8:00 | 8:30 and every 30 seconds after |
| Senior A | 1:00 and 7:00 | 8:00 | 8:30 and every 30 seconds after |
| Replies | 3:00 | 4:00 | 4:15 and every 15 seconds after |