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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

**DEBATING TEAM TRYOUTS 2024**

Dear Leura Public School Families,

We are excited to inform you that your child has expressed interest in trying out for Leura Public School’s Debating Team in 2024. This is a High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) – Student Talent Development opportunity.

The tryouts will take place on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024** (Week 2, Term 1), where each student will be required to deliver a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. The impromptu speech is not expected to be a polished oration; rather, our teachers will be looking for natural talent and aptitude. Please find attached success criteria that will guide both speeches.

**Prepared speech topic:** That school canteens should ban junk food (1-2 minutes)

By the end of Week 2, Term 1 we aim to select 8 students for the 2024 Debating Team. Selected students will embark on a rigorous talent development program, including weekly morning training sessions (Thursdays) beginning at 8:00am sharp, some break times and occasional afternoon sessions. Attendance at all sessions is expected, and there will be homework tasks to reinforce learning.

We understand that balancing extra-curricular activities can be demanding, and as the year progresses, so will the intensity of the training sessions. We encourage you to consider this commitment alongside other activities your child may be involved in.

Debating is a challenging, rewarding, and fun experience that fosters critical thinking and communication skills. However, it also demands hard work, commitment, and dedication to the training program.

Only students whose parents/carers sign the below permission form will be permitted to tryout for the Debating Team. **Please return permission slips to the school office by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

Kind regards,

Mrs Daniele Aldred  
Debating Coordinator

Mrs May Ptolemy  
Principal

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_

of class \_\_\_\_\_ to try out for the Leura Public School Debating Team 2024.

I understand that if my child is selected for the team, they will attend weekly training sessions on Thursdays at 8:00am sharp, as well as additional training sessions during some break times and occasional afternoon sessions (families will be given notice).

I understand that my child will be required to complete homework tasks to reinforce learning.

Parent/Carer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_