14th February 2012

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

RE: INTERSCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION
FROM MARCH 21ST TO AUGUST 1ST 2012

Your son has expressed interest in participating in the Interschool Debating Competition run by the Debating Association of Victoria (DAV). The competition provides a fantastic opportunity for boys to develop confidence in oral presentation, and develop thinking and analytical skills – skills which are essential far beyond school.

Participation in the team would require a level of commitment from you and your son. You will be responsible for the transport of your son to and from the debates. The debates take place at Brighton Grammar School, Outer Crescent, Brighton, in the evening at either 7pm or 8pm (depending upon your son’s year level) and last for approximately one hour. The competition is comprised of 5 debates (excluding finals) over the course of the year.

Dates for each of the rounds are as follows:
- Round 1: Wednesday 21st March
- Round 2: Wednesday 9th May
- Round 3: Wednesday 30th May
- Round 4: Wednesday 20th June
- Round 5: Wednesday 1st August

To prepare for the debates, your son will need to attend regular meetings with his teacher mentor and team mates. These will usually occur at lunchtime, but may sometimes be held after school. In addition to these meetings, he will be expected to research topics, and write and practice speeches. I will also be offering a Training Day at the College on Thursday March 8th 2012 for all DAV representatives to further their skill development and initiate specific speaker roles within each team. All boys need to attend this day.

Please note that the DAV severely penalises any school which forfeits a debate. The school is fined and any team that forfeits twice is automatically suspended from the competition.

Please take the time to discuss the competition and the level of commitment this requires with your son. Please fill out the attached slip and return it to Ms Menara by Friday 24th February, 2012. I can be contacted during school hours, kam@stbedes.catholic.edu.au, should you have any further questions related to debating details.

Yours sincerely

Kaylene Menara
DEBATING CO-ORDINATOR

ATTACHED: Permission Form
Permission Form

INTERSCHOOL DEBATING COMPETITION

Please return this slip to Kaylene Menara by: Friday 24th February 2012

I have read the attached information regarding the School Debating team and the DAV Inter-School Debating Competition.

My son: ______________________________ of _____ ● ____ has permission to participate.

Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

Parent / Guardian

ILLNESS

Should my son become ill or suffer an accident during the course of any of these activities and the teacher in charge is unable to contact me, I authorise the teacher to consent to my son receiving such medical or surgical treatment as a doctor may deem necessary. I will meet the expense attached to any such medical assistance.

Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

Parent / Guardian

Date: _____/____/____

Phone No: _______________ Mobile: _______________ _______________________

CONTACT PERSON IF PARENT / GUARDIAN IS UNAVAILABLE

Name: ___________________________ Contact Phone No: ______________________