

BAULKHAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL



2016 Communication
Skills Program

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Program Synopsis

About the Program

2016 Workshops

Students at Baulkham Hills High School are invited to take part in a new and invigorated communication skills program commencing in Term 3 2016. The program will be delivered by the friendly team at Masters Academy, which has extensive experience delivering similar programs at other schools including: North Sydney Boys High School, North Sydney Girls High School and Manly Selective Campus.



Program Development and Delivery

This program has been developed as a joint initiative between the BHHS P&C and Masters Academy, with guidance from the school executive. Students will be guided through a structured program designed around key learning outcomes and the development of specific communication skills.

Upon entering the program, your student will meet and work with some of Sydney's top communications coaches from leading universities including: The University of Sydney, The University of New South Wales, Macquarie University and The University of Technology Sydney.



Communication Skills

Helping Students Find Their Voice

What Students Learn

Participation in the 2016 BHHS Communication Skills Program will benefit not only a student's speech making abilities, but also their general knowledge, collaboration skills, and logical reasoning. By being involved, students will see an improvement in their verbal communication skills as well as their self-confidence. Debating and public speaking use a combination of intelligence, wit, teamwork and logic to define and appraise issues from different perspectives. Students' advocacy abilities are developed through the presentation of arguments in clear, persuasive language. It's also a lot of fun!



Learning communication skills also challenges students to develop a wide knowledge base on which to formulate and express opinions, e.g. by studying current affairs. It also offers the opportunity of working in teams which is always a rewarding learning experience. Finally, communication skills strengthen and broaden relationships with peers in an active and dynamic way. Therefore, excellence in communication supports social, intellectual and educational growth.

Registration & Cost

Details for Parents

How To Register

Students joining the program in 2016 will be charged \$340 for the 17 week program (\$20 per week). The program will begin in Term 3 Week 1 (Tuesday the 19th of July, 2016) and continue each week until Term 4 Week 7. Junior lessons (Years 7 and 8) begin at 3.30 pm and continue to 4:30 pm, Senior lessons (Years 9 and up) will begin at 4:30 pm and continue to 5:30 pm.



Registration can be done online only through the TryBooking system set up by Masters Academy. The URL for registration is: www.trybooking.com/207035. Whilst registering, you will be asked to input your contact and billing details, as well as the name of your child and year group. It is important to note that there are a maximum of 180 places available in the 2016 BHHS Communication Skills Program for 2016: 90 spaces for junior classes (year 7 & 8) and 90 for senior (year 9 and up) classes.

If your student misses out on securing a place in the 2016 Program, please contact us as there may be new spaces available in the 2017 Program.

Week To Week - Term 3

First 10 Weeks of the Program

School Week	Lesson Title	Lesson Type	Description
T3 WK1	5Ps of Presentation	Public Speaking	An introduction to effective presentation techniques. Students will learn basic strategies of manner during public speaking, showing them the most effective methods to communicate.
T3 WK2	Educationally Speaking	Public Speaking	Forms and features of educational speeches (Reports and Presentations). Students develop an understanding of the types of educational speeches that are relevant to their context and how to apply this in an educational setting.
T3 WK3	Extemporaneous Speaking	Public Speaking	Methods for Impromptu Speaking. Students develop a basic understanding of how to deal with impromptu speeches in terms of both preparing and dealing with nerves.
T3 WK4	Creating a Pitch	Public Speaking	The basics of pitching structure and ideation. Students understand the value of the 'Problem/Solution' framework and how to generate ideas that are sophisticated and relevant for business.
T3 WK5	Speaking in Practice	Public Speaking	Each class holds a mini speaking competition through the game 'Story War'. Students learn the basics of active listening and responding, improving their ability to reason and articulate arguments.
T3 WK6	Introduction to Debating	Debating	Methodologies and Structures for high school debates. Students will gain an understanding of the expectations of high school debating including how to speak and write persuasively.
T3 WK7	Topic: Education <i>Debates in the Classroom</i>	Debating	Statistics and policies pertaining to education from the perspective of a student. Students are provided with a variety of educational information and context to use in debates including details of policies and funding that affect them.
T3 WK8	BHHS INTERNALS Education Round	Debating	Students participate in or prepare for the BHHS Internal Debating Competition. Students from each workshop form groups and debate against each other in a semi competitive setting allowing them to put their debating knowledge into action.
T3 WK9	BHHS INTERNALS Education Round	Debating	Students participate in or prepare for the BHHS Internal Debating Competition. Students from each workshop form groups and debate against each other in a semi competitive setting allowing them to put their debating knowledge into action.
T3 WK10	BHHS INTERNALS Education Round	Debating	Students participate in or prepare for the BHHS Internal Debating Competition. Students from each workshop form groups and debate against each other in a semi competitive setting allowing them to put their debating knowledge into action.

Week To Week - Term 4

Next 7 Weeks of the Program

School Week	Lesson Title	Lesson Type	Description
T4 WK1	The Art of Speaking	Public Speaking	Body Language, speaking contexts and how to be engaging. Students enrich their understanding of presentation skills by analysing non-verbal signs, which allows them to communicate effectively in many contexts.
T4 WK2	Introduction to Model UN	Model UN	Methodologies and structures used in Model UN. Students learn about the roles and responsibilities in the Model UN system and how to research effectively, expanding their general knowledge and reasoning skills.
T4 WK3	Introduction to Model UN	Model UN	How to be persuasive in the Model UN scenario. Students are given a scenario and country to research in preparation for the upcoming MUNA round, this gives them time to form better arguments using logic.
T4 WK4	BHHS INTERNALS Model UN	Model UN	Students participate in the BHHS Internal Model UN Competition. Students from each workshop represent their given nation in a Model UN environment, developing empathy, negotiation and communication skills.
T4 WK5	Topic: Media <i>What you're told to see</i>	Debating	A breakdown of the MSM and how media is consumed. Students are introduced to the media oligopoly and its effects on society, with a focus on how the media can affect different types of people.
T4 WK6	Class Debates	Debating	Non-competitive, short preparation debates about the role of media. Students hold a 'Verbal Ping Pong' debate in class that covers media topics, giving students an opportunity to practice their debating skills.
T4 WK7	Speaking in Practice 2	Public Speaking	Each class holds a mini speaking competition through the game 'Story War'. Students enhance their understanding of the skills that they have developed throughout the program through an engaging series of persuasive narratives.

Workshop Overview

What's Included

How the Lessons Look

A typical lesson with Masters Academy is run in a group of around 18 to 24 students. Group sizes are kept reasonable, enabling students to meaningfully engage in a robust discussion on various world issues. Each week, coaches will outline the lesson and their aims for the week, run through a process of activating prior knowledge, introduce new methodologies and then use an activity to put student learning into practice. During this entire process, students are asked to regularly contribute to discussions and participate in a variety of different classroom games.

If your student is new to learning communication skills or a little nervous, they shouldn't worry. Classes are organised according to year level, so everyone will be learning content that is appropriate to their age group. We've seen many different types of students come through our programs over the years and know how to make these classes fun for everyone!

What Students Require

All we ask of students is to come prepared with: a book to write notes in, a functioning pen or pencil, and a happy disposition! A positive attitude is a big part of getting the most out of learning communication skills; you'll have many laughs along the way.

Whilst devices such as laptops will be useful for some lessons, we'll let students know beforehand what they need to bring each week in order to make the most of the experience.

Considering that our classes are held after school, we do suggest that parents pack a little bit of extra food on coaching days, as well as a bottle of water to help keep students hydrated.

For any extra events that require student preparation, such as BHHS internal debates, we'll be notifying all parents via email to keep you in the loop. Parents are a valuable part of the communication process from our perspective, and we encourage you to remain in touch with us.



Program Summary

At a Glance

2016 BHHS Communication Skills Workshops

Duration:	17 Weeks (<i>From Week 1 of Term 3 until Week 7 of Term 4</i>)
Location:	BHHS Library (<i>Students will be allocated training rooms for each week</i>)
Commencing:	Tuesday Week 1, Term 3 (<i>19th of July</i>)
Class Sizes:	Approx. 18 to 24
Times:	<i>Junior Classes (Years 7 and 8): 3:30pm to 4:30pm</i> <i>Senior Classes (Years 9 and up): 4:30pm to 5:30pm</i>
Cost Per Week:	\$20
Total Cost:	\$340 (17 weeks)



To book please visit: www.trybooking.com/207035

For additional information please call or email James Smith on: (02) 8283 2905 or james.smith@mastersacademy.com.au

We look forward to seeing you all during the program!

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ABOUT MASTERS ACADEMY

Masters Academy is a Sydney based company, focused on developing the critical thinking, debating and communication skills of students in NSW.

With over 10 years experience in adjudication and debating coaching, Masters Academy believes that debating offers students important argumentative and persuasion skills, whilst teaching students how to be effective public speakers.

