



# ETHICS OLYMPIAD

*"The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants." Bradley Omar*

## Your school is invited to participate in the Middle School Online Ethics Olympiad

"Brilliant idea- Our students loved it" (Victorian Teacher)

"Overall the Ethics Olympiad was incredible and definitely a life changing experience. It really opened my eyes to all the possibilities and also allowed me to hear and respect other peoples opinions on the topics." (Queensland Student)

"Thoroughly enjoyed the day. From the material provided, I expected the set up to be more like formal debating, which I think put some of my students off. Now that I know what it's like, I think it will be easier to recruit students." (New Zealand Teacher)

"Excellent opportunity for all students and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank-you for providing us with this opportunity :)" (South Australian Student)

### What is an Ethics Olympiad?

The purpose of the Ethics Olympiad is to assist schools as they help students develop important skills such as communication skills, collaboration and critical thinking. Unlike a debate, students are not assigned a position. Rather they take their own considered position in relation to an ethical question. This unique event will interest Gifted and Talented teachers, Social Science Teachers, Philosophy and RE teachers, Principals and School Administrators. The event is designed to provide a focus for schools wanting to develop critical thinking skills in students.

### How does it work?

Each school will **UHV** a team or two teams of five 'ethletes'. During the day we will use zoom technology to bring students together. All students will be involved in a series of four Ethics Olympiad heats where they will be scored according to set criteria which rewards, clear, concise, respectful discourse around challenging ethical cases. Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded to the three top ranked teams

The heats will be run simultaneously- with a common format and common timing. There will be a round robin format with different schools participating against each other. A central timing system and administrator will coordinate the event so that all Heats start and finish at the same time. Teachers will act as judges during the day. Score sheet and criteria will be sent to coaches once you have registered. Scores will be private on the day, but we will email the final results to coaches after the event. Medals will be posted to the schools and a certificate will be emailed to schools to be printed and awarded to students at a school assembly.

### 2020 Middle School Olympiads

Hobart - Wednesday 4th November

Canberra - Friday 6th November

Perth- Monday 9th November

Gold Coast - Wednesday 11th November

Brisbane - Friday 13th November

Townsville - Saturday 14th November

Auckland- Wednesday 18th November

Wellington - Thursday 19th November

Christchurch- Friday 20th November

Sydney- Monday- 23rd November

Sydney -Tuesday 24th November

Melbourne - Wednesday 25th November

Adelaide -Friday 27th November

#### Eligible Year levels

In Australia we invite teachers of Middle school students Years 7 - 9 to participate.

In NZ we invite Intermediate and High School students to participate. Years 7-9

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Registration fee: \$ per student for members -\$4 per student for non-members. There is no cost for supervising teachers and a discount for early bird registrations. Sign up here:

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