



The National Debating League

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Invitation to the 2026 Komani Debating Championship

Dear Educators,

Greetings from the National Debating League (NDL). Every year over 220 schools compete in our debating programs.

We are writing to invite your school to the 2026 NDL Komani Debating Championship. This will be held at Hoërskool Hangklip High School, on 25-26 July 2026. This event will serve as a qualifier for the NDL's 2026 National Debating Championship. Last year, the Group B (Grade 8-9) division was won by Hangklip.

Debating can help students develop their reading, writing and verbal communication skills. In addition, the debate topics encourage students to learn more about a diverse range of ideas outside of the standard school curriculum. We will work to ensure all debaters become more confident and knowledgeable.

Entry is open to schools from across the Eastern Cape. To be eligible, students should work in teams consisting of three to five members and be in Grades 4 to Grade 12. Schools may enter multiple teams per division. There are four possible divisions to enter:

Group A: Grades 10+ | Group B: Grade 8-9 | Group C: Grade 6-7 | Group D: Grade 4-5

Each team will need to bring a teacher who is willing to adjudicate debates. We will guide them through the process of adjudication. Many of our adjudicators in South Africa are teachers or school principals. They have commented on how adjudication experience has helped them improve their communication and analytical skills. These skills are especially useful for educators pursuing management positions in their schools.

The registration fee *per student* is ZAR 600, and no fees for adjudicators. More information about the program such as the pre-prepared topics, registration fees, and schedule can be found here: <https://ndl.org.za/leagues/komani>. In addition, you are welcome to email us using Thishin@ndl.org.za or WhatsApp using +27 81 343 9036.

We are deeply grateful to our partners at Hoërskool Hangklip High School for partnering with us to host this event. With their support, and yours, we hope to create a diverse community of debaters and critical thinkers.

Yours sincerely,

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