

# DIALOGUES @SCHOOL

**Better discussions = a brighter future!**

Dialogues @ School is an event-based civic and pedagogic program to develop students' critical thinking and communication skills. D@S helps:

- Curiosity about the world and others' views
- Classroom capacity for difficult discussions
- School communities' ability to tackle challenging issues
- Society's cohesion and problem solving ability

***"The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not be victory, but progress."***

Joseph Joubert

## HOW D@S WORKS

D@S is an annual, non-competitive discussion event arranged by each participating school, with guidance and support from The Brisbane Dialogues. The essentials are:

- A panel of 3-5 students
- A moderator, equipped with our toolkit
- An audience
- Around 90 minutes of event time
- **NO** cost, and flexible format to suit your school
- 2024 topic: ***Could AI Improve Education For All?***

Through preparation and discussion of the topic, students explore their own beliefs and points of contention with their peers. Speakers and audiences learn how to express their beliefs, engage with contrary ideas, and productively navigate disagreements.



# PROGRAM BENEFITS

## STUDENTS

- Critical thinking and communication skills
- Learn to exchange ideas freely
- Group reasoning skills for work or further study
- Engagement with important issues

## SCHOOLS

- Improved culture of intellectual curiosity and freedom of expression
- Tools for teachers handling difficult discussions
- Capacity for school community to discuss challenging issues

## SOCIETY

- Shift from debate to dialogue, enabling search for common ground and solutions
- Ability to openly discuss contentious topics without bitter division
- Greater capacity to progress society through real discourse

# THE BIG PICTURE

Dialogues @ Schools comprises a growing network of educators and schools invested in society's ability to have meaningful, insightful conversations. The program is promoting these principles and the schools that utilise them by:

- Publishing video highlights to showcase participating schools
- Producing the annual Voice of Youth report for presentation to parliaments
- Supporting 'Dialogues Clubs' in schools
- Developing online resource and community

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