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KIRBY CUP 2021

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY **HIGH SCHOOL MOOTING COMPETITION**

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

25 & 26 October 2021

FINALS

5 November 2021

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WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

This prestigious mooting competition is specifically designed for year 10, 11 and 12 high school students who may have aspirations towards a career in the law. Given the demands of the competition, we anticipate that those students who take part will be highly motivated and conscientious students. The competition is open to all high school students interested in studying law, or a career in law, and is not limited to those students enrolled in the Preliminary or HSC Legal Studies units.

Schools may enter one or two teams of four (4) students per team. If a school registers two teams, one approach is to consider having one team comprised of year 10 students and another of year 11 students.

Registrations are now open, and will close once 64 teams are registered.

Participation in the competition is free of charge.

REGISTER:

To register your school please visit:
westernsydney.edu.au/kirbycup

WHAT IS THE WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL MOOTING COMPETITION?

Mooting - arguing a hypothetical legal case - was initially developed as a means of training young barristers about legal process, advocacy and persuasion. Today, mooting is an important part of the curriculum within the School of Law at Western Sydney University, providing students with the opportunity to develop skills in appellate (as compared to trial) advocacy in real courtroom settings. The School of Law is inviting high school students in New South Wales to participate in the Kirby Cup Western Sydney University High School Mooting Competition in 2021.

The registered high school mooting teams will be organised to compete against one another in a preliminary competition to be held at University's Parramatta South campus on 25 and 26 October 2021.

The semi-finals and final will be held on 5 November 2021 in an official courtroom setting at our Campbelltown campus. The Judges of the Final will include current and/or former New South Wales and Federal Judges. Parents and family are able to attend the Finals.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS?

The competition provides high school students with a unique opportunity to learn about the legal system and the role of lawyers, as well as engage in higher order legal skills, such as written advocacy and developing oral arguments. Teams work together to consider and write arguments for both the appellant and respondent in a hypothetical case, using contemporary practices and current legal principles. Competitors then come together to argue their case in a court-like setting.

Students will benefit by developing their skills in:

- → Analysing a legal case
- → Structuring a legal argument
- → Preparing a written submission
- → Engaging in appellate advocacy
- → Speaking in public
- → Working as a team
- → Meeting deadlines

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

Competing teams will have access to a Western Sydney University website which contains:

- → The moot problem for 2021 – this problem is used in the Preliminary Rounds and the Finals.
- → The mooting guide and rules for 2021.
- → An orientation to the Australian legal system, plus tips and guidance about mooting and preparation.
- → Videos and examples of student work from previous Finals.
- → An online Q&A forum, which will enable students and teachers to ask questions and receive answers prior to the competition commencing.

Where possible, Law Student Mentors will be assigned to High Schools new to the competition to assist their teams with preparation.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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Kirby Cup Video

Participants who reach the semi-final round of the competition will be made a conditional offer for entry into a law degree program at Western Sydney University School of Law, to apply in the year after the student finishes year 12. This conditional offer requires the student to complete their HSC and to fall within 10 points of the ATAR for the relevant year of enrolment.