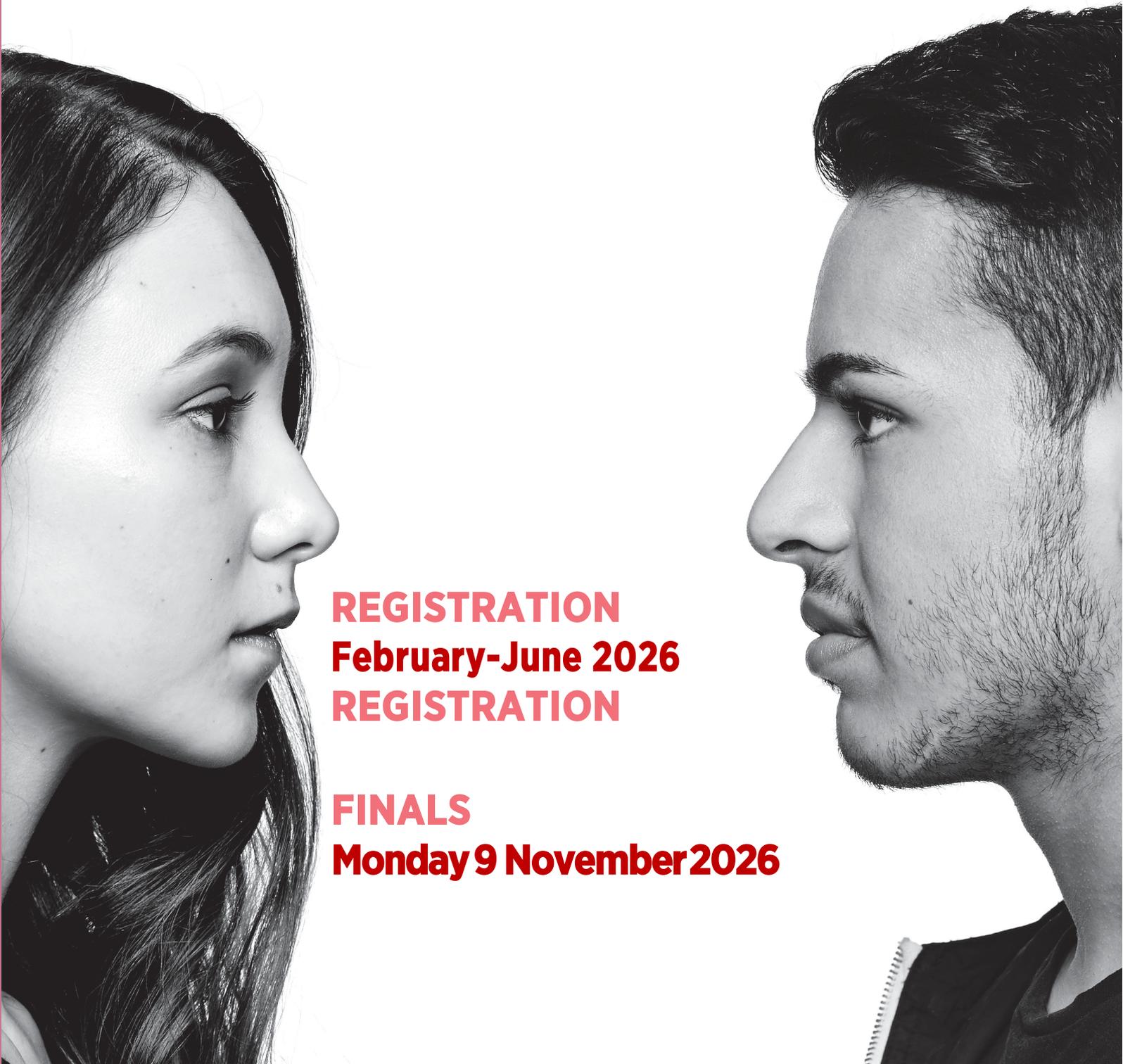


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KIRBY CUP 2026

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**REGISTRATION
February-June 2026
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**FINALS
Monday 9 November 2026**



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WHOMAY PARTICIPATE?

WSU School of Law invites high schools in Western Sydney to participate in the Kirby Cup Western Sydney University Competition in 2026.

This competition is specifically designed for Year 10 and 11 high school students who may aspire towards a career in the law. However, it is not limited to those students enrolled in Legal Studies.

Participation in the competition is free of charge.

REGISTER:

To register your school please visit:
https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/kirby_cup

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Engagement.Law@westernsydney.edu.au

WHAT IS THE WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION?

The Kirby Cup 2026, hosted by Western Sydney University, is a mooting competition introducing high school students to legal advocacy and courtroom procedure. Each school may enter one team of up to four students to prepare written submissions and present oral arguments on a legal problem set by the Law School.

Students will develop skills in legal analysis, structured argumentation, persuasive communication, and teamwork. Teams are assessed on the quality of their legal reasoning, clarity of written submissions, and effectiveness of oral advocacy.

The top four teams from the heats will advance to semi-final knockout rounds, judged by legal professionals and academics. This offers students a unique opportunity to experience the challenge and excitement of competitive legal argument.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS?

The competition provides high school students with a unique opportunity to develop practical advocacy skills in a simulated courtroom environment and to consider the way law interacts with society. By preparing written submissions and presenting oral arguments before experienced moot judges, students learn to think critically, structure persuasive legal arguments, and respond effectively to questions. The competition also enhances research and drafting abilities, fosters teamwork, and builds confidence in public speaking. Beyond the enjoyment and competitive spirit, the competition fosters professionalism, courtesy, and strategic thinking—core attributes for a successful legal career.

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE?

Students are expected to collaborate as a team in developing their written submissions and advocacy strategies. A range of resources will be available to support both students and teachers.

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

- Relevant case law and legislation
- Stimulus material and readings on the competition
- 2026 competition guidelines, outlining the moot format, advice on preparing written and oral submissions, and court etiquette;
- An online Q&A forum, allowing students and teachers to ask questions and receive answers prior to the competition commencing.



Participants who reach the 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.