



2024

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY MEDIATION COMPETITION



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This competition is aimed at providing bursaries to teams of students with an interest in the legal industry. Bursaries are to encourage and showcase the talents of students seeking a career in Mediation.

CATEGORIES

Winning Team	\$600
Runner Up Team	\$450
Encouragement Award Team	\$300

JCU MEDIATION COMPETITION

Co-ordinated by:	St Mary's Catholic College
Contact:	Jessica Williams Competition Coordinator
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Email:	jwilliams21@cns.catholic.edu.au
Date:	Wednesday, 14 th August 2024
Location:	JCU Smithfield Campus
Time:	Arrive 5:00pm Start 5:30pm Finish 8:00pm
Closing Date:	Wednesday, 24 th July 2024

Awards Presentation Event

A Presentation Function will be held for the winning students **at the Pullman Cairns International Hotel. This event is invite only.**

Date	28 th November 2024
Time	4:45pm – 7:30pm

Award recipients are required to attend the Presentation Evening and are to wear Formal School Uniform.

JCU Mediation Competition

Mediation is a rapidly developing area in the legal industry. As part of this competition a pre-recorded Zoom session with trained mediators from the FNQ Dispute Resolution Centre will be made available to you two weeks prior on Wednesday, 31st July 2024.

Previewing notes concerning mediation will be sent to all participating schools shortly after the 24th of July, once teams have been confirmed. Please note, students will only be required to do some of the steps in the mediation process. Scoring will be centred on each team's ability to direct the discussion between disputants in a neutral and supportive manner.

Name of School:

Contact Teacher and Email Address:.....

How many teams would you like to nominate: 1 or 2 (please circle)

Reply Expression of Interest by: Wednesday 10th July 2024

Final date for CONFIRMED TEAM/S: Wednesday 24th July 2024

Information session and scenario distribution: Wednesday 31st July 2024

Team one	Team two
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.

Bank Details and Reference Required

ABN: 60 902 261 190

Account Name: Business Liaison Association

BSB: 633000

Account Number: 120 970 611

Reference: JCU Mediation Competition, School Name and Invoice Number

Final Date for Confirmed Team/s – 24th July 2024

Applications are to be emailed to both email addresses below:

1. the Competition coordinator – jwilliams21@cns.catholic.edu.au; and
2. the BLA - awards@bla.org.au

Rules for Mediation Competition

- Three (3) to four (4) students per team. Each school can nominate one (1) or two (2) teams. Students can be from Year 9 Civics to senior Legal Studies.
- We will be limited to a total of 10 teams – please be aware that if our numbers are high this year, and you have nominated two (2) teams, we may not be able to accommodate both. I will advise on the 24th of July if we need to make changes to the team numbers.
- Each team will mediate a set issue between two disputants after hearing each party's statements (versions of the dispute).
- Each team's mediation should be five (5) to seven (7) minutes in duration.
- Three (3) judges will be present from a range of different agencies.
- Judges will be looking for a team's neutrality and supportive manner, and their ability to paraphrase and reframe the discussion to maintain productive discussion between the parties. **The judges decision will be final.**
- A Registration Fee of \$88 (GST incl) will be charged per school. BLA will invoice each school. **Registration Fee is non-refundable.**

Conditions of Entry

The Business Liaison Association (BLA) encourages its recipients of awards, prizes, gifts or bursaries to promote their achievements on social media/media and positively attribute the support provided by the BLA.

Any negative, defamatory, or slanderous comments regarding the BLA, its programs or sponsors will result in a cancellation of awards, prizes, gifts or bursaries.



Photographic Consent

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