## DISCUSSION SKILLS WORKSHOPS
### Semester 1, 2014

### Timetable, North Ryde

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### Description:
The Discussion Skills 4-week workshop provide students with an opportunity to increase their speaking skills in an academic context, while developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

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- Justification, evidence & building an argument |
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- Classifying, reasoning, problem solving  
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This workshop will be repeated in weeks 7-10

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