

SCRAM

Mediation for secondary school students



What is SCRAM?

Schools **C**onflict **R**esolution **A**nd **M**ediation.

SCRAM is an interactive role play competition for Year 9 & 10 high school students. It facilitates the development of

- peaceful dispute resolution
- awareness
- skills in secondary school communities.

Students mediate simulated disputes which relate to their everyday lives. The outcome of the mediated process is a mutual agreement which:

- acknowledges the needs of all involved
- maintains and develops relationships

SCRAM is an initiative of WADRA (Western Australian Dispute Resolution Association).

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Aims of SCRAM

SCRAM enables students to experience cooperative conflict resolution. SCRAM promotes and consolidates communication skills, negotiation skills and decision making skills: namely active listening, analysing, questioning, empathising, creative and logical thinking as well as the ability to speak clearly and concisely.

SCRAM influences the school and its community through the skills the students learn. It provides an enjoyable and dynamic way of introducing students to the mediation process.

People Involved

Students and teachers from state and private schools throughout Western Australia participate in SCRAM. The competition links well with the Society and Environment and English learning areas and also appeals to Pastoral Care and Student Services programs.

SCRAM is endorsed by the Curriculum Council from 2007. Reference: http://newwace.curriculum.wa.edu.au/docs/175303_1.pdf

"I learnt important skills that can be used in everyday life."

"Lots of fun and educational. Overall, a great experience."

Volunteers from the Western Australian Dispute Resolution Association (WADRA) and other experienced mediators participate as school coaches and adjudicators.

Where are the competitions held?

SCRAM Rounds 1 to 4 are held on site, at each school, which means no travel time for students. Coaches and adjudicators visit each school.

The Grand Final is held at the Edith Cowan University School of Law and Justice in Joondalup.

Timeline for SCRAM

A workshop for registered teachers, coaches and adjudicators is held early in the year. Additional support, including workshops, is provided on request.

Four mediation rounds are held from Term 1 to Term 3 of the school year concluding with a grand final in September.

Sponsors

The WADRA-SCRAM committee is grateful to former and ongoing sponsors including:

- Faculty of Business & Law, Edith Cowan University
- LEADR: Association of Dispute Resolvers
- IAMA: Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators
- Legal Aid Western Australia
- Relationships Australia WA
- Centrecare
- Citizen Advice Bureau

SCRAM Resources

The SCRAM website for teachers, students, coaches and adjudicators provides access to the training manual, timelines, case material, a short video and current news.

The website address is: www.scram.business.ecu.edu.au

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