



Wynspeak: Student Information

Introduction

- **Wynspeak** is a Youth Public Speaking competition for High School students in the Western Suburbs of Melbourne.
 - **Objectives** include providing a vehicle for young people to grow their self-confidence, build their creativity, critical thinking and leadership skills via Public Speaking opportunities, as well as improve poise and professionalism.
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Competition Details

- **Junior Competition:** Years 7 - 9.
 - **Senior Competition:** Years 10 – 12.
 - **Main Speeches:** 4-min speech on stage in front of an audience on a topic of student-choice (excluding controversial topics).
 - **Short Notice Speeches:** impromptu 2-min speech. Topic selected from choice of 3 given to students.
 - **Memory Aids:** prepared notes or memory cards can be used as required.
 - **Wynspeak Finals:** Junior and Senior winners of the 5-min prepared speeches at each heat will progress to the Wynspeak Final.
 - **Heat Prizes:**
 - Prepared Speeches: \$50.00 voucher for Junior and Senior Winners.
 - Short Notice Speeches: \$30.00 voucher for Junior and Senior Winners.
 - Certificates of Achievement: For each competitor.
 - **Finals Prizes:**
 - Senior and Junior winners: \$400.00 each plus a trophy.
 - Runners up: \$200.00 each.
 - Perpetual Trophy: The school (or sponsor organization) for the winners of the Junior & Senior prepared 5-minute speech competitions will hold a perpetual trophy for 12 months.
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Other details

- **Student Briefings:** Prior to commencing each round the Wynspeak adjudication criteria, speech duration limits and timekeeper warnings will be reviewed.
 - The Wynspeak competition was initiated in 2003 by the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing and the Hoppers Crossing Apex Club (which had relevant adjudication experience) and has grown with support from other local Rotary Clubs and Toastmasters Clubs.
 - **Adjudication criteria:** see next page.
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Adjudication Criteria

Impact on the intellect (50%):

- Information: Material and appeal
- Structure: Arrangement and progression
- Language: Vocabulary, grammar and word pictures
- Intention: Purpose of speech, quantity and quality of research
- Adjudicator's evaluation of the speaker's preparation and speaking skill.

Impact on the emotions (50%):

- Visual impact- appearance and gesture
 - Vocal impact
 - Empathy with audience
 - Effect on audience
 - Adjudicator's evaluation of speaker's impact on the emotion of the audience.
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Key Dates:

To be advised.

Q & A

- **Cost?** No cost to students.
 - **Approximate Timing:**
 - Entries close by end March.
 - Preliminary heats from late April to end May
 - Wynspeak Final: early June.
 - Competitions normally start at 6.00 pm.
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