



WYNSPEAK

Wyndham Youth Public Speaking Competition

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Schools – Expression of Interest for the 2024 WYNSPEAK Competition

Important Information

- The competition shall be run by 'The WYNSPEAK Committee, an organisation formed in 2003 by the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing and the Hoppers Crossing Apex Club. The committee comprises members from Hoppers Crossing, and past Apexians with support from our strategic partners with representatives from the Rotary Clubs of Caroline Springs, Melton, Altona City, Bacchus Marsh and several Western region Toastmasters clubs.
- Eight preliminary rounds will be held next year, with 5 preliminary rounds to be held within the City of Wyndham, one preliminary rounds to be held in the City of Melton (Caroline Springs) ,One preliminary round held in Bacchus Marsh and one preliminary round to be held in the City of Hobsons Bay (Altona).
- Schools may nominate a preferred date and/or venue. This choice will not be guaranteed but will be subject to demand, and/or order of entries received. The final decision as to which schools participate in each round will be at the discretion of the WYNSPEAK planning committee.
- The competition final will be held at Thomas Carr College Performing Arts Centre on Friday June 7th, 2024
- 'The WYNSPEAK Committee' will be solely responsible for the conduct of the competition, any governing rules, the adjudication of the competition and the declaration of finalists and winners.
- The competition is open to all students attending secondary schools situated within the Western Region of Melbourne, or to those of secondary school age and entered by local youth organisations or alternative schools in the Western Region of Melbourne.
- The competition shall be in two age sections; a junior section for students of school age corresponding to years 7-9, and a senior section for students of school age corresponding to years 10-12.
- Each school may enter two students in the junior section and two students in the senior section of the competition. It is recommended that all schools select and submit details of reserve students who may be called into a preliminary round at short notice.
- Please note details of all dates and venues will be provided to all colleges well prior to the commencement of the Competition.
- Adjudication will be provided by appropriately experienced members of Apex, Rotary & Toastmasters clubs.
- Information about adjudication criteria, speech duration limits, warning bells, etc. will be provided to all schools in a student information pack prior to commencement of the competition.
- All competitors will receive a certificate of achievement as an acknowledgement of their efforts and participation in the competition.
- Winners of each preliminary round of the prepared speech competition in both the junior and senior sections shall receive a prize, with the winners of the competition Final in each of the junior and senior sections to receive cash prizes and a trophy. Prizes will also be presented to junior and senior section winners of the short notice speech competition during all preliminary rounds of the competition and the competition final.
- The schools or sponsor organisations represented by the winner of the prepared five-minute speech competitions in both the junior and senior sections of the competition will be presented with a perpetual trophy to be held for a period of twelve months.
- Where possible students will be scheduled to compete in venues other than their own school.
- Note: The Junior and Senior winners of Wynspeak gain direct entry in the District 9800 Youth Public Speaking Championship to be held shortly after the Wynspeak Final . Note: competitors selected by schools should be advised by school Wynspeak Coordinators that this is a condition of entry.

Competition Criteria

The competition shall consist of two separate sections as described below.

Section 1 – Prepared Speech Competition

In this section, the students are to prepare a speech of five minutes duration on a topic of their choice. Topics should not be of an offensive or divisive nature (eg. Religious, political, life choices) - if in doubt, the nominated teacher may refer the topic to the WYNSPEAK committee for clarification. The prepared speech should be the students' own work, and should not be plagiarised from other sources.

Section 2 – Short Notice Speech Competition

In this section, the students are to prepare a short notice speech of two minutes duration on a random topic, with the topic to be provided to the speaker on the night. This will be a totally separate competition and results of this section will not impact on the prepared speech competition. The structure of the speech should be similar to that in the five-minute speech competition but with only four minutes preparation time.

Important information

The Junior and Senior winners of the WYNSPEAK 2022 prepared speech competition will gain automatic entry into the District 9800 Youth Public Speaking Championship and will be expected to compete. This competition will be held in late June, 2024..

Special note:

We would appreciate receipt of your completed Expression of Interest form no later than 24th November 2023 so that your college can be guaranteed of a place in next year's WYNSPEAK competition. Please note we will not be calling for student names until early in 2024.

If any of the school WYNSPEAK Coordinators will be departing their roles at the end of 2023 then we thank them for their support and invite them to inform us of their replacement's contact details as soon as possible.

Important notice: Any student entering WYNSPEAK 2024 should be informed before entering that their image and voice may be used in publicising the WYNSPEAK competition via WYNSPEAK media or any other form of publicity for the WYNSPEAK competition. A copy of the parental permission form required for rotary Insurance purposes is included with the Expression of Interest form. Receipt of the Expression of Interest form will be accepted only on the basis that competing students have agreed that their images may be shown for marketing/information purposes only.

Prizemoney will be awarded directly into a nominated bank account, details of which should be provided to the organisers directly, or via school via the teacher/coordinator immediately following completion of the Final Trophies will be awarded at the Final but must be returned to the organisers for engraving purposes. They will then be delivered to the winners school .

Special note pertaining to WYNSPEAK 2024

In recent years COVID issues have impacted student availability to take their places in the heats, necessitating calls for standby students in unprecedented numbers. To address this issue for WYNSPEAK 2024, there will be no limit set on the number of students nominated by schools in both the Junior and Senior sections, however student nominations should be listed in order of preference. A reserves list will be provided which may be submitted along with the student nomination form early in 2024

The Committee will confirm which students will be selected for preliminary rounds and the remainder will be invited to compete in the event of withdrawals or student shortages.

Progression to Final

Winners from each preliminary round will automatically progress to the Final only if there are a minimum of five seniors or five juniors competing in a preliminary round

School Registration for 2024 WYNSPEAK Competition

If your school would like to participate in the 2024 WYNSPEAK competition, please complete the 1-page form below and return to the committee by **24 November 2023**.

School/Contact Information

Name of School	<input type="text"/>
Postal address	<input type="text"/>
School phone no.	<input type="text"/>
Name of School Principal	<input type="text"/>

Important: Teacher nominated to co-ordinate the preparation for Competition - special note

This person will be the main liaison point for the organising committee and will be regularly contacted in the lead up to the competition regarding the general preparation and status of students participating in the competition.

Organising teachers name	<input type="text"/>
Mobile phone number	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>
Name of alternate teacher contact	<input type="text"/>
Mobile phone number	<input type="text"/>
Email address	<input type="text"/>

Preferred date or preliminary round venue: (Not guaranteed))	<input type="text"/>
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RSVP: 24 November 2023

Completed applications should be mailed to:

The Secretary
Organising Committee
Wyndham Youth Public Speaking Competition (WYNSPEAK)
Post Office Box 1123 Hoppers Crossing
Hoppers Crossing VIC 3029

OR

Scanned and emailed to: Wynspeak schools coordinator: desoshanassy@hotmail.com