



Wynspeak: Information for Schools

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 in front of live audiences, as well as improving poise and professionalism.
 - **Organising Committee:** The WYNSPEAK COMMITTEE runs the competition and is solely responsible for the competition, governing rules, adjudication and declaring of finalists and winners. Key partners include Rotary and Apex Clubs of Hoppers Crossing, with support from Rotary Clubs of Altona City, Caroline Springs and Melton. Toastmasters Clubs also provide support with adjudication.
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Competition Details

- **Junior Competition:** Years 7 - 9.
 - **Senior Competition:** Years 10 – 12.
 - **Main Speeches:** 5-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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Scale of Competition

- In 2021, over 100 students from 35+ colleges in the Western Region of Melbourne applied for Wynspeak.
 - 8 Preliminary Wynspeak Heats and a Final were organized, predominantly at venues hosted by participating schools.
 - The 1st Heat was on 27 April with the Final on 16 June.
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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:**
 - School registrations: required by end of February.
 - Student entries close by end March.
 - Preliminary heats from late April to end May
 - Wynspeak Final: early June.
 - Competitions normally start at 6.30 pm.
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Student Images & Voice

- Students will be photographed/videoed for purposes of competition promotion.
 - Teachers, please sign Student Nomination Forms to indicate that students have been informed and that permission has been granted.
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