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Wyndham City Council Youth Services

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STUDENT ENTRY FORM - 2023 COMPETITION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Wynspeak competition aims to enable students to develop skills in public speaking, presentations and speech preparation in front of live audiences in a non-threatening environment.

The competition is open to students, year 7 - 12, attending secondary schools situated within the Western Region of Melbourne, or students of secondary school age who are living within Wyndham and have been entered by local youth organizations or alternative schools. The competition comprises two age divisions. A Junior Division for students in years 7-9 of Secondary school, and a Senior Division for students in years 10-12 of Secondary school.

Each school (or school campus) should nominate a maximum of four students for the competition (two students in each of the Junior and Senior Divisions of the competition as their first choices). Any number of students may be submitted in addition for consideration, but places will be awarded on availability. Such standby students should have speeches prepared and be available at short notice.

Winners of both the Junior and Senior Divisions will receive a cash prize and trophy. Prizes will also be presented to the Junior and Senior winners of the Short Notice section, and all competitors will receive a Certificate of achievement in recognition of their participation in Wynspeak.

The schools attended by the winners of the prepared speech section in both the Junior and Senior divisions will each be presented with a perpetual trophy for display within their school for a period of twelve months. It is requested that representatives of all schools consider attending preliminary competition rounds in support of their students and in particular, attend the competition Final on Wednesday 2nd June 2023 at Thomas Carr College, 35 Thomas Carr Drive, Tarneit. Note: Adjudication services for Wynspeak will be provided by suitably experienced members of Apex, Rotary International, and Toastmasters. General Feedback will be provided to competitors at the end of each preliminary round.

COMPETITION DETAILS

The competition will consist of two separate sections, conducted concurrently, over eight preliminary rounds and a competition final, with the highest scoring speakers from the prepared speech section of the preliminary rounds entering the competition final. Student competitors will be entered into selected preliminary rounds of both sections of competition once schools submit their entry forms to the Wynspeak committee. Whilst schools preferred preliminary round venues will be considered, this is not guaranteed. The ultimate decision will rest with the Wynspeak committee, as this depends on demand. Schools will be informed of where their selected students will be appearing as soon as each round is filled.

Competition requirements of all participating students are detailed below.

Section 1

A prepared speech of five minutes duration on a topic of the speaker's choice. Full details of the adjudication criteria, speech duration limits and warning bell timing etc. will be provided to each participant at a briefing prior to the commencement of the preliminary round (for details see your expression of interest form). A cash prize and permanent trophy will be presented to winning speakers of both the Junior and Senior Divisions of this section of competition

Perpetual trophies will also be presented to representatives from the winning schools. The winner of the Wyndham Youth Public Speaking Competition will gain direct entry into the Rostrum Voice of Youth Victorian Competition State Final

Section 2

A short notice speech of two minutes' duration on a topic provided to the speaker on the night. A prize will also be presented to the winning speakers within both the Junior and Senior divisions of this section. This will be a totally separate section of the competition and results from this section will not impact on the outcome of the five minutes prepared speech section of the competition (Section 1)

COMPETITION PRELIMINARY ROUNDS AND FINAL

Preliminary rounds the 2023 Wynspeak competition will be held from 6.30 pm sharp in the venues listed on the Expression of interest form sent to you in November

The Final of the 2023 WynSpeak Competition will be held at the 400 seat Performing Arts Centre at Thomas Carr College, 35 Thomas Carr Drive, Tarneit on Friday 2nd June 2023, commencing at 7pm sharp.

Please note that students are required to be in attendance for both preliminary rounds and the competition final by 6pm. In the unlikely event of any venue changes, schools shall be notified prior to the event.

COMPETITION ENTRY INFORMATION

Priority selections of two juniors and two seniors will automatically gain entry into the competition once the school submits the student nomination form to the Wynspeak committee. **All attendees must comply with government requirements regarding Covid 19.**

Schools submitting reserve competitor lists must submit names in order of priority - These students will be called on upon competing student withdrawals or illness. The process for your selection of students should be completed by end of March (end of Term1) at the latest.

Special note: Winners of preliminary rounds will automatically progress to the Final if there are a minimum of five juniors and /or five juniors competing in preliminary rounds

Please note that student contact details will be requested in the event that a student wins the competition and goes on to represent the Western Melbourne region in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition held later in the year – Rostrum will need to contact the winning students in both the Junior and Senior Divisions to provide them with information regarding the Voice of Youth Final. This information will be sought after the student is presented with prizes/trophies, and shall not be disclosed to anyone outside of the Wynspeak committee. Important: please note that students will be photographed/videoed for purposes of competition promotion only. Teachers, please sign below to indicate that students have been informed and that permission has been granted.

NOTE: ALL PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE ORGANISATION AND INTERACTION WITH STUDENTS DURING THE COURSE OF THIS COMPETITION WILL HAVE CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARDS

ENTRY DETAILS: **Note: Entries Close March 31 2023.**

Please complete the entry details below and submit entry forms to:
Des O'Shanassy – Schools liaison Officer – Wynspeak Committee

Email: desoshanassy@hotmail.com

School Name:			
School Contact Teacher:		Mobile number (important)	
STUDENTS ENTERED (Please type or print names)			
Junior Division (Years 7-9)			
Student 1(Name):		Year level:	
Student 2 (Name):		Year level:	
Senior Division (Years 10-12)			
Student 1 (Name):		Year Level:	
Student 2 (Name):		Year Level:	

Teacher's signature (or name if submitted electronically) _____

Note: It is school's responsibility to obtain parental approval for students to enter