

INTERMEDIATE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2017

**Wednesday August 23rd, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm
at Mazenod College, Kernot Avenue Mulgrave**

FORMAT & RULES

1. Each participating school shall have one team consisting of FOUR students from Years 9-10. The four participants can be from a mixture of year levels or from any one particular year level – each school should decide upon which year level/s will be involved, but only four students are able to compete.
2. Each participant will complete two speeches. Two students will participate in rounds 1 (prepared) & 3 (prepared), whilst the other two participants will compete in rounds 2 (prepared) & 4 (impromptu).
3. The topics for the prepared speeches are at the discretion of the speaker in consultation with his teacher. The topics for the impromptu speeches will be provided by the ACC. Each participant in the impromptu round will be provided with two topics, from which he will then choose one of those topics for his speech. Each participant will have five minutes preparation time before they must commence their speech. Notes can be made during this preparation time, but the students are not allowed to receive any assistance from other students or their teacher.
4. Each speaker will be allowed 3 - 4 minutes for prepared speeches and 2 – 3 minutes for impromptu speeches, with a knock given 30 seconds prior to their time expiring.
5. All speeches will be awarded points by independent adjudicators from the DAV. The marking scheme shall be as follows:- Matter – 50 Manner – 50 = 100 points per speaker. Please see notes on page 3 for further information on the marking criteria.
6. At the end of the fourth round (impromptu speeches), all points from the four rounds will be tallied and the team with the highest points score shall be judged champion school. All schools will compete in the same division. If two or more teams are equal on points, the team with the highest individual score from the four rounds will be judged the champion school and will receive the banner and pennants.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION PROGRAM

10:00 - 11:00 Welcome & First Round - prepared speech
11:00 - 11:20 Recess break
11:20 - 12:00 Second Round - prepared speech
12:00 - 12:30 Lunch break
12:30 - 1:15 Third Round - prepared speech
1:15 - 2:00 Fourth Round - impromptu speech
2:00 Presentations

2017 COMPETITION STRUCTURE

Competing schools:

CBC St Kilda, De La Salle, Emmanuel, Mazenod, Parade, Salesian, St. Bede's, St. Bernard's, St Joseph's Ferntree Gully, St. Joseph's Geelong

Please note:

Adjudicators will be appointed by DAV.

Morning tea, beverages and lunch will be provided for all staff and adjudicators.

Students to BYO lunch.

General information for participants

The purpose of the Public Speaking competition is for students to communicate their ideas to inform, entertain, persuade, or any combination of these. The speaker must present a speech, not an act, recitation or a comedy performance. Below is some further information relevant to the marking of speeches.

Matter

- Matter refers to the substance, content or material developed during a speech. It includes the issue or issues that provide the thematic base of a speech, together with the ideas, arguments, evidence and support developed during the speech.
- Elements of matter include arguments, ideas, observations, propositions, statements of opinion, facts, evidence, quotations, and examples of any kind.
- Matter should be relevant to the topic, in so far as it is clearly linked to it and developed in a clear and logical fashion.
- Matter will be assessed in terms of its effectiveness, both in communicating the speaker's ideas, and supporting the speaker's arguments.

Manner

- Manner refers to the style and delivery of a speaker, together with the overall structure of a speech.
- Style may be characterised by a speaker's persuasive skills, sincerity, confidence, rapport with the audience and ability, where appropriate to generate an emotional or intellectual response from them.
- Elements of style include eye contact, voice modulation, hand gestures, language, the use of notes, rhetorical style and confidence, humour, and any other elements that enhance or detract from the effectiveness of the speaker.
- Structure may be characterised as the prioritisation of ideas and arguments, the provision where appropriate or clear linkage between material, and effective allocation of time.
- Speeches should be structured in such a way as to optimise their effectiveness. This should include an introduction, development of argument or ideas and summary.
- Manner will be assessed in terms of its effectiveness in aiding the speaker's communication, persuasiveness, and general presentation.

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