



## **JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2024**

**Monday November 11th, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm  
at St Bernard’s College, Essendon**

### **FORMAT & RULES**

1. Each participating school shall have one team consisting of FOUR students from Years 7-8. 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**, with **different speeches** for each round.  
Student 1 – Two different prepared speeches: Round 1 (prepared) & Round 3 (prepared)  
Student 2 – Two different prepared speeches: Round 1 (prepared) & Round 3 (prepared)  
Student 3 – Two different speeches: Round 2 (prepared) & Round 4 (impromptu)  
Student 4 – Two different speeches: Round 2 (prepared) & Round 4 (impromptu)
3. The topics for the prepared speeches are at the discretion of the speaker in consultation with their 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 they will then choose one of those topics for their 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 & Round 1 - prepared speech  
11:00 - 11:20 Recess break  
11:20 - 12:00 Round 2 - prepared speech  
12:00 - 12:30 Lunch break  
12:30 - 1:15 Round 3 - prepared speech  
1:15 - 2:00 Round 4 - impromptu speech  
2:00 Presentations

## **2024 COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

### **Competing schools:**

De La Salle, Mazenod, Salesian, St Bede's, St Bernard's, St Joseph's FTG, St Joseph's Geel, St Mary's, Simonds.

### **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.

### **Public Speaking Adjudication Criteria (DAV)**

There are 4 key components to a successful speech.

- The subject matter for the prepared speech should be persuasive in some way;  
*NOTE: impromptu speeches may be descriptive rather than persuasive*
- The subject matter should be well constructed;
- The delivery must be convincing and engaging;
- The words of the speech should be concise, precise, and accessible to the audience

Our sub-criteria are matter and manner.

### **Matter** involves:

- Subject matter of the speech
  - Does it aim to be persuasive?
  - Is it well-reasoned?
  - Is it engaging?
  - Is there a clear sense of “message” in the speech?
- Structure of the speech, inasmuch as it refers to logical development of the speech
  - Does the speech make its purpose clear at the start?
  - Does the speech have a clear structure? Does the speech develop its ideas logically?

### **Manner** involves:

- Style of speaking:
  - Fundamental tools of persuasiveness: clear speech and eye contact
  - Voice
  - Body language
  - Does the speaker tailor his/her speaking style to their content?
    - Is the speech varied enough to hold the audience's attention?
  - Cues: notes are allowed, but shouldn't interfere

- Props are not allowed
- Microphones and lecterns are not allowed
- The speech should be delivered with conviction and emphasis, but the delivery should not distract from the content.

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