



YEAR 7 INAUGURAL SPELLING COMPETITION **Monday August 25th, St Bede's College, Mentone**

CONFIRMED FORMAT & RULES

The event will consist of two sections. The first section is a fun warm up to the competition where schools will compete in a group solving puzzles and playing word games. The second part of the day being the ACC Spelling Championship involving all six students. Schools are asked to use the following link to register their students for the day: <https://form.jotform.com/251538812311047>

PROGRAM

10.00 am: Arrive at St Bede's & Welcome
10.15 am: College Teams Challenge
11:15 am: Conclusion & briefing for Spelling Championship
11.20 am: Break (Students BYO Food and supervision by Individual Schools)
12.00 pm: ACC Spelling Championship
1.30 pm: Presentations
1:45 pm: Depart

SPELLING COMPETITION RULES

FORMAT

The spelling competition will be conducted in rounds and will be conducted orally. All Colleges can bring a team consisting of SIX students who are currently enrolled in Year 7. Each speller in the spelling competition spells one word in each round. When a word is incorrectly spelled, the next competitor attempts the same word. The only exception being that each new round commences with a new word.

WORD LIST

The ACC is responsible for selecting the competition lists for use in their spelling competitions.



PRONOUNCERS' ROLE

The pronouncer will attempt to pronounce words clearly and will announce using the introduction “Your word to spell is”. They will then place the word in a simple sentence to assist the speller with context and repeat the word that is to be spelled. The speller may then ask for the word to be repeated if they need it. The pronouncer is unable to assist in any way past this point.

JUDGE'S ROLE

The judge upholds the rules and determines whether words are spelled correctly. They also render final decisions on any appeal. They are in complete control of the competition and their decision is final on all questions.

Interaction with the speller: Because seeing the speller's lip movements may be critical in detecting misunderstandings or misspellings, the judges encourage spellers to face them when pronouncing and spelling a word or answering a vocabulary question.

Disqualifications for reasons other than error: The judges will disqualify a speller (1) who refuses a request to start spelling; (2) who does not approach the microphone when it is time to receive the word or question; (3) who, in the process of retracing a spelling, alters the letters or sequence of letters from those first uttered; (4) who, in the process of spelling, utters unintelligible or nonsense sounds.

Speller activities that do not merit disqualification: The judges may not disqualify a speller (1) for failing to pronounce the word either before or after spelling it; (2) for asking a question; or (3) for noting or failing to note the capitalization of a word, the presence of a diacritical mark, the presence of a hyphen or other form of punctuation, or spacing between words in an open compound.

SPELLER'S ROLE

In a spelling round:

- the speller makes an effort to face the judge and pronounce the word for the judge before spelling it and after spelling it.
- The speller makes an effort to pronounce each letter distinctly and with sufficient volume to be understood by the judges.
- The speller may ask the pronouncer to say the word again.
- The speller does not need to note capitalization of a word, presence of diacritical marks, presence of hyphens or other forms of punctuation, or spacing between words in an open compound.
- To be judged as correct and move on to the next round, the speller must provide the correct letters in the correct order.

ORDER OF SPELLERS

The ACC will be responsible for creating a random order for the competition of all competing schools. The order will be used for all competitors. (If a school is placed 3rd in order, with 13 schools competing, their spellers are placed 3rd, 16th, 29th, 42nd, 55th and 68th in order)



ERRORS

Upon providing an incorrect answer, the speller is immediately out of the competition and will be asked to sit off the stage area.

END OF COMPETITION PROCEDURE

If all spellers in a round misspell: If none of the spellers remaining in the spelling competition at the start of a round spells a word correctly all remain in the competition and a new spelling round begins.

(Example: if four spellers remain, all spellers spell the word incorrectly, they ALL remain in the competition in the same order and a new round commences.)

If only one speller in a round spell correctly they are declared **the winner**.

(Example: if four spellers remain, Speller A spells the word incorrectly, Speller B spells it correctly, Speller C & D spells the word incorrectly. Speller B is declared the winner and A, C & D are tied for second place.)

Apart from the champion, in the case of a tie, spellers eliminated in the same round are tied for the same place.

AWARDS

There will be an overall champion speller awarded to the last remaining student, as well as a school award with points awarded according to the round that each of their six students were eliminated.

CATERING

Morning tea, beverages and lunch will be provided for all staff. Students to BYO food and drink.

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