



Junior Public Speaking Competition

Attn: English Coordinator
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The Debaters Association of Victoria is very pleased to invite you to participate in our statewide Junior Public Speaking Competition for secondary students in Years 7-9.

The competition aims to:

- give young speakers the opportunity to put their ideas forward in front of an audience;
- expand students' knowledge of current affairs and the world around them;
- develop the “building blocks” of public presentation — confidence, clarity, and the development of arguments — which are very important skills both in and out of school.

The competition promotes learning and skills included in VELS English, Communication and Interpersonal Development (linking directly to the “Speaking and listening”, and “Presenting” domains, for example) and also develops skills which link closely to the VCE and VCAL.

Features of the competition include:

- the opportunity to present both prepared and impromptu speeches;
- the opportunity to gain feedback on presentations from experienced adjudicators;
- regional semi-finals and the Grand Final.

The size of our organization also means that we are able to open the competition up to more students than similar competitions have been able to offer in the past, and at a relatively low cost per student.

In the following pages we have included an outline of the competition, a list of venues and dates (with maps), the registration form, and a promotional poster. We will also supply training material (including demonstration speeches) on our website.

We hope that every school in Victoria will be able to enter at least one student in the competition. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

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Competition format

Each round speakers will present two speeches: a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. Students should prepare a separate speech for each round. Students may participate in one or both rounds, but will only be eligible for finals if they attend both rounds. Students proceeding to finals may use either of their previous speeches. Each round will be held from **4pm-6pm** unless otherwise specified.

Speech type	Length	Topic
Prepared speech	5 minutes	To be chosen by student: there are no specific guidelines for topics, but the speech should aim to be <i>persuasive</i> in nature
Impromptu speech	2-3 minutes	Will be given to student 5 minutes before the starting time: students will prepare for the speech on their own with no assistance

Marking

Each speech will be marked out of 100, with 50 points allocated for matter (the content of the speech) and 50 for manner (the style of presentation of the speech). The average score for the competition will be 70 (35 for each criterion), and scores will range from approximately 50 to 90.

Speakers will receive both oral feedback from adjudicators and a sheet with marks and comments.

Training

The DAV will provide specific guidelines for the competition to entrants after they register. Demonstration speeches will also be placed on the DAV website for entrants to view.

The criteria for the competition can be found at:

http://www.dav.com.au/schools/jps_info.php

Registration

A maximum of **five** students from each school per region per round can register. To register, each student must fill out a copy of the attached registration form.

The cost of registration is \$25 per student per round – you will be invoiced after sending in the form.

Students must register for the competition before **Friday 3 September**.

(Students wishing to participate in Thomastown should register before Friday 20th August)

Finals

Each region will have one regional winner declared. Participant will be notified of regional winners by email the day after each round occurs. This winner, plus a number of wildcard entries based on scores, will be invited to attend a semi-final.

The final will be held in late November or early December at a venue to be confirmed.



Public Speaking Competition Registration Form

Please return by fax to (03) 9348 9466. Registration is due by Friday 30th October.

Name of speaker	
School	
Year Level (Years 7-9 only)	
Student email address	
Student contact phone number	
Contact teacher	
Contact teacher email address	

Speakers should provide their speech topic before each round. The office will email a reminder to confirm topics during the week of each round.

Proposed topic (if known)	
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Round 1: Goulburn Valley Grammar School, Wednesday 3rd November, 3pm

Round 2: Echuca College, College Dr, Echuca, Wednesday 17th November, 3pm

Please make copies of this form as necessary