

2013 JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

22nd March 2013

Attention: English Coordinator
Debating Coordinator
Public Speaking Coordinator

The Debaters Association of Victoria is very pleased to invite you to participate in our state-wide 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:

- a training component covering different speech structures and how to extend ideas;
- the opportunity to present both prepared and impromptu speeches;
- the opportunity to gain feedback on presentations from experienced adjudicators;
- state finals.

The size of our organisation 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.

The following page includes an outline of the competition, a list of venues and dates, a promotional poster and details about registration.

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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The Debaters Association of Victoria Junior Public Speaking 2013

DAV's Junior Public Speaking Competition is for students in Years 7–9. The preliminary round will take place over one school day and commence with a training component. During this round, speakers will present one prepared speech and two impromptu speeches.

Speech	Length	Topics
Prepared speech	4–5 min	To be chosen from the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A borderless world • Africa: land of opportunity • Animal rights • Thinking about tomorrow, today <p>There are no specific guidelines for topics, but the speech must aim to be <i>persuasive</i> in nature</p>
Impromptu speech	2–3 min	Will be given to the student 5 minutes before the starting time: students will prepare for the speech on their own with no assistance

The top-scoring speakers from each region will be invited to proceed to the semi-finals which will be held in Term 3. The best speakers, and a selected number of wildcard speakers (based on scores) will then proceed to the grand final in Term 4.

The semi-finals and final will all require students to present one prepared speech and one impromptu speech. The prepared speech may be the same speech that was presented at the preliminary round or be a new speech on any topic.

Dates and venues

Region	Venue	Date
Armadale	Lauriston Girls' School	Tue 7 May
Bundoora	Parade College	Fri 24 May
Geelong	St. Joseph's College	Sun 28 April
Maribyrnong	Maribyrnong College	Thu 9 May
Mentone	Mentone Girls' Grammar School	Wed 22 May
Mt Waverley	Avila College	Fri 26 July

All regions will run from 9:30am to 3:00pm except Geelong: Sunday 10:30am to 4:00pm.

Training

The Competition will begin with a training session run by DAV trainers. This session will explore different speech structures and then focus on how to extend ideas in speeches.

The aim of this training is to assist students with the preparation and delivery of impromptu speeches.

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.

Specific criteria for the competition can be found on the DAV website.

Registration

A maximum of five students per school per region can enter. The cost of registration is \$30 per student and schools will be invoiced directly.

School coordinators can register students through the DAV website.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday 24th April.

DAV Office

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Public Speaking Competition

If you like talking and telling other people about your ideas, then this competition is for you!
We are giving students in Years 7–9 an opportunity to put their ideas in front of an audience to be heard.

Section one: prepared speech

This speech should be persuasive, and you can choose a topic from one of the following areas:

A borderless world ☺ Africa: land of opportunity ☺ Animal rights ☺ Thinking about tomorrow, today

Section two: impromptu speech

We give you a topic and 5 minutes to prepare, then you give us a speech—seriously!

The competition takes place over one day and includes a training component to develop your skills and teach you how to prepare for impromptu topics. DAV adjudicators will provide you with feedback for each of your speeches, and the highest scoring speakers from each region progress to semi-finals and then to a state-wide grand final.

For more information, contact your school's debating coordinator:

or visit www.dav.com.au