



## CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS EVENTS NETWORK

### PUBLIC SPEAKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### LOCATION & DATE OF EVENT

<b><u>Primary Public Speaking</u></b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May –	Maranatha Christian School (Cardinia Campus) Rix Road Officer
<b><u>Secondary Public Speaking</u></b>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May –	Maranatha Christian School (Cardinia Campus) Rix Road Officer

**OPENING PRAYER** - 9:45am

**COST PER STUDENT** - \$25.00 + GST per student.

#### AWARDS

All participants will receive a certificate. The best speaker in the prepared speeches as well as the impromptu speeches will receive a Best Speaker certificate.

The school that wins the overall competition will be awarded the Public Speaking shield. Each student in the winning team will receive a First-Place certificate.

#### RULES

1. Schools enter teams of up to 5 students in any of the following categories: Junior (Years 7 – 9) or Senior (Years 10 – 12) or all sections. Schools can enter teams of up to 8 students in Primary (Years 5 – 6). Schools compete in a one-day competition with all team members delivering a prepared speech and an impromptu speech.
2. There will be no access to electronic equipment during the speeches, however students may access these devices in preparation for the impromptu speech.
3. As per DAV competitions, the aim of the day is for students will 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.

#### TOPICS

1. Topics will be sourced from a bank of suitable topics.
2. Public Speaking Coordinators will decide on the topics for both the prepared and impromptu speeches at the Public Speaking Coordinators Meeting in the year of competition.

## **ADJUDICATORS**

1. Adjudicators will be sourced from Debating Association of Victoria where possible and the Adjudicators decision is final.
2. The Adjudicator/s will provide a copy of the adjudication sheets for each team at the end of the day.
3. In the unlikely case that the Debating Association of Victoria cannot provide adjudicators, it is expected that the staff member with each team will be able to judge the speeches that do not involve their school.

## **ADJUDICATION CRITERIA**

(Information from the SAV website)

There are 4 key components to a successful speech.

1. The subject matter for the prepared speech should be persuasive in some way (however, impromptu speeches may be descriptive rather than persuasive);
2. The subject matter should be well constructed;
3. The delivery must be convincing and engaging;
4. The words of the speech should be concise, precise and accessible to the audience

The sub-criteria are matter and manner (50 marks each).

### **Matter involves:**

1. Subject matter of the speech
2. Does it aim to be persuasive?
3. Is it well-reasoned?
4. Is it engaging?
5. Is there a clear sense of "message" in the speech?
6. Structure of the speech, in as much as it refers to logical development of the speech
7. Does the speech make its purpose clear at the start?
8. Does the speech have a clear structure? Does the speech develop its ideas logically?

### **Manner involves:**

1. Style of speaking;
2. Fundamental tools of persuasiveness: clear speech and eye contact
3. Voice
4. Body language
5. Does the speaker tailor his/her speaking style to their content?
6. Is the speech varied enough to hold the audience's attention?
7. Cues: notes are allowed, but shouldn't interfere
8. Props are not allowed
9. Microphones and lecterns are not allowed
10. The speech should be delivered with conviction and emphasis, but the delivery should not distract from the content.

## **SUGGESTED SPEAKING TIMES**

1. **Prepared Speeches** - Each competitor will aim to speak for 2 to 3 minutes (Primary), 3 to 4 minutes (Junior) and 4 to 5 minutes (Senior). Speeches that go out of these time frames will incur point penalties.
2. **Impromptu Speeches** - Each competitor will aim to speak for 1 to 2 minutes (Primary), 2 to 3 minutes (Junior) and 3 to 4 minutes (Senior). Speeches that go out of these time frames will incur point penalties.
3. A bell will be rung at the following times to guide the competitors:
  - 1 ring at each minute
  - 2 rings at the start of the final minute
  - 3 rings at the end of the final minute
  - Continuous ringing after one minute extra

## **TOPICS FOR SPEECHES -**

### **Primary**

<b><u>PREPARED TOPICS</u></b>	<b><u>IMPROMPTU TOPICS</u></b>
Homework	To be advised after the completion of all prepared topic speeches
Computer Gaming	
Healthy Eating	

### **Junior**

<b><u>PREPARED TOPICS</u></b>	<b><u>IMPROMPTU TOPICS</u></b>
Social Media	To be advised after the completion of all prepared topic speeches
Sustainable Living	
Globalisation	

### **Senior**

<b><u>PREPARED TOPICS</u></b>	<b><u>IMPROMPTU TOPICS</u></b>
Social Media	To be advised after the completion of all prepared topic speeches
Sustainable Living	
Globalisation	

## **PROCEDURES FOR THE COMPETITION**

### **Start of the day**

All students will meet at the beginning of the day for a briefing on rules as well as prayer.

The DAV Adjudicators will provide some training in Public Speaking for students at the start of the day, before the students begin prepared and impromptu speeches.

### **Scoring Procedure**

1. Schools must have a minimum of four students participate in both the prepared and impromptu speeches to gain an overall team score.
2. Each student will prepare and speak on one prepared topic and one impromptu topic, which will be scored out of 100 marks.
3. The school that has highest accumulative points from their four speakers will be declared the winner of CSEN Public Speaking and shall receive the shield for that year.
4. In the case of a tied result, the schools will share the win.

### **Final Procedures**

It is expected that at the end of the heat / finals, all schools will remain for presentations and a closing prayer.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

1. CSA will provide lunch for staff / adjudicators on the heat and finals day. Unfortunately, food allergies / intolerances cannot be catered for.
2. Students are expected to provide their own lunch / snacks for the day. There are no canteen facilities at Maranatha, however there is an onsite canteen at Victory and Hillcrest.
3. All schools are expected to leave the facilities at Maranatha, Hillcrest and Victory neat and tidy. Excess cleaning costs will be passed onto the schools that leave their area in an unacceptable state.
4. If you require other information, please contact Karen Davidson on [csen@csa.edu.au](mailto:csen@csa.edu.au)