

2017 AB PATERSON PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The AB Paterson College Public Speaking Competition is open to all students in Years 4 to 12. The Year 4 students are not in the competition, but receive valuable experience in public speaking.

THE DATES FOR THE 2017 HEATS ARE:

Year 4: Thursday 7 September (Term 3)

Years 5–6: Tuesday 10 October (Term 4)

Please note: Those students in Years 5 and 6 who make it into the finals will have to present their speech again on Tuesday 17 October.

SPEAKING TIMES ARE:

Year 4 - 2 minutes. No warning bell.

Year 5 - 4 minutes. Single warning bell at 3 minutes.

Year 6 - 5 minutes. Single warning bell at 4 minutes.

TOPICS FOR 2017:

YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Somewhere Over the Rainbow• If Animals Could Talk• Hidden Treasures• Imagine...• Disasters• Purple Dinosaur• A Picture Tells a Thousand Words• First Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Books – Food for The Mind• Masks• Life Is Beautiful• Laughter is the Best Medicine• Chasing Rainbows• The Relevance of Fairy Tales• In Someone Else's Shoes• Charity Begins at Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the Longest Time• Unsolved Mysteries• Australia's Greatest National Treasure• Not Many People Know This...• Words Said in Anger• The Real Superman• The Power of Poetry• The Choice is Yours

TO THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS...

When speaking, talk in a normal voice and look at your audience – try not to read your speech. Choose a topic that is familiar and interesting; a little bit of humour can sometimes make the speech more entertaining.

Use cue cards for your speech but only put the main points you wish to speak about on your card. Cue cards should only act as a prompt for what you wish to say. You need to memorise as much of your speech as possible so you aren't reading during your speech delivery.

TOPIC SELECTION:

Attached is a list of the topic choices for the Interschool Public Speaking Competition. If you are a finalist from the College Competition you will be required to speak on one of these topics. Please use these topics for the Coomera Anglican College Public Speaking Competition as well.

If selecting a non-fiction topic, try not to just state facts. Try to make it more personal by including your points of view. For instance, if you're talking about sharks, try to include your feelings about them or why people are afraid of them. Include a little bit of humour if you can.

YOUR SPEECH SHOULD HAVE AN:

Introduction – to state what the topic is about. Be sure to include a “welcome” to your audience and teacher or adjudicator. Try to gain the attention of your audience in an interesting way.

Body – Here you expand upon the main points. Include complications, events, conflict/problems....

Conclusion – Finish off speech, tie up loose ends, and give an opinion.

THINGS TO DO WHEN GIVING A PREPARED SPEECH:

*Choose an interesting or original topic.

*Be well organised and relaxed.

*Speak in a natural voice.

*Use cue/palm cards but try to memorise as much of your speech as possible.

*Speak clearly and pause for effect.

*Have lots of eye contact.

*Use occasional small hand gestures or body language where appropriate.

*Use facial expressions, especially a smile.