



21 June 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

This year Coomera Anglican College will again hold a Public Speaking Competition as a Preparatory-Year 6 College event. Speaking and listening activities are an integral part of the English syllabus and as such, all children will need to prepare a short speech early next term.

This will be the focus of their homework during Weeks 1 and 2. Guidelines to help prepare the speech are outlined below.

During Week 3 there will be “class speak-offs” and each child will present his/her speech to the class. It is therefore important that your child does practise their speech at home so that they feel comfortable and confident. In Years 4-6, if your child is successful at class level he/she may progress to a final at the assembly in the Ivan Gibbs Centre on Monday 12 August at 1.45pm. Division winners will be recognised on the Ruth Parlett Perpetual College Trophy.

We encourage students in Years 4-6 to enter the inter-school Public Speaking competition held at AB Paterson College in September for Year 4 and October for Years 5-6. We believe that this is a wonderful opportunity for everyone and we look forward to watching many of our students take up the challenge.

If you wish for your child to take part in the AB Paterson Public Speaking Competition, please complete the permission slip on the next page and return it to your child’s class teacher before Thursday 22 August 2019. Please be aware that you will be required to accompany your child to the competition, as it is an out of College hours activity. The cost of this competition will be covered by the College.

Some Guidelines to help your child are listed below:

- * **Topics:** Students may choose to speak about **a topic** they know or are interested in, however, they are strongly advised to use one of the AB Paterson Public Speaking topics. This will avoid having to prepare two speeches.
- * **Palm Cards:** Encourage your child to make up palm/cue cards. They should be no larger than 10cm by 5cm. When speaking, hold these cards down low, not in front of their face.
- * **Speech Times:**

Years 3/4	-	2 minutes
Year 5	-	4 minutes
Year 6	-	5 minutes

TOPICS FOR 2019:

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

Further information will be provided by classroom teachers.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely



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AB PATERSON PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

(Please return to your child’s class teacher by Thursday 22 August 2019)

I give permission for my child to enter the AB Paterson Public Speaking Competition to be held at AB Paterson College. I understand that it is my responsibility to accompany and supervise my child at this event.

Student Name:

Class:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Signature:

Date: