



English Speaking Union Qld

Promoting International Understanding and Human Achievement through English

SECONDARY SCHOOLS' PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION 2021 SE Queensland Division

This competition requires students to speak on a subject of their choice inspired by a broad ESU nominated topic connected to ESU's philosophy. The specific 2021 Heat nominated topic for each level is below. Students in the Grand Finals will speak to new nominated topics for the required Prepared and Impromptu speaking section. Cash prizes for winners and runners up. Each student will receive valuable oral feedback on the night of speech presentation.

DATE: Senior (Yrs 11-12) **Heats - Monday July 19 2021**

TOPIC: *I don't need a friend who changes when I change and who nods when I nod; my shadow does that much better.* Plutarch - **Prepared Speech Length:** 5 minutes.

Grand Final – Monday August 9 2021

DATE: Intermediate (Yrs 9-10) **Heats Wednesday May 5 2021**

TOPIC: *Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep balance you must keep moving.* Albert Einstein - **Prepared Speech Length:** 4 minutes

Grand Final – Monday May 17 2021

DATE: Junior (Yrs 7-8) **Heats Monday May 10 2021**

TOPIC: *The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled.* Plutarch - **Prepared Speech Length:** 3 minutes

Grand Final – Monday May 24 2021

VENUE Newmarket Hall, 212 Ashgrove Avenue, Ashgrove

HEAT TIMES Estimated 5.30pm; 7.30pm (to be advised dependent on numbers).

SPECIAL NEEDS For students with documented and acknowledged hearing, learning, physical, intellectual and/or visual disability, arrangements can be made for the competition. Please advise the Public Speaking Coordinator .

PRIZES Students in all age divisions are competing for certificates and cash prizes donated by the English-Speaking Union Queensland and ESU sponsors. The Winner of each of the Senior & Intermediate competitions will receive a \$250 cash prize and the Winner of the Junior competition will receive \$150. Second & Third Prizes in each of Senior, Intermediate and Junior competitions will be \$100 and \$50.

ENTRY COST Prepared Speaking for all divisions \$15.00

Speakers in the Grand Final are expected to be in attendance for the whole evening. Please contact esuqld@gmail.com or 0423295721 to speak to the ESU Public Speaking Co-ordinator. **For more information and an online Application form, go online to Website: www.esu.org.au and go to Programs.**