

Secondary School Public Speaking Competition 2024



Our annual ESU Secondary School Public Speaking Competition 2024 commences in May and we are asking teachers to distribute this flyer and encourage students to compete. Each school has a limit of five students for each level.



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Students are given a topic as guidance and asked to prepare a speech on the subject. Students who reach the Grand Final will be given new topics in two sections, Prepared and Impromptu. Each student will receive valuable oral feedback on the speech presentation night.

The Edmund Rice Cultural Centre
80 Hill Street, Toowoomba 4350

Cost of submission for all divisions: \$20

Submissions open 11 March

Heat times: Estimated 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm (to be allocated). Speakers are expected to be in attendance for the whole evening.

The first place winners of the Toowoomba and West Division receive financial support to compete in the Grand Final in Brisbane.

Special needs: For students with a documented and acknowledged hearing, learning, physical, intellectual and/or visual disability, arrangements can be made for the competition.

Contact:

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**Download submission forms from our
website:**

esu.org.au

Prize money is awarded to Grand Final Winners

Senior and Intermediate

Grand Final Winner: \$350
Grand Final Second: \$250
Grand Final Third: \$150

Junior

Grand Final Winner: \$250
Grand Final Second: \$150
Grand Final Third: \$100

Junior (Years 7–8)

Heats: 3 May in Toowoomba
Grand Final: 5 June in Brisbane

Topic: Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life. —Mark Twain
Prepared speech length: 3 minutes
Impromptu: 2 minutes (Grand Final only)

Intermediate (Years 9–10)

Heats: 3 May in Toowoomba
Grand Final: 29 May in Brisbane

Topic: Don't raise your voice, improve your argument. —Desmond Tutu
Prepared speech length: 4 minutes
Impromptu 2 minutes (Grand Final only)

Senior (Years 11–12)

Heats: term three 19 July in Toowoomba
Grand Final: 8 August in Brisbane

Topic: Just because we have the best hammer does not mean that every problem is a nail.
—Barack Obama

Toowoomba and West INTERMEDIATE DIVISION Payment via Humanitix link:

<https://events.humanitix.com/2024-toowoomba-and-west-public-speaking-competition-intermediate-division>