



ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION
QUEENSLAND BRANCH

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2025

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

TOOWOOMBA & WEST REGION

Sharpen your public speaking skills at the
ESU Secondary Schools' Public Speaking Competition!

Venue: Edmund Rice Cultural Centre, 80 Hill Street,
Toowoomba

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

1. **Prepare** your speech for your division's heat with the provided topic (see right).
2. **Present** your speech at your division heat (5.00 pm arrival for a 5.30 pm start for all divisions.)
3. Adjudicators **choose finalists** to continue to the Grand Final and will be given a new topic to prepare.
4. Finalists **deliver** new prepared speech and impromptu speech (2 mins for Junior/Intermediate Divisions, 3 mins for Senior Division) at the Grand Final in Brisbane.

Each student will receive valuable oral feedback on the speech presentation night. Friends, family and school staff all welcome.

Prize money is awarded to the grand final winners in each division.

Visit Humanitix to enter. Entries open 10 March 2025.

Dates & Topics

Junior Division (Gr 7/8)

Heat Date: 3 April

Grand Final Date: 12 June

Heat Topic (3 mins max.):

"The universe is full of magical things, patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper."

- Eden Phillpotts/ WB Yeats

Intermediate Division (Gr 9/10)

Heat Date: 3 April

Grand Final Date: 5 June

Heat Topic (4 mins max.):

"Life is not about finding yourself. It is about creating yourself."

- George Bernard Shaw

Senior Division (Gr 11/12)

Heat Date: 26 June

Grand Final Date: 14 August

Heat Topic (5 mins max.):

"In matters of style, swim with the current. In matters of principle, stand like a rock."

- Thomas Jefferson

Check out further information on our website at www.esu.org.au,