

Rotary District 9650

Windsong Travel

Public Speaking Competition



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Instructions for Youth Directors

The committee has decided to introduce an impromptu section to the competition this year. The impromptu will not come into play until the Semi-finals in Walcha on Saturday, February 26, 2011, but students should be aware of it before they enter the competition.

At Walcha, and at the finals at the District Conference, there will be two sessions. The main 5 minute prepared speech will be held in the first session. For the impromptu section, each student will be handed a topic for their impromptu one minute before they take the stage, and they will deliver a 2 minute speech on that subject.

The brochures and instructions have been delayed this year, so it is important for all Youth Directors to take the brochures to the schools now.

Try to make an appointment with the school to speak with the teacher involved in the debating or public speaking for the school. You will get a much better result. Effective person-to-person liaison with a member of staff is critical in the selection and preparation of students.

Schools choose candidate and notify you by the end of August

Make sure you ask for the entry form to be returned to you by the end of August. Candidates can come from years 10 or 11. They can compete in both these years. These students will be in years 11 and 12 when they compete in the finals.

Club finals by the end of September

If you have more than one student wanting to be sponsored by your club you will need to have a competition to decide your candidate. When you have chosen your candidate, please ask around the other clubs in your cluster to see if they would like to sponsor your excess student(s).

Choose the right adjudicators

Ask someone from a public speaking organisation like Toastmasters to judge – they are very experienced, and will choose the right candidate for you

Cluster finals in October/November

Work with your AG to have your Cluster final complete by the end of November. This will then not interfere with school programs and exams.

The Semi-Finals will be held in Walcha

The nine candidates selected to represent each Cluster will compete to select the final four speakers. This selection will take place in Walcha at the Walcha Central School on Saturday, February 26, 2011. The 2 minute impromptu will be included.

Grand Finals at District Conference 2011

The four finalists will compete at a time to be advised at District Conference to be held in Coonabarabran in March 18, 19 & 20, 2011

If you have any questions, contact either your AG or myself.

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