

**PROGRAM for the  
2025 SHS Country Week  
Speech and Debating Awards 30 June – 4 July  
to be held at the  
Bendat Stadium and  
High Performance Stadium (formerly HBF Stadium)  
Stephenson Ave Mt Claremont**



The Speech and Debating competition is part of Country Week for SHS's  
which is co-ordinated by School Sport WA

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# COUNTRY WEEK SPEECH & DEBATING 2025

## TEAMS COMPETING

|                    | A<br>Debate | B<br>Debate | C<br>Debate | A<br>Own<br>Comp | B/C<br>Own<br>Comp | A<br>Perf Piece | B<br>Perf Piece |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Albany SHS         | 1           | 1           |             | 6                |                    | 7               |                 |
| Broome SHS         |             |             | 1           |                  |                    |                 |                 |
| Bunbury CGS        | 1           | 1           |             | 3                | 4                  | 3               | 4               |
| Bunbury SHS        | 1           |             |             | 4                |                    | 4               |                 |
| Christmas Is DHS   | 1           | 1           |             | 4                | 3                  | 4               | 3               |
| Collie SHS         |             |             | 1           |                  |                    |                 |                 |
| Denmark SHS        | 1           | 1           |             | 4                | 1                  | 3               | 1               |
| Gt Sthn GS         |             |             |             | 1                |                    |                 |                 |
| Karratha SHS       |             | 1           |             |                  | 3                  |                 | 1               |
| Manea SC           | 1           |             |             | 4                |                    | 4               |                 |
| Margaret River SHS | 1           |             |             | 1                |                    | 1               |                 |
| St Luke's C        | 1           |             | 1           | 4                |                    | 3               |                 |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>8</b>    | <b>5</b>    | <b>3</b>    | <b>31</b>        | <b>11</b>          | <b>29</b>       | <b>9</b>        |

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## Monday 30 June

**Bendat Stadium**

**10.00 – 11.30**

**WADL Demonstration Debate (Ellis Room)**

**12.00**

**Debate topics given out in Ellis Mezzanine and Hall of Champions**

| A DIVISION DEBATING POOL 1       |                |                  |           |             |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| Topic Release<br>Ellis Mezzanine | Debate time    | Debate<br>Number | Room      | Room set up | Door Guard     |
| 12.00                            | 1.00 – 2.15    |                  |           |             |                |
| Manea                            | Bunbury CG 1   | 1A               | Ellis Nth | Manea       | BCG            |
| Bunbury SH                       | Margaret River | 2A               | Ellis Sth | BSHS        | Margaret River |

| A DIVISION DEBATING POOL 2      |             |                  |               |              |            |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Topic release<br>Champions Hall | Debate time | Debate<br>Number | Room          | Room set up  | Door Guard |
| 12.00                           | 1.00 – 2.15 |                  |               |              |            |
| Christmas Is 1                  | Denmark 1   | 3A               | Bloomfield LT | Christmas Is | Denmark    |
| St Luke's 1                     | Albany 1    | 4A               | Champions Rm  | St Luke's    | Albany     |

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## Monday 30 June cont'd

| B DIVISION DEBATING              |              |                  |           |             |            |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Topic Release<br>Ellis Mezzanine | Debate time  | Debate<br>Number | Room      | Room set up | Door Guard |
| 1.15                             | 2.15 – 3.30  |                  |           |             |            |
| Albany 2                         | Bunbury CG 2 | 1B               | Ellis Nth | Albany      | BCG        |
| Karratha                         | Denmark 2    | 2B               | Ellis Sth | Karratha    | Denmark    |

| C DIVISION DEBATING             |             |                  |              |             |            |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Topic release<br>Champions Hall | Debate time | Debate<br>Number | Room         | Room set up | Door Guard |
| 1.15                            | 2.15 – 3.30 |                  |              |             |            |
| Broome                          | St Luke's 2 | 1C               | Champions Rm | Broome      | St Luke's  |

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**Tuesday 1 July**

| C DIVISION DEBATING             |             |                  |              |             |            |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Topic release<br>Champions Hall | Debate time | Debate<br>Number | Room         | Room set up | Door Guard |
| 7.30                            | 8.30 – 9.45 |                  |              |             |            |
| St Luke's 2                     | Collie      | 2C               | Champions Rm | St Luke's   | Collie     |

| B DIVISION DBATING               |              |                  |           |              |            |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| Topic Release<br>Ellis Mezzanine | Debate time  | Debate<br>Number | Room      | Room set up  | Door Guard |
| 7.30                             | 8.30 – 9.45  |                  |           |              |            |
| Christmas Is 2                   | Bunbury CG 2 | 3B               | Ellis Nth | Christmas Is | BCG        |
| Albany 2                         | Karratha     | 4B               | Ellis Sth | Albany       | Karratha   |

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**Tuesday 1 July**

| A DIVISION DEBATING POOL 1      |                |                  |               |             |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| Topic release<br>Champions Hall | Debate time    | Debate<br>Number | Room          | Room set up | Door Guard     |
| 8.45                            | 9.45 – 11.00   |                  |               |             |                |
| Bunbury CG 1                    | Margaret River | 5A               | Champions Rm  | BCG         | Margaret River |
| Bunbury SH                      | Manea          | 6A               | Bloomfield LT | BSH         | Manea          |

| A DIVISION DEBATING POOL 2       |              |                  |           |              |            |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| Topic Release<br>Ellis Mezzanine | Debate time  | Debate<br>Number | Room      | Room set up  | Door Guard |
| 8.45                             | 9.45 – 11.00 |                  |           |              |            |
| Denmark 1                        | St Luke's 1  | 7A               | Ellis Nth | Denmark      | St Luke's  |
| Christmas Is 1                   | Albany 1     | 8A               | Ellis Sth | Christmas Is | Albany     |

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## Tuesday 1 July cont'd

| B DIVISION DEBATING             |                |                  |               |              |            |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Topic release<br>Champions Hall | Debate time    | Debate<br>Number | Room          | Room set up  | Door Guard |
| 10.00                           | 11.00 – 12.15  |                  |               |              |            |
| Bunbury CG 2                    | Karratha       | 5B               | Champions Rm  | BCG          | Karratha   |
| Denmark 2                       | Christmas Is 2 | 6B               | Bloomfield LT | Christmas Is | Denmark    |

| C DIVISION DEBATING              |               |                  |           |             |            |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Topic Release<br>Ellis Mezzanine | Debate time   | Debate<br>Number | Room      | Room set up | Door Guard |
| 10.00                            | 11.00 – 12.15 |                  |           |             |            |
| Collie                           | Broome        | 3C               | Ellis Nth | Collie      | Broome     |

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## Tuesday 1 July cont'd

| A Division Performance Piece |                    | School      | Announcer | Timer | Door      | Room set up |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| Ellis Sth                    |                    |             |           |       |           |             |
| Time: 12.00 – 1.00 approx.   |                    |             |           |       |           |             |
| A1                           | Sarah Morrow       | Albany SHS  | Albany    | BSH   | St Luke’s | St Luke’s   |
| A2                           | Caitlyn Rystenberg |             |           |       |           |             |
| A3                           | Will Staude        |             |           |       |           |             |
| A4                           | Sophia Chitty      |             |           |       |           |             |
| A5                           | William Schupp     |             |           |       |           |             |
| A6                           | Rosie Talbot       |             |           |       |           |             |
| A7                           | Molly Thomas       |             |           |       |           |             |
| A8                           | Dannielle Kiddie   | Bunbury SHS |           |       |           |             |
| A9                           | Matilda Somerville |             |           |       |           |             |
| A10                          | Sophie Hawker      |             |           |       |           |             |
| A11                          | Jace Campbell      |             |           |       |           |             |
| A12                          | Chloe Kukura       | St Luke’s   |           |       |           |             |
| A13                          | Chloe Varvell      |             |           |       |           |             |
| A14                          | Havley Parker      |             |           |       |           |             |



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## Tuesday 1 July cont'd

| A Division Performance Piece |                        | School           | Announcer | Timer   | Door | Room set up  |
|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|------|--------------|
| Ellis Sth                    |                        |                  |           |         |      |              |
| Time: 1.15 – 2.15 approx.    |                        |                  |           |         |      |              |
| A15                          | Isabella Chalker       | Manea            | Manea     | Denmark | BCG  | Christmas Is |
| A16                          | Sreesha Shaji          |                  |           |         |      |              |
| A17                          | Georgie Renfree        |                  |           |         |      |              |
| A18                          | Sarah Wilson           |                  |           |         |      |              |
| A19                          | Evelyn Grayson         | Denmark          |           |         |      |              |
| A20                          | Sarah Mconigley        |                  |           |         |      |              |
| A21                          | Luiza Brandao Fagundes |                  |           |         |      |              |
| A22                          | Student A              | Bunbury CGS      |           |         |      |              |
| A23                          | Student B              |                  |           |         |      |              |
| A24                          | Student C              |                  |           |         |      |              |
| A25                          | Ginger Clifford        | Margaret River   |           |         |      |              |
| A26                          | Sophia Retallick       | Christmas Island |           |         |      |              |
| A27                          | Jeslyn Tee             |                  |           |         |      |              |
| A28                          | Inayah Sultan Syed     |                  |           |         |      |              |
| A29                          | Abby Kwong             |                  |           |         |      |              |

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## Tuesday 1 July cont'd

| B Division Performance Piece |                |              |           |              |         |             |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|---------|-------------|
| Ellis Sth                    |                | School       | Announcer | Timer        | Door    | Room set up |
| Time: 2.30 – 3.00 approx     |                |              |           |              |         |             |
| B01                          | Student D      | Bunbury CGS  | BCG       | Christmas Is | Denmark | Karratha    |
| B02                          | Student E      |              |           |              |         |             |
| B03                          | Student F      |              |           |              |         |             |
| B04                          | Student G      |              |           |              |         |             |
| B05                          | Ikram Norazman | Christmas Is |           |              |         |             |
| B06                          | Lumi Hamanaka  |              |           |              |         |             |
| B07                          | Benjamin Tan   |              |           |              |         |             |
| B08                          | Murphy Dowse   | Denmark      |           |              |         |             |
| B09                          | Grace Byrne    | Karratha     |           |              |         |             |

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## Wednesday 2 July

| A DIVISION DEBATING POOL 1      |              |                  |               |                |            |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Topic release<br>Champions Hall | Debate time  | Debate<br>Number | Room          | Room set up    | Door Guard |
| 8.00                            | 9.00 – 10.15 |                  |               |                |            |
| Bunbury SH                      | Bunbury CG   | 9A               | Bloomfield LT | BSH            | BCG        |
| Margaret River                  | Manea        | 10A              | Champions Rm  | Margaret River | Manea      |

| A DIVISION DEBATING POOL 2       |                |                  |           |             |              |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Topic Release<br>Ellis Mezzanine | Debate time    | Debate<br>Number | Room      | Room set up | Door Guard   |
| 8.00                             | 9.00 – 10.15   |                  |           |             |              |
| Albany 1                         | Denmark 1      | 11A              | Ellis Nth | Albany      | Denmark      |
| St Luke's 1                      | Christmas Is 1 | 12A              | Ellis Sth | St Luke's   | Christmas Is |

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## Wednesday 2 July cont'd

| B DIVISION DEBATING             |                |                  |               |              |            |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|
| Topic release<br>Champions Hall | Debate time    | Debate<br>Number | Room          | Room set up  | Door Guard |
| 9.15                            | 10.15 – 11.30  |                  |               |              |            |
| Karratha                        | Christmas Is 2 | 7B               | Champions Rm  | Christmas Is | Karratha   |
| Denmark 2                       | Albany 2       | 8B               | Bloomfield LT |              |            |

| C DIVISION DEBATING              |               |                  |           |             |            |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Topic Release<br>Ellis Mezzanine | Debate time   | Debate<br>Number | Room      | Room set up | Door Guard |
| 9.15                             | 10.15 – 11.30 |                  |           |             |            |
| St Luke's 2                      | Broome        | 4C               | Ellis Nth | St Luke's   | Broome     |

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## Wednesday 2 July cont'd

| A DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION<br>Ellis Sth<br>10.45 – 12.15 approx. |                    | School         | Announcer   | Timer      | Door Guard  | Room set up |
|--|--------------------|----------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| A1   | Dannielle Kiddie   | Bunbury SHS    | Gt Southern | Margaret R | Bunbury SHS | Manea       |
| A2   | Matilda Somerville |                |             |            |             |             |
| A3   | Sophie Hawker      |                |             |            |             |             |
| A4   | Claire Lindroth    |                |             |            |             |             |
| A5   | Isabella Chalker   | Manea          |             |            |             |             |
| A6   | Sreesha Shaji      |                |             |            |             |             |
| A7   | Georgie Renfree    |                |             |            |             |             |
| A8   | Sarah Wilson       |                |             |            |             |             |
| A9   | Will Still         | Margaret River |             |            |             |             |
| A10  | Tilly Bradshaw     | Great Southern |             |            |             |             |
| A11  | Pippa Ekert        | St Luke's      |             |            |             |             |
| A12  | Tahlia Nunn        |                |             |            |             |             |
| A13  | Caleb Mills        |                |             |            |             |             |
| A14  | Cody O'Connor      |                |             |            |             |             |

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## Wednesday 2 July cont'd

| A DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION<br>Ellis Sth<br>1.00 – 2.30 approx. |                        | School       | Announcer | Timer  | Door         | Room set up |
|--|------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|--------------|-------------|
| A15  | Evelyn Grayson         | Denmark      | Denmark   | Albany | Christmas Is | Bunbury CG  |
| A16  | Sarah Mconigley        |              |           |        |              |             |
| A17  | Luiza Brandao Fagundes |              |           |        |              |             |
| A18  | Oakley Donahue         |              |           |        |              |             |
| A19  | Sarah Morrow           | Albany       |           |        |              |             |
| A20  | Caitlyn Rystenberg     |              |           |        |              |             |
| A21  | Will Staude            |              |           |        |              |             |
| A22  | William Schupp         |              |           |        |              |             |
| A23  | Rosie Talbot           |              |           |        |              |             |
| A24  | Molly Thomas           |              |           |        |              |             |
| A25  | Sophia Retallick       | Christmas Is |           |        |              |             |
| A26  | Jeslyn Tee             |              |           |        |              |             |
| A27  | Inayah Sultan Syed     |              |           |        |              |             |
| A28  | Abby Kwong             |              |           |        |              |             |
| A29  | Student A              | Bunbury CG   |           |        |              |             |
| A30  | Student B              |              |           |        |              |             |
| A31  | Student C              |              |           |        |              |             |

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## Wednesday 2 July cont'd

| B DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION<br>Ellis Sth<br>2.45 – 3.15 approx |                | School       | Announcer    | Timer    | Door       | Room set up |
|---|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| B1  | Ikram Norazman | Christmas Is | Christmas Is | Karratha | Bunbury CG | Denmark     |
| B2  | Lumi Hamanaka  |              |              |          |            |             |
| B3  | Benjamin Tan   |              |              |          |            |             |
| B4  | Murphy Dowse   | Denmark      |              |          |            |             |
| B5  | Dylan Black    | Karratha     |              |          |            |             |
| B6  | Grace Byrne    |              |              |          |            |             |
| B7  | Ka'El Calixto  |              |              |          |            |             |
| B8  | Student D      | Bunbury CGS  |              |          |            |             |
| B9  | Student E      |              |              |          |            |             |
| B10   | Student F      |              |              |          |            |             |
| B11   | Student G      |              |              |          |            |             |

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**Thursday 3 July**

| A DIVISION DEBATING SEMI FINALS |                        |        |               |                        |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Topic release<br>Champions Hall | Debate time            | Debate | Room          | Room set up            | Door Guard             |
| 8.00                            | 9.00 – 10.15           |        |               |                        |                        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Pool A          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pool B | 13A    | Bloomfield LT | 1 <sup>st</sup> Pool A | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pool B |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Pool B          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pool A | 14A    | Champions Rm  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Pool B | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pool A |

| A DIVISION DEBATING SEMI FINALS  |                        |        |           |                        |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Topic release<br>Ellis Mezzanine | Debate time            | Debate | Room      | Room set up            | Door Guard             |
| 8.00                             | 9.00 – 10.15           |        |           |                        |                        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pool B           | 4 <sup>th</sup> Pool A | 15A    | Ellis Nth | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pool B | 4 <sup>th</sup> Pool A |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pool A           | 4 <sup>th</sup> Pool B | 16A    | Ellis Sth | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Pool A | 4 <sup>th</sup> Pool B |



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## Thursday 3 July cont'd

| B DIVISION DEBATING              |               |                  |           |              |            |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| Topic Release<br>Ellis Mezzanine | Debate time   | Debate<br>Number | Room      | Room set up  | Door Guard |
| 9.15                             | 10.15 – 11.30 |                  |           |              |            |
| Bunbury CG                       | Denmark 2     | 9B               | Ellis Nth | Bunbury CG   | Denmark    |
| Christmas Is 2                   | Albany 2      | 10B              | Ellis Sth | Christmas Is | Albany     |

| C DIVISION DEBATING             |               |                  |              |             |            |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Topic release<br>Champions Hall | Debate time   | Debate<br>Number | Room         | Room set up | Door Guard |
| 9.15                            | 10.15 – 11.30 |                  |              |             |            |
| Collie                          | St Luke's 2   | 5C               | Champions Rm | Collie      | St Luke's  |

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## Thursday 3 July cont'd

### PERFORMANCE PIECE FINALS IN ELLIS STH

| B DIVISION PERFORMANCE PIECE<br>12.30 – 1.00 approx |  | School | Announcer | Timer | Door | Room set up |
|---|--|--------|-----------|-------|------|-------------|
| B1  |  |        | B1        | B2    | B5   | B6          |
| B2  |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| B3  |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| B4  |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| B5  |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| B6  |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A DIVISION PERFORMANCE PIECE<br>12.45 – 1.15 approx |  | School | Announcer | Timer | Door | Room set up |
| A1  |  |        | A1        | A2    | A7   | A8          |
| A2  |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A3  |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A4  |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A5  |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A6  |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A7  |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A8  |  |        |           |       |      |             |

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## OWN COMPOSITION FINALS IN ELLIS STH

Thursday 3 July cont'd

| B DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION<br>1.15 – 1.45 approx |  | School | Announcer | Timer | Door | Room set up |
|--|--|--------|-----------|-------|------|-------------|
| B1   |  |        | B3        | B4    | B1   | B5          |
| B2   |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| B3   |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| B4   |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| B5   |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| B6   |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION<br>1.45 – 2.30 approx |  | School | Announcer | Timer | Door | Room set up |
| A1   |  |        | A3        | A4    | A5   | A6          |
| A2   |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A3   |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A4   |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A5   |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A6   |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A7   |  |        |           |       |      |             |
| A8   |  |        |           |       |      |             |

2.45 approx. - Presentation of Medallions for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> in A & B divisions for PP and OC

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**Friday 4 July**

| A DIVISION DEBATING FINALS      |             |  |               |             |            |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--|---------------|-------------|------------|
| Topic release<br>Champions Hall | Debate time | Debate<br>Number                           | Room          | Room set up | Door Guard |
| 7.30                            | 8.30 – 9.30 |  |               |             |            |
| Winner 13A                      | Winner 14A  | 17A – for 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> | Bloomfield LT | Winner 13A  | Winner 14A |
| Loser 13A                       | Loser 14A   | 18A – for 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> | Champions Rm  | Loser 13A   | Loser 14A  |

| A DIVISION DEBATING FINALS       |             |  |           |             |            |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Topic release<br>Ellis Mezzanine | Debate time | Debate<br>Number                           | Room      | Room set up | Door Guard |
| 7.30                             | 8.30 – 9.30 |  |           |             |            |
| Winner 15A                       | Winner 16A  | 19A – for 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> | Ellis Nth | Winner 15A  | Winner 16A |
| Loser 15A                        | Loser 16A   | 20A – for 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> | Ellis Sth | Loser 15A   | Loser 16A  |

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## Friday 4 July cont'd

| B DIVISION DEBATING FINALS       |              |  |           |                 |            |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| Topic Release<br>Ellis Mezzanine | Debate time  | Debate                                     | Room      | Room set up     | Door Guard |
| 8.45                             | 9.45 – 10.45 |  |           |                 |            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                  | 2nd          | 11B – for 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> | Ellis Nth | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2nd        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>                  | 4th          | 12B – for 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> | Ellis Sth | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4th        |

| C DIVISION DEBATING             |              |        |              |             |            |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Topic release<br>Champions Hall | Debate time  | Debate | Room         | Room set up | Door Guard |
| 8.45                            | 9.45 – 10.45 |        |              |             |            |
| Broome                          | Collie       | 6C     | Champions Rm | Broome      | Collie     |

- Adjudicators will present medallions for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Debating at the end of each debate
- 11.30am - SPEECH COORDINATORS' MEETING in Ellis Nth to evaluate the week & discuss next year's event
- 1.00pm - HPC Stadium Country Week Closing Ceremony. Trophies for Champion School Speech and Debating, A & B Division Debating and A & B Division Own Comp and Performance Piece will be presented. Winners will be called to receive their trophy.

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## The Debating Competition

1. ALL debates will be impromptu and a coin toss by an organiser will decide which team argues the affirmative case and the negative case. The coin toss will be made before the topic is given.
2. Coin toss and Topic hand out will take place in the Ellis Mezzanine at Bendat Stadium and in the Hall of Champions at HPC Stadium FOR DEBATERS ONLY (NO STAFF) by an Awards Staff Member.
3. In A Division (8 teams) two round robin pools will be conducted. In each pool teams will be ranked according to wins over losses to determine ranks at the conclusion of the round robin. Semi-finals will be cross over debates which will lead to debate finals.
4. In B Division (5 teams) a round robin will be conducted. Teams will be ranked at the conclusion of the round robin according to wins over losses to determine final ranks.  
1<sup>st</sup> ranked will debate against 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked for 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup> ranked will debate against 4<sup>th</sup> ranked for 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup>  
5<sup>th</sup> ranked will debate against 6<sup>th</sup> ranked for 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup>
5. In C Division (3 teams) each team will debate against the other two teams twice. Teams will be ranked at the conclusion of the round robin according to wins over losses to determine final ranks.

### Please note:

- If there are two teams with the same number of points, the team that was the winner of the debate between the two equally ranked teams will be ranked higher.
- If there are three teams with the same number of points, or if two equally ranked teams did not debate against each other, the ranks will be determined by the Average Winning Margins (the team with the highest AWM will be ranked higher).
- The average winning margin is calculated using points scored for a team and against a team.

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224 points for and 223 points against is a AWM of +1.

224 points for and 225 points against is a AWM of -1.

- If two equally ranked teams have the same AWM, then the order of teams will be determined by their average speaker score (the team with the highest speaker score will be ranked higher).
- The average speaker score will be calculated as the average of the total speaker scores for all debates. For example, if a team receives 225 in debate 1, 228 in debate 2, 227 in debate 3 and 229 in debate 4 their Speaker Score is  $909/4 = 227.25$ .

## Impromptu Debate Rules

1. Be on time to greet members of the opposition team.
2. Impromptu debate topics will be given to schools 60 minutes before the start of the debate. The team winning the coin toss will decide whether to argue the affirmative or the negative case BEFORE the topic is given to each team.
3. Both schools must be present for the topic to be given out. However, after 5 minutes, if one school does not have its three members present the teams will be given the topic to begin preparation, with the team with less than its full complement of students being at a disadvantage. If all three members of a team are not present after 5 minutes, the team present will be given the topic to begin prep. The late team will be given the topic when all three team members are present and will have less time to prepare its argument.
4. Preparation will take place in the Ellis Room Mezzanine at Bendat Stadium and in the Hall of Champions at HPC.

All team members will be permitted to take part in the preparation. Schools are requested to advise ALL students, including those taking part in sporting events, that the prep areas are for Debate Prep ONLY and are out of bounds except for students prepping for the next debate on the program.

5. **Teachers are not permitted to be present at the coin toss or at topic handout and are not permitted to take part in the preparation. They can be advised of the topic at the end of prep time when they see their students.**

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6. The internet is not permitted during preparation time. Any team found with an electronic /smart device will automatically be disqualified i.e. no mobile phones, tablets, smart watches etc. permitted. All such devices to be handed to Awards Staff before receiving the topic and to be collected at the end of the debate from the Awards Staff Member.
7. **Teams may use a hard copy dictionary and a hard copy thesaurus only which are to be supplied by each school.**
8. Schools must be seated in the room allocated to their debate 5 minutes before the start of the debate. For every half minute a school team is late there may be a penalty of half a point.

## **SPEECH AWARDS CODES OF CONDUCT**

### **Speakers' Code of Behaviour**

- Be a good sport.
- Participate for enjoyment.
- Work hard for your team as well as yourself.
- Treat the members of every speech team (including opponents) as you enjoy being treated.
- Do not verbally bully or intimidate any person involved with the Speech & Debating Awards, either as a competitor, coach or adjudicator.
- Follow all rules.
- Cooperate with team coaches and officials.
- Control your behaviour on and off the speaking stage.
- Learn to value honest effort, verbal skills and improvement.

### **Coaches/Teachers' Code of Behaviour**

- Set a good example for your speakers.
- Insist on behaviour that is not detrimental to other participants and bullying
- Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual speaking skills.



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- Ensure that the division entered is appropriate for the age group and the verbal skill development level of your students.
- Teach your speakers to be friendly towards officials and opponents.
- Remove from the competition any speaker whose behaviour is not acceptable.
- Abide by the School Sport Australia policy which prohibits smoking and consumption of alcohol by team officials at any time whilst in the direct supervision of students.
- It is the responsibility of all coaches to ensure that none of their students goes to debate prep with any electronic devices in pockets, on wrists or in bags or cases.

***NO INTIMIDATION is permitted throughout the Country Week Speech and Debating Awards.***

***At the coin toss for debates, opposing teams may greet each other & shake hands and then follow the no intimidation / contact rule (no talking between the teams during coin toss, prep, and debate) until after the result of the debate is announced, when teams may offer congratulations.***