

2025 SHS Country Week

Speech and Debating Awards 30 June – 4 July

to be held at

Bendat Basketball Centre

(Underwood Ave)

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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TEAMS COMPETING

	A Debate	B Debate	C Debate	A Own Comp	B/C Own Comp	A Perf Piece	B Perf Piece
Albany SHS	1	1		4		7	
Broome SHS			1				
Bunbury Catholic College			1				
Bunbury Cathedral GS	1	1		3	3	3	2
Bunbury SHS	1			4		4	
Christmas Is DHS	1	1		4	3	4	3
Collie SHS			1				
Cunderdin WACOA			1				
Denmark SHS	1	1		4	1	3	1
Great Southern GS				2			
Hope Christian College		1					
Karratha SHS		1			3		1
Manea SC	1			4		4	
Margaret River SHS	1			1		1	
St Luke's College	1		1	4		3	
TOTALS	8	6	5	30	10	28	8

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Monday 30 June

10.00 – 11.30: WADL Demonstration Debate (Bendat Stadium, Ellis Room)

12.00noon: Debate topics released in Ellis Mezzanine and Hall of Champions

A DIVISION DEBATING POOL 1					
Topic Release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
12.00	1.00 – 2.15				
Manea	BCGS 1	1A	Ellis Nth	Manea	BCG
BSHS	Margaret River	2A	Ellis Sth	BSHS	Margaret River

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

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B DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic Release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
1.15	2.15 – 3.30				
Pool 1					
Albany 2	BCGS 2	1B	Ellis Nth	Albany	BCGS
Pool 2					
Christmas Is 2	Denmark 2	2B	Ellis Sth	Christmas Is 2	Denmark

C DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
1.15	2.15 – 3.30				
Broome	BCC	1C	Champions Rm	Broome	BCC
Collie	Cunderdin	2C	Bloomfield LT	Collie	Cunderdin

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Tuesday 1 July – note concurrent sessions this morning - see pages 5 and 6

A Division Performance Piece Bloomfield LT HPC - 8.30 – 10.00		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
PPA01	Sarah Morrow	Albany SHS	Albany	BSHS	St Luke's	St Luke's
PPA02	Caitlyn Rystenber					
PPA03	Will Staude					
PPA04	Sophia Chitty					
PPA05	William Schupp					
PPA06	Rosie Talbot					
PPA07	Molly Thomas					
PPA08	Dannielle Kiddie	Bunbury SHS				
PPA19	Matilda Somerville					
PPA10	Sophie Hawker					
PPA11	Jace Campbell					
PPA12	Chloe Kukura	St Luke's				
PPA13	Chloe Varvell					
PPA14	Hayley Parker					

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Tuesday 1 July cont'd

B Division Performance Piece Champions Room at HPC - 9.00 – 10.00 approx.		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
PPB01	Malak Mohamed	BCGS	BCGS	Christmas Is	Margaret River	Karratha
PPB02	Ariella Butler					
PPB03	Ikram Norazman	Christmas Is				
PPB04	Lumi Hamanaka					
PPB05	Benjamin Tan					
PPB06	Murphy Dowse	Denmark				
PPB07	Grace Byrne	Karratha				
PPB08	Ginger Clifford	Margaret River				

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A Division Performance Piece Bloomfield LT HPC - 10.15 – 11.45 approx.		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
PPA15	Isabella Chalker	Manea	Manea	BCGS	Denmark	Christmas Is
PPA16	Sreesha Shaji					
PPA17	Georgie Renfree					
PPA18	Sarah Wilson					
PPA19	Oliver Barret	BCGS				
PPA20	Henry McGregor					
PPA21	Charlotte Rawlinson					
PPA22	Evelyn Grayson	Denmark				
PPA23	Sarah Mconigley					
PPA24	Luiza Brandao Fagundes					
PPA25	Sophia Retallick	Christmas Is				
PPA26	Jeslyn Tee					
PPA27	Inayah Sultan Syed					
PPA28	Abby Kwong					

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Tuesday 1 July cont'd

A DIVISION DEBATING POOL 1					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
12.45	1.45 – 3.00				
BCGS 1	Margaret River	5A	Ellis Nth	BCGS	Margaret River
BSHS	Manea	6A	Ellis Sth	BSHS	Manea

A DIVISION DEBATING POOL 2					
Topic Release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
12.45	1.45 – 3.00				
Denmark 1	St Luke's 1	7A	Champions Rm	Denmark	St Luke's
Christmas Is 1	Albany 1	8A	Bloomfield LT	Christmas Is	Albany

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Tuesday 1 July cont'd

C DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
2.00	3.00 – 4.15				
St Luke's 2	BCC	3C	Ellis Nth	St Luke's	BCC
Broome	Collie	4C	Ellis Sth	Broome	Collie

B DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic Release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
2.00	3.00 – 4.15				
Pool 1					
Hope	Albany 2	3B	Champions Rm	Hope	Albany
Pool 2					
Denmark	Karratha	4B	Bloomfield LT	Denmark	Karratha

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Wednesday 2 July

A DIVISION DEBATING POOL 1					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
8.00	9.00 – 10.15				
BSHS	BCGS	9A	Ellis Nth	BSHS	BCGS
Margaret River	Manea	10A	Ellis Sth	Margaret River	Manea

A DIVISION DEBATING POOL 2					
Topic Release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
8.00	9.00 – 10.15				
Albany 1	Denmark 1	11A	Champions Rm	Albany	Denmark
St Luke's 1	Christmas Is 1	12A	Bloomfield LT	St Luke's	Christmas Is

A division teams to be ranked 1 to 4 in each pool

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Wednesday 2 July cont'd

B DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
9.15	10.15 – 11.30				
Pool 1					
Hope	BCGS 2	5B	Ellis Nth	Hope	BCGS
Pool 2					
Christmas Is 2	Karratha	6B	Ellis Sth	Christmas Is 2	Karratha

B division teams to be ranked 1 – 3 in each pool

C DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic Release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
9.15	10.15 – 11.30				
Broome	Cunderdin	5C	Champions Rm	Broome	Cunderdin
Collie	St Luke's	6C	Bloomfield LT	Collie	St Luke's

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Wednesday 2 July cont'd

A DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION Ellis Sth - 10.45 - 12.15 approx.		School	Announcer	Timer	Door Guard	Room set up
OCA01	Dannielle Kiddie	Bunbury SHS	GSGS	Margaret R	BSHS	Albany
OCA02	Matilda Somerville					
OCA03	Sophie Hawker					
OCA04	Claire Lindroth					
OCA05	Isabella Chalker	Manea				
OCA06	Sreesha Shaji					
OCA07	Georgie Renfree					
OCA08	Sarah Wilson					
OCA09	Will Still	Margaret River				
OCA10	Sarah Morrow	Albany				
OCA11	Caitlyn Rystenber					
OCA12	Rosie Talbot					
OCA13	Molly Thomas					
OCA14	Tilly Bradshaw	Great Southern				
OCA15	Fraser Syme					

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Wednesday 2 July cont'd

A DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION Ellis Sth – 12.30 - 2.00 approx.		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
OCA16	Evelyn Grayson	Denmark	St Luke's	Christmas Is	BCGS	Hope
OCA17	Sarah Mconigley					
OCA18	Luiza Brandao Fagundes					
OCA19	Oakley Donahue					
OCA20	Pippa Ekert	St Luke's				
OCA21	Tahlia Nunn					
OCA22	Caleb Mills					
OCA23	Cody O'Connor					
OCA24	Sophia Retallick	Christmas Is				
OCA25	Jeslyn Tee					
OCA26	Inayah Sultan Syed					
OCA27	Abby Kwong					
OCA28	Oliver Barret	BCGS				
OCA29	Charlotte Rawlinson					
OCA30	Malak Mohamed					
OCA31	Ilsa Pritchard	Hope				

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Wednesday 2 July cont'd

B DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION Ellis Sth - 2.15 – 3.00 approx.		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
OCB01	Ikram Norazman	Christmas Is	Christmas Is	Karratha	BCGS	Denmark
OCB02	Lumi Hamanaka					
OCB03	Benjamin Tan					
OCB04	Murphy Dowse	Denmark				
OCB05	Dylan Black	Karratha				
OCB06	Grace Byrne					
OCB07	Ka'El Calixto					
OCB08	Oliver Barret	BCGS				
OCB09	Charlotte Rawlinson					
OCB10	Malak Mohamed					

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Thursday 3 July

B DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic Release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
7.30	8.30 – 9.45				
1 st Pool 1	2 nd Pool 2	7B	Ellis Nth	1 st Pool 1	2 nd Pool 2
2 nd Pool 1	1 st Pool 2	8B	Ellis Sth	2 nd Pool 1	1 st Pool 2

C DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
7.30	8.30 – 9.45				
Broome	St Luke's 2	7C	Champions Rm	Broome	Luke's
Cunderdin	BCC	8C	Bloomfield LT	Cunderdin	BCC

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Thursday 3 July cont'd

A DIVISION DEBATING SEMI FINALS					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
8.45	9.45 – 11.00				
1 st Pool A	2 nd Pool B	13A	Ellis Nth	1 st Pool A	2 nd Pool B
1 st Pool B	2 nd Pool A	14A	Ellis Sth	1 st Pool B	2 nd Pool A

A DIVISION DEBATING SEMI FINALS					
Topic release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
8.45	9.45 – 11.00				
3 rd Pool B	4 th Pool A	15A	Champions Rm	3 rd Pool B	4 th Pool A
3 rd Pool A	4 th Pool B	16A	Bloomfield LT	3 rd Pool A	4 th Pool B

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Thursday 3 July cont'd

B DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic Release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
10.00	11.00 – 12.15				
3 rd Pool 1	3 rd Pool 2	9B for 5 th / 6 th	Ellis Nth	3 rd Pool 1	3 rd Pool 2

PERFORMANCE PIECE FINALS IN ELLIS STH 12.45pm – 1.45pm approx.

A DIVISION PERFORMANCE PIECE	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
A1 – A8 finalists	A1	A2	A7	A8
B DIVISION PERFORMANCE PIECE	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
B1 – B5 finalists	B1	B2	B4	B5

OWN COMPOSITION FINALS IN ELLIS STH 2.00pm – 3.00pm approx.

A DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
A1 – A8 finalists	A1	A2	A7	A8
B DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
B1 – B5 finalists	B1	B2	B4	B5

3.00pm approx. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLIONS

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Friday 4 July

A DIVISION DEBATING FINALS					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
7.30	8.30 – 9.45				
Winner 13A	Winner 14A	17A for 1 st / 2 nd	Ellis Nth	Winner 13A	Winner 14A
Loser 13A	Loser 14A	18A for 3 rd / 4 th	Ellis Sth	Loser 13A	Loser 14A

A DIVISION DEBATING FINALS					
Topic release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
7.30	8.30 – 9.45				
Winner 15A	Winner 16A	19A for 5 th / 6 ^h	Champions Rm	Winner 15A	Winner 16A
Loser 15A	Loser 16A	20A for 7 th / 8 th	Bloomfield LT	Loser 15A	Loser 16A

Adjudicators will present medallions for 1st, 2nd, 3rd at the end of debates 17 and 18

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Friday 4 July cont'd

B DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
8.45	9.45 – 11.00				
Winner 7B	Winner 8B	11B for 1 st / 2 nd	Ellis Nth	BCGS	Albany
Loser 7B	Loser 8B	12B for 3 rd / 4 th	Ellis Sth	Denmark	Karratha

Adjudicators will present medallions for 1st, 2nd, 3rd at the end of debates 11B and 12B

C DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
8.45	9.45 – 11.00				
Collie	BCC	9C	Champions Rm	Collie	BCC
St Luke's 2	Cunderdin	10C	Bloomfield LT	St Luke's	Cunderdin

Adjudicators will present medallions for 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the Champions Room once they receive the results by SMS from Denyse

12.30pm - HPC Stadium - Country Week Closing Ceremony. Trophies for Champion School Speech and Debating + A, B and C Division Debating +

A & B Division Own Composition and Performance Piece will be presented. Winners to be positioned so that they can move quickly to receive their trophy.

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The Debating Competition

1. ALL debates will be impromptu and a coin toss by a supervisor 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 Supervisor.
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.
1st ranked will debate against 2nd ranked for 1st / 2nd
3rd ranked will debate against 4th ranked for 3rd / 4th
5th ranked will debate against 6th ranked for 5th / 6th
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.
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 $909/4 = 227.25$.

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Impromptu Debate Rules

1. A coin toss by a supervisor will decide which team argues the affirmative and negative cases. The coin toss will be made before the topic is given.
2. *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.*
3. Coin toss and topic release 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 Supervisor. **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.**
4. Debate topics will be released 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.
5. Both schools must be present for the topic to be released. However, after 5 minutes, if one school does not have 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.
6. Preparation will take place in the Ellis Room Mezzanine at Bendat Stadium and in the Hall of Champions at HPC.
 - a. All team members will be permitted to take part in the preparation.
 - b. 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.
7. The internet is not permitted during preparation time or during a debate. No mobile phones, tablets, smart watches etc. are permitted. All such devices are to be left with the team's Speech Coordinator before going to Coin Toss and Topic Release. Before the coin toss the Awards Supervisor will check that no one has an electronic device and will confiscate any such devices until the end of the debate.
8. After the coin toss any team found with an electronic / smart device will automatically forfeit the debate for which they are prepping.
9. **Teams may use a hard copy dictionary and a hard copy thesaurus ONLY. To be supplied by each school.**
10. Teams 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.

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

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SPEECH AWARDS CODES OF CONDUCT

Speakers' Code of Behaviour

- Be on time to greet members of the opposition team.
- 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.
- 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.