

As at 020625 - AMENDED PROGRAM

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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COUNTRY WEEK SPEECH & DEBATING 2025

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 CC			1				
Bunbury CGS	1	1		3	3	3	2
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				2			
Karratha SHS		1			3		1
Manea SC	1			4		4	
Margaret River SHS	1			1		1	
St Luke's C	1		1	4		3	
TOTALS	8	5	4	30	10	28	8

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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 Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate 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 Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate 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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B DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic Release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate 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 Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
1.15	2.15 – 3.30				
Broome	Collie	1C	Champions Rm	Broome	St Luke's
St Luke's 2	Bunbury CC	2C	Bloomfield LT	St Luke's	Bunbury CC

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Tuesday 1 July

A DIVISION DEBATING POOL 1					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate 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 Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate 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

C DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
7.30	8.30 – 9.45				
St Luke's 2	Collie	3C	Champions Rm	St Luke's	Collie
Broome	Bunbury CC	4C	Bloomfield LT	Broome	Bunbury CC

B DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic Release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate 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 cont'd

A Division Performance Piece Ellis Sth Time: 12.00 – 1.00 approx.		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
PPA01	Isabella Chalker	Manea	St Luke's	Bunbury SH	Manea	St Luke's
PPA02	Sreesha Shaji					
PPA03	Georgie Renfree					
PPA04	Sarah Wilson					
PPA05	Oliver Barret	Bunbury CGS				
PPA06	Henry McGregor					
PPA07	Charlotte Rawlinson					
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

A Division Performance Piece Ellis Sth Time: 1.15 – 2.15 approx.		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
PPA15	Sarah Morrow	Albany SHS	Albany	Denmark	Christmas Is	Christmas Is
PPA16	Caitlyn Rystenberg					
PPA17	Will Staude					
PPA18	Sophia Chitty					
PPA19	William Schupp					
PPA20	Rosie Talbot					
PPA21	Molly Thomas					
PPA22	Evelyn Grayson	Denmark				
PPA23	Sarah Mconigley					
PPA24	Luiza Brandao Fagundes					
PPA25	Sophia Retallick	Christmas Island				
PPA26	Jeslyn Tee					
PPA27	Inayah Sultan Syed					
PPA28	Abby Kwong					

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Tuesday 1 July cont'd

B Division Performance Piece Ellis Sth Time: 2.15 – 3.00 approx		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
PPB01	Malak Mohamed	Bunbury CG	BCG	Christmas Is	Denmark	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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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				
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 Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate 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 Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
9.15	10.15 – 11.30				
Karratha	Christmas Is 2	5B	Ellis Nth	Christmas Is	Karratha
Denmark 2	Albany 2	6B	Ellis Sth	Denmark	Albany

C DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic Release Ellis Mezzanine	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
9.15	10.15 – 11.30				
St Luke's 2	Broome	5C	Champions Rm	St Luke's	Broome
Collie	Bunbury CC	6C	Bloomfield LT	Collie	Bunbury CC

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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	Bunbury SHS	Manea
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	Pippa Ekert	St Luke's				
OCA11	Tahlia Nunn					
OCA12	Caleb Mills					
OCA13	Cody O'Connor					
OCA14	Tilly Bradshaw	Great Southern				
OCA15	Fraser Syme					

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Wednesday 2 July cont'd

A DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION Ellis Sth 1.00 – 2.30 approx.		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
OCA16	Evelyn Grayson	Denmark	Denmark	Albany	Christmas Is	BCG
OCA17	Sarah Mconigley					
OCA18	Luiza Brandao Fagundes					
OCA19	Oakley Donahue					
OCA20	Sarah Morrow	Albany				
OCA21	Caitlyn Rystenberg					
OCA22	Rosie Talbot					
OCA23	Molly Thomas					
OCA24	Sophia Retallick	Christmas Is				
OCA25	Jeslyn Tee					
OCA26	Inayah Sultan Syed					
OCA27	Abby Kwong					
OCA28	Oliver Barret	Bunbury CG				
OCA29	Charlotte Rawlinson					
OCA30	Malak Mohamed					

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Wednesday 2 July cont'd

B DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION Ellis Sth 2.45 – 3.15 approx		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
OCB01	Ikram Norazman	Christmas Is	Christmas Is	Karratha	Bunbury CG	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	Bunbury CGS				
OCB09	Charlotte Rawlinson					
OCB10	Malak Mohamed					

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Thursday 3 July

A DIVISION DEBATING SEMI FINALS					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
8.00	9.00 – 10.15				
1 st Pool A	2 nd Pool B	13A	Bloomfield LT	1 st Pool A	2 nd Pool B
1 st Pool B	2 nd Pool A	14A	Champions Rm	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
8.00	9.00 – 10.15				
3 rd Pool B	4 th Pool A	15A	Ellis Nth	3 rd Pool B	4 th Pool A
3 rd Pool A	4 th Pool B	16A	Ellis Sth	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
9.15	10.15 – 11.30				
Bunbury CG	Denmark 2	7B	Ellis Nth	Bunbury CG	Denmark
Christmas Is 2	Albany 2	8B	Ellis Sth	Christmas Is	Albany

C DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate Number	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
9.15	10.15 – 11.30				
1 st Ranked	4 th Ranked	7C	Champions Rm	1 st Ranked	4 th Ranked
2 nd Ranked	3 rd Ranked	8C	Bloomfield LT	2 nd Ranked	3 rd Ranked

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Thursday 3 July cont'd

PERFORMANCE PIECE FINALS IN ELLIS STH

A DIVISION PERFORMANCE PIECE 11.45 – 12.15 approx		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
A1			A1	A2	A7	A8
A2						
A3						
A4						
A5						
A6						
A7						
A8						
B DIVISION PERFORMANCE PIECE 12.30 – 1.00 approx		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
B1			B1	B2	B4	B5
B2						
B3						
B4						
B5						

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OWN COMPOSITION FINALS IN ELLIS STH

Thursday 3 July cont'd

A DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION 1.15 – 2.00 approx		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
A1			A1	A2	A7	A8
A2						
A3						
A4						
A5						
A6						
A7						
A8						
B DIVISION OWN COMPOSITION 2.15 – 2.30 approx		School	Announcer	Timer	Door	Room set up
B1			B1	B2	B4	B5
B2						
B3						
B4						
B5						

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

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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	Bloomfield LT	Winner 13A	Winner 14A
Loser 13A	Loser 14A	18A for 3 rd /4 th	Champions Rm	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 4 th /5 th	Ellis Nth	Winner 15A	Winner 16A
Loser 15A	Loser 16A	20A for 6 th /7 th	Ellis Sth	Loser 15A	Loser 16A

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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
11.00	12.00 – 1.15				
Bunbury CG 2	Karratha	9B	Ellis Nth	BCG	Karratha
Denmark 2	Christmas Is 2	10B	Ellis Sth	Christmas Is	Denmark

C DIVISION DEBATING					
Topic release Champions Hall	Debate time	Debate	Room	Room set up	Door Guard
8.45	9.45 – 11.00				
Winner 7C	Winner 8C	9C for 1 st /2 nd	Champions Rm	Winner 7C	Winner 8C
Loser 7C	Loser 8C	10C for 3 rd /4 th	Bloomfield LT	Loser 7C	Loser 8C

- Adjudicators will present medallions for 1st, 2nd, 3rd 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
- 12.30pm - 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 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.