



2021 EHPS PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAM

As part of developing public speaking skills, our school participates in the annual Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition, which is conducted in government schools throughout the state. All students are required to participate in the public speaking program at EHPS; however it is not a requirement that all students enter the competition.

All students in Years 3-6 are required to present two speeches in class:

- A prepared speech from the list of topics given below for competitive speakers or a persuasive topic of choice for non-competitive speakers
- An impromptu speech with only five minutes preparation time

Non-competitive speeches do not need to relate to multiculturalism. Please discuss possible topics with your child to find something they know and care about, so that they can think of ideas and present confidently. A few ideas for starters could be; food of the world, a kind friend is..., everyone belongs, I am Australian, or perhaps a topic persuading parents or siblings to your point of view. Look at the local newspapers for topical local issues; scan any media for an age-appropriate topic; what would you like to change about school etc.

Prepared Speech

All students must plan and present a *prepared speech*. **Your teacher will advise the students when their speech is required to be presented – it will be during Weeks 1 - 4, Term 2.** Please discuss the topics with your child and, if necessary, help them prepare.

- **Years 3 and 4 children should speak for 3 minutes, Years 5 and 6 should speak for 4 minutes.**
- **Years 5 and 6 all choose from the listed competitive topics, regardless of whether they are competing.**

Year 3 and 4 students may choose whether they wish to enter the Multicultural Competition **or, instead**, choose to give a persuasive speech on any topic. **Anyone who wishes to be considered for the competition must choose from the competition list.**

Each class teacher will select the two strongest speakers from his/her class based on both their multicultural topic speeches and their impromptu speeches. Each school sends two representatives from Years 3 and 4 and from Years 5 and 6 to the Northern Beaches District finals.

In non-competitive speeches only *students may bring one or two props which help them and may base their speech just on their personal experience.*

Impromptu Speeches

Each child will give an impromptu speech on a general topic given by the teacher e.g. being a friend, being different, a happy memory, an accident. Five minutes will be given to prepare for a **one minute speech for Years 3 and 4, and a two minute speech for Years 5 and 6.** The class teacher will consider the impromptu speech as well as the second prepared speech in choosing the two class finalists. You may like to practise some impromptu speeches at home as well.

If your child wishes to enter the Public Speaking Competition, please read the following information:

Multicultural Perspectives Competition

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition is open to all NSW government primary schools. The competition has two different age divisions – one for Years 3&4 students and one for Years 5&6 students. Schools can enter a maximum of 2 contestants in each of the two age divisions, totalling 4 contestants overall.

What are the speaking requirements?

At each stage of the competition contestants present both a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. For their prepared speech, contestants must choose a topic from the list of topics at the bottom of the next page. The prepared speech must convey a multicultural message. The impromptu speech is chosen by the adjudicator on the day, and will be on a general, non-multicultural theme. Contestants will have 5 minutes to write their impromptu speeches. The speaking times for each speech and division are outlined below. Note that speakers are expected to finish at or just beyond the official speaking time, and it will be considered poor timing to reach the continuous bell.

Division / Speech	Warning bell	Speaking time (2 bells)	Continuous bell
Years 3 & 4 prepared speech	2 minutes	3 minutes	4 minutes
Years 3 & 4 impromptu speech	30 seconds	1 minute	1 ½ minutes
Years 5 & 6 prepared speech	3 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes
Years 5 & 6 impromptu speech	1 ½ minutes	2 minutes	2 ½ minutes

What are the adjudicators looking for?

The adjudicators will make their decision based on the matter, manner and method of the speakers. They will expect contestants to be confident and engaging, and will prefer speeches which balance personal opinion with information, and humour with sincerity. The prepared speeches need to show an understanding of multiculturalism, but the impromptu speeches do not. Finally, adjudicators will give equal consideration to the prepared and impromptu speeches. Detailed advice for speakers will be available on our website at artsunit.nsw.edu.au.

What are the rules of the competition?

Other than the entry rules and speaking times detailed above, it should also be noted that contestants are not allowed to use any props or external aids such as PowerPoint presentations during their speeches. They are encouraged to speak from palm cards and must present without the use of a lectern or microphone. Finally, a reminder that the prepared speech must have multicultural content.

How does the competition run?

Schools conduct their own internal competition to select 2 representatives for each division of the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. **The State Coordinator will then advise all contestants of the date and venue of their local final which will be held in the last four weeks of term 2.** The winners of local finals will proceed to one of 8 regional finals which will be held in August. Regional winners will proceed to the state final.

Please see your class teacher if you need any further assistance.

Years 3 & 4 Topics	Years 5 & 6 Topics
Stronger together	Stronger together
We are one and free	Racism: it's everyone's business
Racism – no way!	January 26
The Olympics – bringing people together	Sport – making a difference
Australia on TV	Media Matters
Language matters	Australia – where to next?
Sharing	It's complicated

Years 3 & 4 Topics	Years 5 & 6 Topics
Kids lead the way!	A safe place to call home
Reconciliation	Healing
Where do I belong?	Global voices