



About the Lions Junior Public Speaking competition...

- This program has been running successfully since 2007.
 - It is now an Australia wide program and more schools & clubs get involved each year.
 - Students really enjoy the program and reap the benefits for years to come.
 - Teachers are enjoying the program and are making it part of their class curriculum.
- This competition is run for primary students in Grades 3 to 6, to give students in Primary schools the chance to develop their public speaking skills in a supportive environment.

Why should Lions Clubs & Schools be involved?

- Similar programs often do not exist in our Primary Schools or are often difficult for them to access, particularly in remote and rural areas.
- Public speaking not only boosts a student's self-confidence but also helps them become better leaders and communicators. It also empowers them to successfully give a presentation in class, at work, or in other professional settings.
- This program helps to create a wonderful, long-lasting relationship between Lions and the schools in their community.

What skills do Student Develop through this Program?

- Public Speaking can in improving academic performance.
- It helps in improving their listening skills.
- It helps students develop the ability to voice opinions and influence others.
- It empowers kids to overcome fear in a supportive environment.
- It prepares the child for a better future.
- It allows them to research information through a number of platforms – books, internet, family, friends & community members.

How does the program work?

Prepared Speeches

- Students are given a topic for their prepared speech, chosen by Lions, and this topic remains the same throughout the competition.
- Years 3 & 4 students are asked to prepare a 3-minute speech. Years 5 & 6 students are asked to prepare a 4-minute speech.



Short Preparation Speech

- For students in year 5-6 only. At the club, zone/region & district level, they are given a topic and 10 minutes to prepare a 1-minute response to this topic. This has been included as an added challenge for students who have already shown that they are skilful at preparing and delivering a prepared speech.

There are four levels to the competition...

School Level

Competition – held at each participating school in a Lions area.

Usually held by the end of June

Club Level

Competition – Students representing their individual school/s will compete to become Club Representative.

Usually held by the end of July

Zone/Regional

Competition – representatives chosen at Club level will compete within their Zone/Region.

Usually held by 2nd week in August

District Competition

– winners from the Zone/Regional competition will compete at District Level, at a central location within the district.

Held on the last Sunday in August



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LIONS CLUB in your
community... **YOU'LL** reap the
benefits as much as they will!



Rules of the Competition...

As with any competition, there are rules to follow so that everyone has the same opportunity.

Presentation of Speeches

Students should present their speeches from the floor or stage.

- **NO** props, photos, or slideshows during their speech
- **NO** lecterns - this allows for judges to see the student clearly.
- **Microphones** are allowed, BUT not necessary to use one if you don't have access to one.
- **Remember** it is a speech, not a drama performance.

Judging Criteria

Students will be scored on the following...

- **Content** - The content of their speech must have a beginning, middle and end. Students will be judged on how well researched their topic is, appropriate use of language, how well they address the theme.
- **Delivery** - Their delivery should be confidence, unobtrusive use of notes, good use of gestures, voice projection is particularly important as well as their ability to engage the audience.

What to do now?

If you are interested in finding out more about this impressive program, check out our website -

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Speak to your local Lions Club. You can find it here –

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