

Rostrum Voice of Youth Speaking Competition 2017

Payment Form

Name	Phone
School	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
School Contact Person	Email
Age Division – Age at 1 Jan 2017 (please circle) JUNIOR (over 10 years and under 15 years) SENIOR (18 years or younger)	
Entry cost is \$15 per student. Payment is by cheque or electronic funds transfer (direct deposit). Please tick payment method.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheque Made payable to <u>Rostrum Voice of Youth WA</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit) BSB: 036-078 Account No.: 22-4121 Account Name: Rostrum Voice of Youth WA Reference: <u>Please enter your name and school.</u>
Name of Payee (Parent/Guardian/School Contact)	
Signature of Payee	

Submit your completed Payment Form along with the enclosed Entry Form no later than Friday 31 March 2017 by mail to

The Secretary, Rostrum Voice of Youth WA
31 Sandalwood Ave, Woodlands WA 6018

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The Rules of the Competition

- The Competition is open to secondary school students attending a school in Western Australia on a full-time basis.
- No student may be entered into the Competition without the consent of that student.
- The Competition comprises two age Divisions, based on the student's age at 1 January 2017:
 - **Junior:** students aged over 10 years and under 15 years as of 1 January 2017
 - **Senior:** students 18 years or younger as of 1 January 2017.
- Students eligible for entry in the Junior Division may, at their request, compete in the Senior Division of the Competition. Students may only compete in one Division in any given year.
- Past winners of a Division are eligible to re-enter that same Division provided they meet the age criterion.
- All students will be required, as applicable, to sign a waiver permitting use of photographs and recordings taken of them for purposes of promoting the Competition.
- Students wishing to use Competition venues for practice are required to make appropriate arrangements with the Rostrum Voice of Youth WA State Coordinator.

Competition Levels

- The Competition officially comprises a round of Preliminary Heats, Semi-Finals, Regional Finals, the State Final and the National Final. Students who place first and second in their respective Heats will progress to the Semi-Final. Students who place in the Semi-Final will progress to the State Final.
- The winner of the State Final will represent Western Australia at the National Final.

Speeches

- Students are required to prepare a speech for presentation at the Preliminary Heats and, if applicable, the Semi-Final.
- New speech topics will be provided for presentation at the State Final and, if applicable, the National Final.
- Students are required to prepare a new speech using these new topics for presentation at the State Final. This new speech must not contain content from speeches used in the earlier rounds of the competition. Use of previous material will result in disqualification.
- The Preliminary round of the Competition comprises presentation of Prepared Speeches only. The duration of Prepared Speeches are 6 minutes for the Junior Division and 8 minutes for the Senior Division.
- The remaining later rounds of the Competition comprise presentation of both Prepared Speeches of these durations in addition to the presentation of Short Notice or Impromptu Speeches. Each student will receive 15 minutes to prepare a 3 minute speech from a selection of three unseen topics.
- A warning bell will be sounded at 5 and 6 minutes in the Junior Prepared Speeches, 6 and 8 minutes in the Senior Prepared Speeches, and at 2 and 3 minutes in the Short Notice Speeches.
- The use of palm cards in the Prepared Speech section of the Finals is strongly discouraged.
- Only Rostrum-approved and –supplied palm cards are permitted for use in the Short Notice speeches. No dictionaries, reference material or notes of any kind are permitted in the preparation room.

Adjudication

- The Semi-Final and subsequent rounds will be adjudicated by no less than 3 adjudicators.
- The ultimate placing of each competitor is based on the aggregate of points awarded by adjudicators for that competitor. Adjudication guidelines are those approved by the Australian Rostrum Council. The Adjudicators' decision shall be final.
- The Prepared Speech section carries a maximum of 100 marks. The Short Notice section carries a maximum of 70 marks. The total possible marks for both sections is 170.
- A variation in a speaker's timing in either section is permitted if it does not exceed 30 seconds either side of the time limit. Outside this limit, adjudicators may choose to deduct marks.

National Final

- The winner of the State Final will represent Western Australia at the National Final subject to further requirements that will be disclosed as appropriate.