

Background Speakers Competition Years 7 - 12

****Important Rules****

- For Background Speaker divisions, speeches must be the original work of the contestant. This means they must be written by the students themselves. Any help or assistance provided by teachers or background speakers should be limited to correcting grammatical errors or suggesting minor alterations for the sake of continuity.
- Students who have competed in previous contests may not reuse speeches from past years.
- If the number of entrants is fewer than three, the contest for that division will be cancelled. In such a case, the convenor (Yoko MacDonald; YMacDonald@abpat.qld.edu.au) will notify the teacher who registered the student(s) at the earliest opportunity.
- Please refer to the section below for the speech topic and length.

Yrs 7, 8: Open Topic (up to 1½ min)

Yrs 9,10: Open Topic (up to 2 min)

Yrs 11,12: Open Topic (up to 3 min)

****Instructions for Background Speaker Contestants****

- Give a copy of your speech to the judges prior to presentation.
- Palm cards may be used in note form, but familiarity and fluency will be rewarded.
- Questions will be asked by judges, related to the individual speech topic, after speech presentation.
- For this division, parents will be advised not to come into the contest room.