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of Speech

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2022

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 2022

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Pymble Ladies' College

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Durrumurragal as the traditional owners of the land on which Pymble Ladies' College is situated. We respect their elders, past and present.

As we launch this 2022 IGSA Festival of Speech and as we come together to celebrate the gifts of Speech and Drama,

we acknowledge that the traditional custodians of this land were our first speech makers and our first storytellers. Let us remember that the oral tradition extends far beyond the birth of a Ladies' College on this site, and far beyond the introduction of Debating competitions and Festivals of Speech in our IGSA schools.

Host Principal's welcome



WELCOME TO THE 2022 AHIGS FESTIVAL OF SPEECH

It is always a joy to showcase the persuasive power and passion of student voice, and this year's Festival of Speech feels like an extra special

treat. After COVID-19 moved the event to an online format for the past two years, we warmly welcome all competitors and their supporters to Pymble for the resumption of the face-to-face competition.

Established in 1996, the Festival of Speech is hosted annually by an AHIGS member school. Today it attracts participants from twenty-seven schools who enjoy the challenge of taking to the stage to act, debate, read poetry or prose, and discuss current affairs and religious and ethical issues. This year also introduces two new sections – Improvisations and Soapbox – creating the largest number of events since the competition began.

Open to students in Years 7 to 11, the festival offers a friendly and competitive platform for participants to develop the set of core competencies that are critical to their achievements both within and beyond their lives at school. These include critical thinking, collaboration, communication, creativity, citizenship and character. Don't just take my word for it, though. This is the perfect occasion for some of our festival participants to define the value of Language Arts activities in their lives.

"Language Arts is a large part of my identity. When I introduce myself, when people ask about my hobbies, I always say 'Debating' first." Angie Wang – Year 11

"Language Arts allows me to step beyond my comfort zone and explore my limits, and, despite moments of difficulties, ultimately makes me a better person. From Debating to Mock Law and Negotiations, Language Arts not only broadens my world view, but also helps me form friendships that endure beyond the competitions." Alyssa Yee – Year 11

"My Language Arts journey has been an amazing opportunity to find and develop my voice, as well as help others find their voice, as individuals and within our community. I'm grateful for all that I've learned through Debating, Model UN, Mock Law, and Public Speaking, and know these skills will help me well into the future." Hanna Cheung – Year 11

"Language Arts is about questioning ourselves and the world, seeing the unbiased truth and creating solutions through a strictly open-minded and nuanced perspective. It is something that will always be a prominent part of my life, and I hope to share this with as many others as possible." Maya Garg – Year 9

Well said, girls. Wishing all our competitors the very best of luck as they make their final preparations and take to the stage. Now, let the festival begin!

DR KATE HADWEN
PRINCIPAL

Important Information

A help desk and registration area will be located in the GMCPA foyer on Friday and Saturday. First Aid is located in the Health Care Centre and Lost Property will be taken to Security.

Bags will be kept in the GMCPA (Pymble Ladies' College will take care but will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to property).

Students and accompanying parents are reminded that all mobile phones are to be turned off during competitions and photography is not permitted during performances. Debaters are not to have phones with them for prep and debates and may leave them in the labelled school boxes.

Spectators wishing to view an event should arrive before the commencement time indicated.

Latecomers will not be admitted while a performance is in progress but may enter once the student has finished her presentation and before the next student begins.

Please observe silence while waiting to be admitted to the performance venue. Please note that any last-minute changes may not be reflected in this program. Updated information will be available in the GMCPA foyer.

HSC EXAMINATIONS

Please be aware that HSC examinations are being held on the *Pymble* Campus. We ask all participants be considerate while moving about the College, particularly around the Kate Mason Building.

PARKING SECURITY

Principal and adjudicator parking. Enter via Gate 3 and use the boom gate to the left of entrance gates. (Principals, please display parking voucher on dash).

Please note: Buses and coaches must enter via Gate 2.

Car drop offs please enter and exit via Gate 1 and collection zone will be the flagpole area, past the oval.

Pymble Ladies' College is a short walk from Pymble station. Please use underpass and enter via Sufferance, the pedestrian gate. Train travel is recommended.

Risk Warning

(Under Section 5M of Civil Liability Act 2002)

On Behalf of IGSA and participating IGSA Member Schools listed below:

Abbotsleigh	MLC School	Santa Sabina College
Ascham School	Monte Sant' Angelo	SCEGGS Darlinghurst
Brigidine College	Mount St Benedict	Stella Maris College
Canberra Girls Grammar	NEGS	St Catherine's School
Danebank School	OLMC Parramatta	St Scholastica's College
Frensham	PLC Armidale	St Patrick's College
Kambala	PLC Sydney	St Vincent's College
Kincoppal-Rose Bay	Pymble Ladies' College	Tangara School
Loreto Kirribilli	Queenwood	Tara
Loreto Normanhurst	Ravenswood	Wenona
Meriden School	Roseville College	



Festival of Speech 2022

The Association of Heads of Independent Girls' Schools NSW, trading as IGSA (Independent Girls' Schools Association) administers and convenes inter-school activities such as Festival of Speech in which many students, parents, teachers, volunteers, adjudicators, officials, and spectators participate. Students participating in these activities take part in practice and in competitions. In 2022 *Pymble* is hosting the Festival of Speech.

IGSA expects parents, spectators, and other participants to behave in a safe and responsible manner, to comply with the Codes of Conduct and to set a good example for the girls.

While IGSA and *Pymble* take measures to make the Festival of Speech as safe as is reasonably possible for participants, there is a risk that those involved can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation, whether at practice or during the event.

Such injury can occur while the student is engaging in, watching, adjudicating or volunteering at the Festival of Speech, or travelling to or from the event. The injury may result from a participant's actions, the actions of others, the state of the premises or equipment failure (e.g. a collapsed stage during a debating competition.)

On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases an injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability.

Students could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

Due to the number of stairs, participants and visitors are reminded to move around the school site with care.

Health Care and Emergency Procedures

EVACUATION

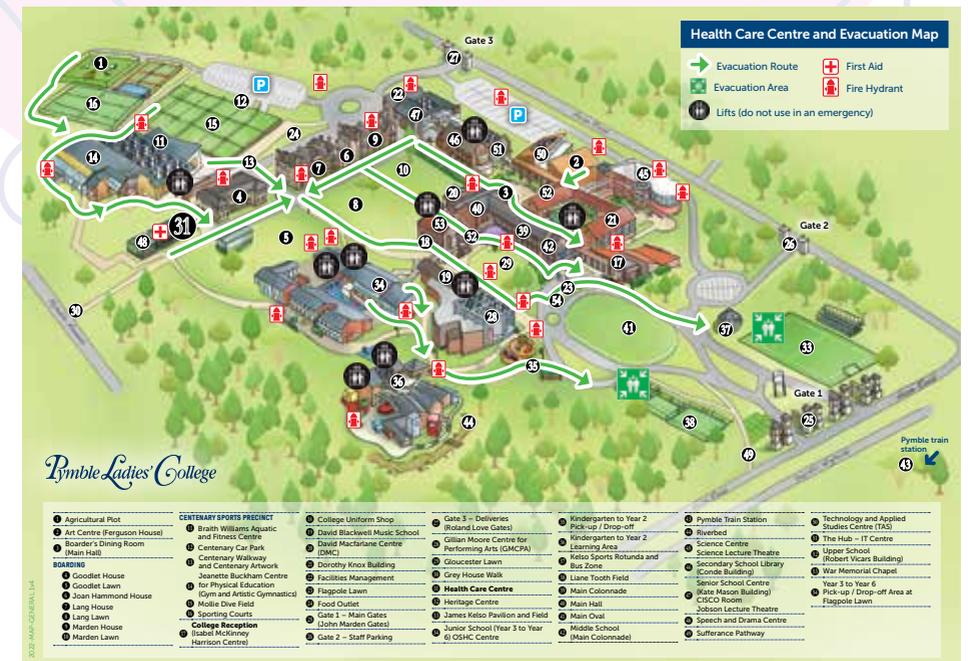
In the unlikely event of an emergency evacuation, an alarm will sound in all areas of the School. All staff, students and visitors are asked to follow the lead of the *Pymble* girls and staff and walk as quickly and safely as possible to the Emergency Assembly Point on Kelso Oval (see map reference 37 below).

HEALTH CARE CENTRE

The Health Care Centre will be open throughout the Festival (see map reference 31 below).
Phone 02 9855 7742 or 0439 149 574.

LOCKDOWN

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring a lockdown, *Pymble* staff will commence the lockdown procedures according to the School's protocol. A lockdown message will be broadcast throughout the School, the police will be called and the campus closed. All students, staff and visitors are to remain in their rooms or move to the nearest safe room. The lights should be turned off, blinds closed and persons to remain quiet and out of sight. The lockdown will continue until an all clear is broadcast.



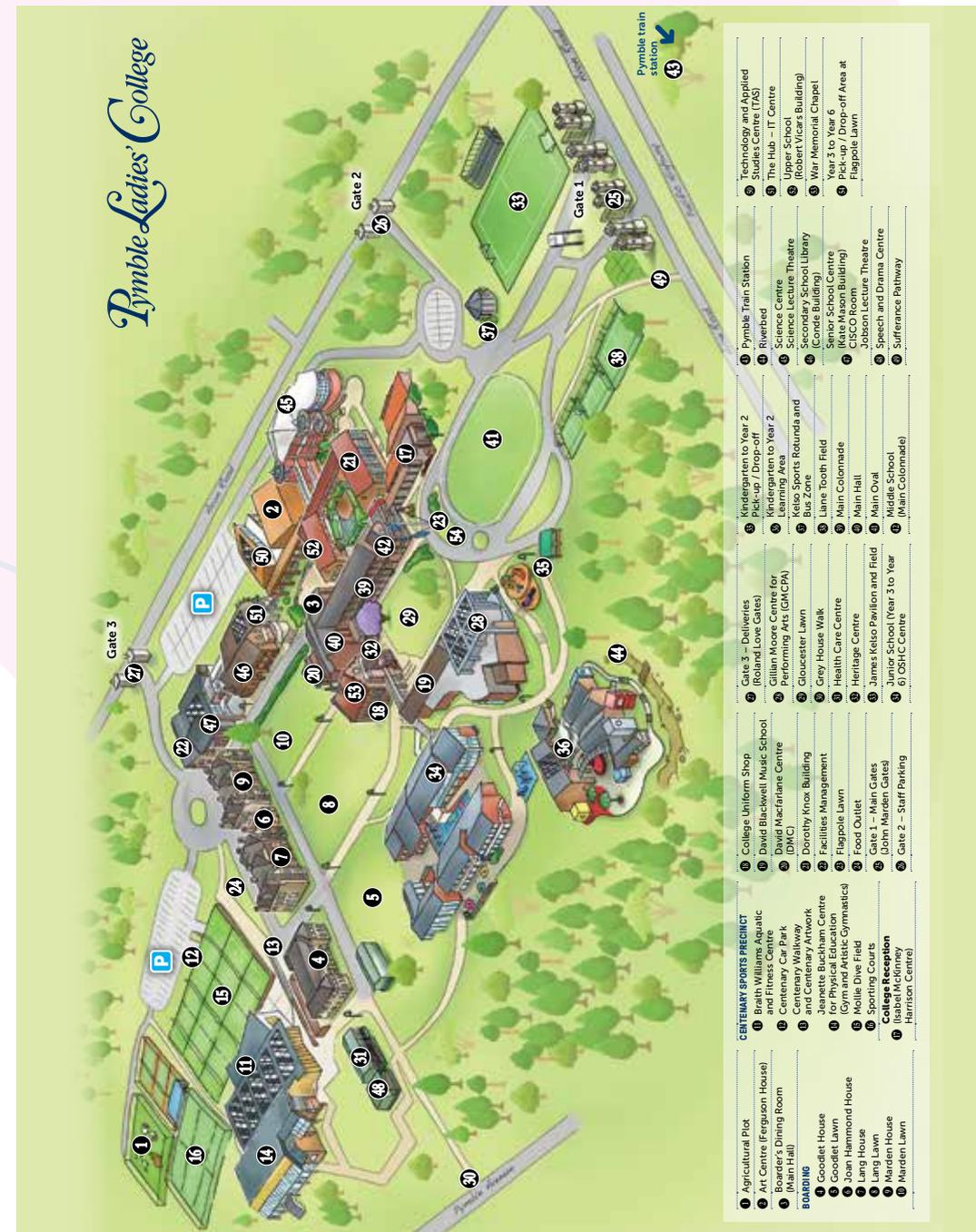
Event Locations

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER

Event	Location	Map Ref.
Registration	Foyer of GMCPA	28
Acknowledgement of Country Welcome	Gloucester Lawn (GMCPA if wet)	29 (28 if wet)
Bag room	GMCPA	28
Debating Topic Distribution	GMCPA	28
Senior Debating	Rooms to be advised	
Junior Debating	Rooms to be advised	
Junior Reading	Secondary School Library	46
Senior Reading	War Memorial Chapel	53
Theatresports/Open section Improvised Drama	Science Centre	45
Dinner for students (5.30pm to 6.30pm)	GMCPA/Boarder's Dining Room	28/3
Dinner for staff, coaches and adjudicators	DMC	20

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER

Event	Location	Map Ref.
Debating Topic Distribution	GMCPA	28
Senior Debating	Rooms to be advised	
Junior Debating	Rooms to be advised	
Current Affairs	Colonnade Lower Block	39
Religious and Ethical Questions	Secondary School Library	46
Drama Quarter Finals (Topic Release)	GMCPA	28
Drama Semi Finals (Topic Release)	Music Gallery	19
Drama Grand Finals (Topic Release)	Music Gallery	19
Senior Public Speaking	Jobson Lecture Theatre	47
Junior Public Speaking	Science Centre	45
Senior Poetry	War Memorial Chapel	53
Junior Poetry	Junior School Hall and Library	34
Soapbox	Gloucester Lawn (Colonnade if wet)	29 (39 if wet)
Lunch for students and families	Gloucester Lawn	29
Lunch for staff, coaches and adjudicators	DMC	20



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Students – Register in the GMCPA foyer (see map reference 28 on page 9). Dinner will be available free to students on Friday on Gloucester Lawn. (Food will be for sale on the Saturday). Student toilets are at either end of the Lower Colonnade block. Adult toilets will be available at the northern end of the DMC (see map reference 20 on page 9).

Staff – Register in the GMCPA foyer (see map reference 28 on page 9). Tea, coffee and snacks will be available throughout the festival in the DMC. Dinner will also be served from this location. Adult toilets will be available at the northern end of the DMC (see map reference 20 on page 9).

Jacaranda café will be open until 5.00pm on Friday 21 October (see map reference 47 on page 9).

School Conveners – may collect their folders from the GMCPA (see map reference 28 on page 9). They will be on tables, positioned alphabetically. Boxes will also be provided to store phones.

Section Conveners – may collect their folders from the GMCPA (see map reference 28 on page 9). They will be on tables, positioned alphabetically, according to surname.

Adjudicators – Register in the GMCPA foyer (see map reference 28 on page 9). Tea and coffee will be available throughout the festival in the DMC. Dinner will also be served from this location. Adult toilets will be available at the northern end of the DMC (see map reference 20 on page 9).

Participants are not to take personal belongings, particularly mobile phones into the preparation and debating rooms.

Bags must be stored in the GMCPA (see map reference 28 on page 9) in the allocated school rows.

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Time	Activity	Location
2.20pm	Registration	GMCPA (foyer)
From 2.30pm	School tours	GMCPA (outside)
4.00pm	Acknowledgement of Country Georgia Stuart, Year 12 Official Welcome Ms Lamia Rockwell, Deputy Principal Students Safety Briefing Mr Michael Griffiths, Head of Performing Arts	Gloucester Lawn (GMCPA if wet)
4.10pm	Debating Round 1 (room allocation)	GMCPA and see screens for locations
4.15pm	Junior Readings (roll call) Senior Readings (roll call) Drama Improvisation (roll call)	Secondary School Library War Memorial Chapel Science Centre
4.30pm	Junior Debating Round 1 Senior Debating Round 1 Junior Readings Senior Readings Drama Improvisation	GMCPA (see screens for locations) GMCPA (see screens for locations) Secondary School Library War Memorial Chapel Science Centre
5.30pm	Barbecue for students and families	GMCPA/Boarder's Dining Room
6.20pm	Debating Round 2 (topic distribution)	GMCPA and see screens for locations
6.30pm	Junior Reading (resumes) Senior Reading (resumes) Drama Improvisation (resumes) Debating Round 2 (prep)	Secondary School Library War Memorial Chapel Science Centre Prep rooms
7.30pm	Debating Round 2	GMCPA and see screens for locations

Draws – Friday 21 October

READING JUNIOR

Time: 4.30pm

Junior Venue: Secondary School Library
1 OLMC
2 Loreto Kirribilli
3 St Vincent's College
4 Queenwood School
5 SCEGGS Darlinghurst
6 Danebank School
7 Meriden School
8 Monte Sant' Angelo
9 Loreto Normanhurst
10 St Catherine's School
11 Santa Sabina College
12 Abbotsleigh
13 Pymble Ladies' College
14 Ravenswood
15 Canberra Girls Grammar
16 Kincoppal Rose Bay
17 PLC Sydney
18 MLC School
19 Ascham School
20 Kambala
21 Brigidine College
22 Tangara

READING SENIOR

Time: 4.30pm

Senior Venue: War Memorial Chapel
1 Loreto Normanhurst
2 St Catherine's School
3 Santa Sabina College
4 Kincoppal Rose Bay
5 Canberra Girls Grammar
6 Monte Sant' Angelo
7 PLC Sydney
8 MLC School
9 Danebank School
10 Ravenswood
11 Wenona School
12 Tangara
13 Meriden School
14 Brigidine College
15 Tara
16 Queenwood School
17 Ascham School
18 Loreto Kirribilli
19 Pymble Ladies' College
20 St Vincent's College
21 SCEGGS Darlinghurst
22 Kambala
23 Abbotsleigh
24 OLMC

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DRAMA IMPROVISATION

Time: 4.30pm

Venue: Science Centre
1 SCEGGS Darlinghurst
2 Meriden School
3 Loreto Normanhurst
4 Brigidine College
5 MLC School
6 Roseville College
7 Tangara
8 Ascham School
9 Abbotsleigh
10 Pymble Ladies' College
11 PLC Sydney

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Students – Register in the GMCPA foyer (see map reference 28 on page 9). Debaters, all mobiles to be handed in or turned off. Please supply your own water bottle. A barbecue lunch will be available to purchase from 11.30am.

Staff – Register in the GMCPA foyer (see map reference 28 on page 9). You are invited to enjoy a light lunch in the DMC. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the festival. Adult toilets will be available at the northern end of the DMC (see map reference 20 on page 9).

Section Conveners – may collect their folders from the GMCPA (see map reference 28 on page 9). They will be on tables and positioned alphabetically, according to surname.

Adjudicators – Register in the GMCPA foyer (see map reference 28 on page 9). Please collect your adjudicator's folder. You are invited to enjoy a light lunch in the DMC. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the festival. Adult toilets will be available at the northern end of the DMC (see map reference 20 on page 9).

Parents and Supporters – Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available to purchase from the Jacaranda café near the Kate Mason building (see map reference 47 on page 9). A barbecue will be available for breakfast and lunch. Additional food items will also be available from the *Pymble* Language Arts stalls. The Language Arts Support Group will have gelato, cake, gift and donut stalls.

Jacaranda café will be open 8.00am to 12.00pm on Saturday 22 October (see map reference 47 on page 9).

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Time	Activity	Location
8.15am	Registration Desk opens	GMCPA (foyer)
8.30am	Debating Quarter Finals (Topic Release)	GMCPA
8.45am	Soapbox (roll call)	Gloucester Lawn (Colonnade if wet)
9.00am	Current Affairs (registration) Soapbox Senior Public Speaking (roll call)	GMCPA (foyer) Gloucester Lawn (Colonnade if wet) Jobson Lecture Theatre
9.15am	Religious and Ethical Questions (registration) Junior Public Speaking (registration) Senior Public Speaking	GMCPA (foyer) GMCPA (foyer) Jobson Lecture Theatre
9.30am	Current Affairs (roll call) Drama (registration) Religious and Ethical Questions (roll call) Junior Public Speaking (roll call) Debating Quarter Finals	Colonnade GMCPA (foyer) Secondary School Library Science Lecture Theatre GMCPA and see screens for locations
10.00am	Drama (rehearsal) Current Affairs Junior Public Speaking Religious and Ethical Questions (Session 1)	GMCPA Colonnade Lower Block Science Lecture Theatre Secondary School Library
11.00am	Poetry (registration) Debating Semi Finals (topic release)	GMCPA (foyer) Music Gallery
11.30am	Lunch for students and families Lunch for staff, coaches and adjudicators	Marden Lawn/Boarder's Dining Room DMC
12.00pm	Drama Junior Poetry (roll call) Senior Poetry (roll call)	GMCPA Junior School Hall/Library War Memorial Chapel
12.15pm	Debating Semi Finals Junior Poetry Senior Poetry	GMCPA and see screens for locations Junior School Hall War Memorial Chapel
12.40pm	Religious and Ethical Questions (roll call)	GMCPA (foyer)
1.10pm	Religious and Ethical Questions (Session 2)	Secondary School Library
2.00pm	Debating Grand Final (topic release)	GMCPA and see screens for locations
3.00pm	Debating Grand Final	GMCPA and see screens for locations

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SOAPBOX

Time: 9.00am

Venue: Gloucester Lawn (Colonnade if wet)
1 Tangara
2 PLC Sydney
3 Pymble Ladies' College
4 SCEGGS Darlinghurst
5 Abbotsleigh
6 Meriden School
7 OLMC
8 MLC School
9 Loreto Normanhurst
10 Loreto Kirribilli

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Senior Draw: 9.15am

Venue: Jobson Lecture Theatre
1 MLC School
2 Ravenswood
3 Kambala
4 Meriden School
5 Monte Sant' Angelo
6 OLMC
7 Frensham
8 Wenona School
9 Brigidine College
10 Kincoppal Rose Bay
11 Roseville College
12 Abbotsleigh
13 St Vincent's College
14 Loreto Kirribilli
15 SCEGGS Darlinghurst
16 Loreto Normanhurst
17 Pymble Ladies' College
18 Tangara
19 Canberra Girls Grammar
20 St Catherine's School
21 Danebank School
22 PLC Sydney
23 Ascham School
24 Stella Maris College
25 Queenwood School

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Colonnade Lower Block
1 Canberra Girls Grammar
2 Ascham School
3 Brigidine College
4 Wenona School
5 Pymble Ladies' College
6 OLMC
7 SCEGGS Darlinghurst

Venue: Colonnade Lower Block
8 PLC Sydney
9 St Vincent's College
10 Loreto Kirribilli
11 Stella Maris College
12 MLC School
13 Danebank School
14 Loreto Normanhurst

Venue: Colonnade Lower Block
15 Abbotsleigh
16 Monte Sant' Angelo
17 Tangara
18 Meriden School
19 Queenwood School
20 St Catherine's School
21 Ravenswood

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Junior Draw: 10.00am

Venue: Science Lecture Centre
1 Tara
2 Abbotsleigh
3 Kincoppal Rose Bay
4 Tangara
5 Danebank School
6 Roseville College
7 PLC Sydney
8 Loreto Kirribilli
9 Pymble Ladies' College
10 MLC School
11 Loreto Normanhurst
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22 Frensham
23 Brigidine College
24 Ravenswood
25 Canberra Girls Grammar
26 St Vincent's College

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RELIGIOUS AND ETHICAL QUESTIONS

Session 1: 10.00am

Venue: Secondary School Library
1 Ascham School
2 Meriden
3 Roseville College
4 MLC School
5 Santa Sabina College
6 Queenwood School
7 PLC Sydney
8 St Vincent's College
9 Loreto Kirribilli
10 Stella Maris College

Session 2: 1.10pm

Venue: Secondary School Library
11 Kincoppal Rose Bay
12 Canberra Girls Grammar
13 St Catherine's School
14 Ravenswood
15 Loreto Normanhurst
16 Tangara
17 Abbotsleigh
18 Pymble Ladies' College
19 Danebank School
20 SCEGGS Darlinghurst

DRAMA

Performances: 12.00pm

Venue: GMCPA
1 SCEGGS Darlinghurst
2 Ascham School
3 Abbotsleigh
4 Brigidine College
5 Danebank School
6 Loreto Normanhurst
7 Tangara
8 Ravenswood
9 Meriden School
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POETRY JUNIOR

Junior Draw: 12.15pm

Venue: Junior School Library
1 Pymble Ladies' College
2 Ravenswood
3 Kambala
4 Loreto Kirribilli
5 Abbotsleigh
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24 SCEGGS Darlinghurst
25 Tara

POETRY SENIOR

Senior Draw: 12.15pm

Venue: War Memorial Chapel
1 Stella Maris College
2 Queenwood School
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