

igsa Festival of Speech

Saturday 21 October 2023



Ravenswood

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PROGRAM



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Festival of Speech

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we are in the country of the Darramuragal and Guringai people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We recognise their ancient sovereignty and pay our respect to their elders, both past and present. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, just as we extend it to all people.



Principal's Welcome



I am delighted to welcome you to the 2023 AHIGS Festival of Speech as we celebrate and showcase the significance of student voice - and all the possibilities generated by empowering students to use their voices with passion to inspire, edify, and advocate. We warmly welcome competitors, their families and supporters to Ravenswood School for Girls.

Established in 1996, the Festival of Speech is hosted annually by an AHIGS member school. Ravenswood initially hosted the festival in 2012 and is proud to be hosting this extraordinary festival in 2023. This year, the festival is attracting participants from 28 schools from NSW and the ACT who enjoy the challenge of taking to the stage to deliver prepared and impromptu speaking, read poetry or prose, discuss current affairs and religious and ethical issues, and participate in Soapbox.

Open to students in Years 7 to 11, the inspiring festival offers a friendly and competitive opportunity for participants to further develop and enhance a set of core competencies that are vitally important within school and beyond the school gates. These include critical thinking, personal expression, collaboration and teamwork, communication, creativity, citizenship, engagement, and character.

We wish all our competitors all the very best as they make their final preparations and take to the stage for this wonderful festival.

Mrs Anne Johnstone

Principal, Ravenswood School for Girls

Important Information

Registration is located in the Boarders Courtyard. There will be a Junior, Senior and Open table for each registration. The Festival of Speech Information Office will be located at the far end of Mabel's Café (next to the oval). There you will find a help desk, first aid, bag holding, and the Scorer.

The bags kept in Headquarters will be handled with care. However, Ravenswood takes no responsibility for loss or damage to property.

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 their presentation and before the next student begins.

Spectators are reminded that all mobile phones are to be turned off during competitions and there is strictly no photography permitted during performances.

Visiting Staff (Adjudicators, Convenors, Teachers)

Tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be available throughout the day, and a light lunch will be provided at 12.30pm at the far end of Mabel's Café.

Mabel's Café open to attendees

Mabel's Café will be open all day to purchase food and drinks. Mabel's Café will also provide a sausage sizzle for purchase.

Transport and Parking

Parking for Principals and Ravenswood Staff will be available in The Cage parking on Henry Street, after the zebra crossing opposite Ravenswood.

Buses and Coaches are to drop off students at Gate 1 on Henry Street. Buses and Coaches are able to park on the Pacific Highway outside Ravenswood.

Car drop-offs - Turn left into Cecil Street from the Pacific Highway and follow around to drop-off area at Gate 1 on Henry Street.

All other parking is available on Henry Street and surrounding areas.

For those catching Public transport, Ravenswood is a short walk down Henry Street from Gordon Bus and Train Station.



Emergency Procedures

Risk warning as sent by Ravenswood prior to the event.

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 Ravenswood staff's directions and walk safely with haste to the emergency assembly point on the Oval.

First Aid

There will be a First Aid booth set up at the far end of Mabel's Café. If assistance is required, call 0432 175 910.

Lockdown

In the unlikely event of an emergency lockdown. Ravenswood 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 will be locked.

All students, staff and visitors are to remain in their rooms or move to the nearest safe room.

The lights are to be turned off, blinds closed, and persons to remain quiet and out of sight. The lockdown will continue until an all clear is broadcast.

Emergency contacts

Ravenswood Event Coordinator:
Georgina Band - 0432 175 910

Sonia Berry - 0409 536 638

Security - 0403 609 354

Gordon Police - 9418 5399

Risk Warning

(Under Section 5M of Civil Liability Act 2002)

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

Abbotsleigh

Ascham School

Brigidine College, St Ives

Canberra Girls Grammar School

Danebank Anglican School for Girls

Frensham

Kambala

Kincoppal-Rose Bay

Loreto Kirribilli

Loreto Normanhurst

Meriden School

MLC School

Monte Sant' Angelo

Mount St Benedict College

NEGS

Our Lady of Mercy College

PLC Armidale

PLC Sydney

Pymble Ladies' College

Queenwood School

Ravenswood School for Girls

Roseville College

Santa Sabina College

SCEGGS Darlinghurst

St Catherine's School

St Vincent's College

Stella Maris College

Tangara School for Girls

Tara Anglican School for Girls

Wenona

Festival of Speech 2023

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 2023 Ravenswood School for Girls 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 Ravenswood 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. collapsed stage.)

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 with care.



Gordon Train Station

Senior School Main Entrance
Visitor Sign In

Gate 11
Gate 12

Rainwood Avenue

Gate 1

Z1

Gate 2

B2
B4

B1
B3

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Gate 9
Gate 10

Gate 8

Gate 7

Gate 6
Gate 5

Gate 4

Gate 3

Gate 2
Gate 1

Gate 1

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Gate 1

Junior School Main Entrance

Gate 4

Gate 3

Gate 2

Gate 1

Gate 1

Gate 1

Gate 1

Gate 1

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Gate 1

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Henry Street

Pacific Highway

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| A | Mabel Fidler Building - Reception Enrolments/Learning Resources Centre | N | Corner House Senior Languages Centre |
| B1 | Centenary Centre | O | Iolathe Operational Services |
| B2 | Lorraine Smith Auditorium | P | Residential College (Boarding) |
| B3 | Assembly Hall | Q | Chapel |
| B4 | Performing Arts | R | Peace Lawn |
| C | Junior School | S | Senior Learning Centre |
| D | Junior School | T | Mabel's Cafe |
| E | Junior School | U | Old Girls' Courtyard |
| F | Classrooms | V | Dance Studio |
| G | Petite Innovation Centre/Senior Staff Centre | W1 | Joan Goff Hall (Gymnasium) |
| H | Classrooms | W2 | Gillian Mapp Memorial Pool |
| I | Print Room and Wellbeing Centre | X | Carolyn Trotter Studio |
| J | Classrooms | Y | Hutchens House Archives/Uniform Centre |
| K | Classrooms | Z | Holland House Health Care Unit/Marketing Communications & Engagement |
| L | Wellbeing Centre and Year Coordinators | Z1 | Staff Car Park |
| M | Duke House Senior Classrooms/Learning Studio/Academic Care Staff | Z2 | Operational Services Workshop |
| | | Z3 | Prep - Amesley House |
| | | Z4 | Finance |

Event Locations

Event	Location	Map Ref
Registration	Boarders Courtyard	A
Welcome	Lorraine Smith Auditorium	B2
Junior Public Speaking	Lorraine Smith Auditorium	B2
Senior Public Speaking	B.1.06	B1
Soapbox	Old Girls' Courtyard (LRC Foyer if wet)	U
Current Affairs	A.0.01, A.0.02, A.0.03	A
Religious and Ethical Questions	A.3.02	A
Lunch	Mabel's Café	T
Senior Readings	A.3.01	A
Junior Readings	B.1.06	B1
Junior Poetry	Assembly Hall	B1
Senior Poetry	Assembly Hall	B1

Program

Time	Activity	Location and Details
8.15am	Registration for Public Speaking (Junior and Senior Pool A), Soapbox and Senior Poetry	Boarders Courtyard
8.50am	Welcome Mrs Anne Johnstone Principal Ravenswood School for Girls	Lorraine Smith Auditorium
9.00am	Junior Public Speaking	Performance Room: Lorraine Smith Auditorium Preparation Room: B.2.02 Holding Room: B.2.04/B.2.05
9.00am	Senior Public Speaking (Pool A)	Performance Room: B.1.06 Preparation Room: B.2.11
9.00am	Senior Poetry	Performance Room: Assembly Hall Preparation Rooms: Year 2 Classrooms
9.00am	Soapbox	Old Girl's Courtyard (LRC Foyer if wet)
9.00am	Registration for Current Affairs	Boarders Courtyard
9.30am	Current Affairs	Performance Rooms: A.0.01, A.0.02, A.0.03 Preparation Rooms: A.0.05, A.0.06, A.3.04, A.3.05 Holding Room: A.0.04
10.00am	Registration for Religious and Ethical Questions	Boarders Courtyard
10.30am	Religious and Ethical Questions	Performance Room: A:3.02 Preparation Rooms: A.3.24/A.3.25 (combined)
12.30pm	Lunch	Mabel's Café
12.30pm	Registration for Public Speaking (Senior Pool B) Senior Readings	Boarders Courtyard
1.00pm	Senior Public Speaking (Pool B)	Performance Room: B.1.06 Preparation Room: B.2.11
1.00pm	Senior Readings	Performance Room: A.3.01
1.00pm	Registration for Junior Readings Poetry	Boarders Courtyard
1.30pm	Junior Readings	Performance Room: B.0.03 Preparation Room: B.0.02
1.30pm	Junior Poetry	Performance Room: Assembly Hall Preparation Rooms: Year 2 Classrooms



Draws

Public Speaking Junior

9.00am

Lorraine Smith Auditorium

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

Public Speaking Senior

Pool A - 9.00am

B.1.06

- 1 Santa Sabina College
- 2 NEGS
- 3 Ascham School
- 4 St Vincent's College
- 5 Queenwood School
- 6 Danebank School
- 7 Kambala
- 8 Abbotsleigh
- 9 Frensham
- 10 Tangara
- 11 Wenona School
- 12 Kincoppal Rose Bay
- 13 St Catherine's School
- 14 MLC School

Soapbox 9.00am

Old Girl's Courtyard

- 1 Meriden School
- 2 Abbotsleigh
- 3 Brigidine College
- 4 MLC School
- 5 Santa Sabina College
- 6 Queenwood School
- 7 Monte Sant' Angelo
- 8 Tangara
- 9 PLC Sydney
- 10 Loreto Kirribilli
- 11 Canberra Girls Grammar
- 12 St Vincent's College
- 13 Loreto Normanhurst
- 14 Wenona School
- 15 Pymble Ladies' College
- 16 OLMC Parramatta
- 17 Ravenswood
- 18 NEGS
- 19 SCEGGS Darlinghurst

Poetry Senior 9.00am

Assembly Hall

- 1 MLC School
- 2 Tara
- 3 Brigidine College
- 4 Wenona School
- 5 Loreto Kirribilli
- 6 Meriden School
- 7 Ravenswood
- 8 St Catherine's School
- 9 Loreto Normanhurst
- 10 Frensham
- 11 Canberra Girls Grammar
- 12 Ascham School
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- 15 Tangara
- 16 Queenwood School
- 17 Abbotsleigh
- 18 Kincoppal Rose Bay
- 19 St Vincent's College
- 20 Roseville College
- 21 SCEGGS Darlinghurst
- 22 Danebank School
- 23 Santa Sabina College
- 24 Monte Sant' Angelo
- 25 OLMC Parramatta
- 26 PLC Sydney



Current Affairs

9.30am

A.0.01, A.0.02, A.0.03

- 1 Loreto Kirribilli
- 2 Monte Sant' Angelo
- 3 St Catherine's School
- 4 Frensham
- 5 Tara
- 6 Tangara
- 7 Loreto Normanhurst
- 8 MLC School
- 9 Brigidine College
- 10 Ascham School
- 11 Danebank School
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- 22 Meriden School
- 23 Wenona School
- 24 Stella Maris College
- 25 Kincoppal Rose Bay
- 26 Pymble Ladies' College

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10.30am

A.3.02

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



Public Speaking Senior

Pool B - 1.00pm

B.1.06

- 15 Loreto Kirribilli
- 16 Monte Sant' Angelo
- 17 Meriden School
- 18 Tara
- 19 SCEGGS Darlinghurst
- 20 Stella Maris College
- 21 Roseville College
- 22 Canberra Girls Grammar
- 23 Brigidine College
- 24 PLC Sydney
- 25 Ravenswood
- 26 Loreto Normanhurst
- 27 Pymble Ladies' College

Readings Senior

1.00pm

A.3.01

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



Readings Junior

1.30pm

B.O.03

- 1 SCEGGS Darlinghurst
- 2 OLMC Parramatta
- 3 Canberra Girls Grammar
- 4 Kincoppal Rose Bay
- 5 NEGS
- 6 Abbotsleigh
- 7 Loreto Normanhurst
- 8 Ravenswood
- 9 Queenwood School
- 10 Brigidine College
- 11 MLC School
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- 18 Santa Sabina College
- 19 PLC Sydney
- 20 Kambala
- 21 Loreto Kirribilli
- 22 Tangara
- 23 St Vincent's College
- 24 Ascham School
- 25 Wenona School
- 26 Roseville College
- 27 St Catherine's School

Poetry Junior

1.30pm

Assembly Hall

- 1 Wenona School
- 2 SCEGGS Darlinghurst
- 3 Ascham School
- 4 PLC Sydney
- 5 OLMC Parramatta
- 6 Loreto Normanhurst
- 7 Stella Maris College
- 8 St Vincent's College
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- 25 Kincoppal Rose Bay
- 26 Danebank School
- 27 Tara
- 28 Monte Sant' Angelo

Notes



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