

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

Canberra Girls Grammar School

Danebank School Frensham Kambala

Kincoppal-Rose Bay Loreto Kirribilli Loreto Normanhurst Meriden School MLC School Monte Sant' Angelo Mount St Benedict

NEGS

OLMC Parramatta PLC Armidale PLC Sydney

Pymble Ladies' College

Queenwood Ravenswood Roseville College Santa Sabina College SCEGGS Darlinghurst Stella Maris College St Catherine's School St Scholastica's College St Patrick's College St Vincent's College Tangara School

Tara Wenona

Festival of Speech 2025

The Association of Heads of Independent Girls' Schools NSW, trading as **IGSA** (Independent Girls' Schools Association) organises many inter school activities with our members' schools such as Festival of Speech during the course of the year.

IGSA administers and convenes inter-school activities such as the IGSA 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.

IGSA and its members' schools expect students to take responsibility for their own safety by wearing compulsory safety equipment, by thinking carefully about the use of safety equipment that is highly recommended and by behaving in a safe and responsible manner towards students from their own and other schools, spectators, officials, property and grounds.

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 Kincoppal Rose Bay and IGSA take measures to make Festival of Speech as safe as reasonably possible for participants, there is a risk that students can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these activities, whether at practice or in actual events.

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

It is the responsibility of IGSA members' schools to ensure that all staff and volunteers undertaking duties at any IGSA event have the required "Working with Children" clearance.

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