

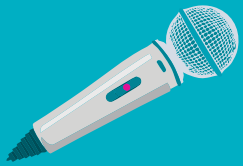
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Festival of Speech.

Saturday 25 October, 2025



KINCOPPAL-
ROSE BAY



Public Speaking



Current Affairs



Poetry



Readings



Religious and Ethical Questions



Soapbox



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Independent Girls.
Since 1916.

Acknowledgement of Country

We come together from homes spread throughout the world, gathered on the sacred land of the Gadigal, Birrabirragal, and Bidjigal peoples of the Eora Nation. We honour the deep spiritual connection that First Nations peoples have with this land, recognising their enduring presence, wisdom, and ongoing care for Country. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging, acknowledging the rich cultural, spiritual, and educational traditions of our nation's first storytellers and knowledge holders.

Principal's Welcome



Mrs Erica Thomas
Principal, Kincoppal-Rose Bay

I am thrilled and honoured to welcome you to the 2025 IGSA Festival of Speech, and to Kincoppal–Rose Bay, School of the Sacred Heart once more. When we hosted the very first festival in 1996, we welcomed 15 participating schools. This year, students from 25 schools will showcase truly outstanding dedication and talent in public speaking, readings, poetry, Soapbox, current affairs and religious and ethical questions.

At KRB, we believe in **Excellence through Balance** — nurturing the whole person by encouraging academic achievement, personal wellbeing, and social responsibility. The Festival of Speech is a powerful expression of this philosophy. It provides every student with the opportunity to cultivate their unique strengths and gifts, to find their voice, and to grow in courage and confidence. The visionary founders of Kincoppal–Rose Bay understood that education is about growing. To this day, our purpose remains to educate hearts and minds, to produce graduates with integrity and compassion.

This Festival is a wonderful celebration of the passionate, creative and critical thinking that is leading our students into the world with an international outlook and commitment to make it a better place.

We wish all competitors well as they take to the stage throughout the Festival. Embrace this unique and empowering experience for all that it offers in personal growth, teamwork and friendship!

Important Information

Registration

Competitor registration for each event is outlined in the event program. Competitors are asked to proceed to their designated registration point at the time specified in the program (page 10).

Each event location will include a designated space for competitors to securely store personal items during the competition.

Help Desk

A Help Desk will be located on the Harbour Terrace.

Spectators

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.

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

Transport and Parking

Reserved parking will be available in the MTC car park on Vaucluse Road for Principals, Convenors, and Adjudicators. A KRB staff member will be stationed at the boom gate and will grant access based on a list of approved names. If a representative will be attending on your behalf, please notify KRB in advance so their name can be added to the access list.

Buses and coaches are asked to drop off students at the public bus stop directly outside the school on New South Head Road before Vaucluse Road. They are then required to find parking in the surrounding streets.

All other parking is available in surrounding streets. Student drop-offs should occur in safe locations around the school. All guests are asked to enter the event via Gate 3 (see map on page 8).

Visiting Staff (Adjudicators, School Conveners, Section Conveners)

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available in the Boarders' Dining Room between 9:00 – 11:30am. In addition, a buffet lunch will be available from 12:00 – 1:30pm in the same location.

Section Conveners may collect their folders from the Help Desk on the Harbour Terrace.

Adjudicators, your Section Conveners will contact you prior to the event to determine a time and place to meet.

Food & Beverages

Café 135 will be open till late in the day to purchase coffee, food and drinks. In addition, a fundraising stall will be selling items to raise funds for our partner organisation in Cambodia.

Results

Results will be published throughout the day via the IGSA Instagram account. A link to the account can be found via the QR below.



Health Care and Emergency Procedures

First Aid

There will be a First Aid booth set up on the Harbour Terrace next to Café 135. If assistance is required, please call 0447 441 718.

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 KRB student and staff's directions and walk safely without haste to the emergency assembly point on the Noviceship Lawn (see map).

Lockdown

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring a lockdown, KRB staff will commence the lockdown procedures according to the School's protocols. 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.

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 Parramatta

PLC Armidale

PLC Sydney

Pymble Ladies' College

Queenwood School

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 for Girls

Tara Anglican School for Girls

Wenona

Festival of Speech 2025

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 2025 Kincoppal-Rose Bay School 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 Kincoppal-Rose Bay 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.)

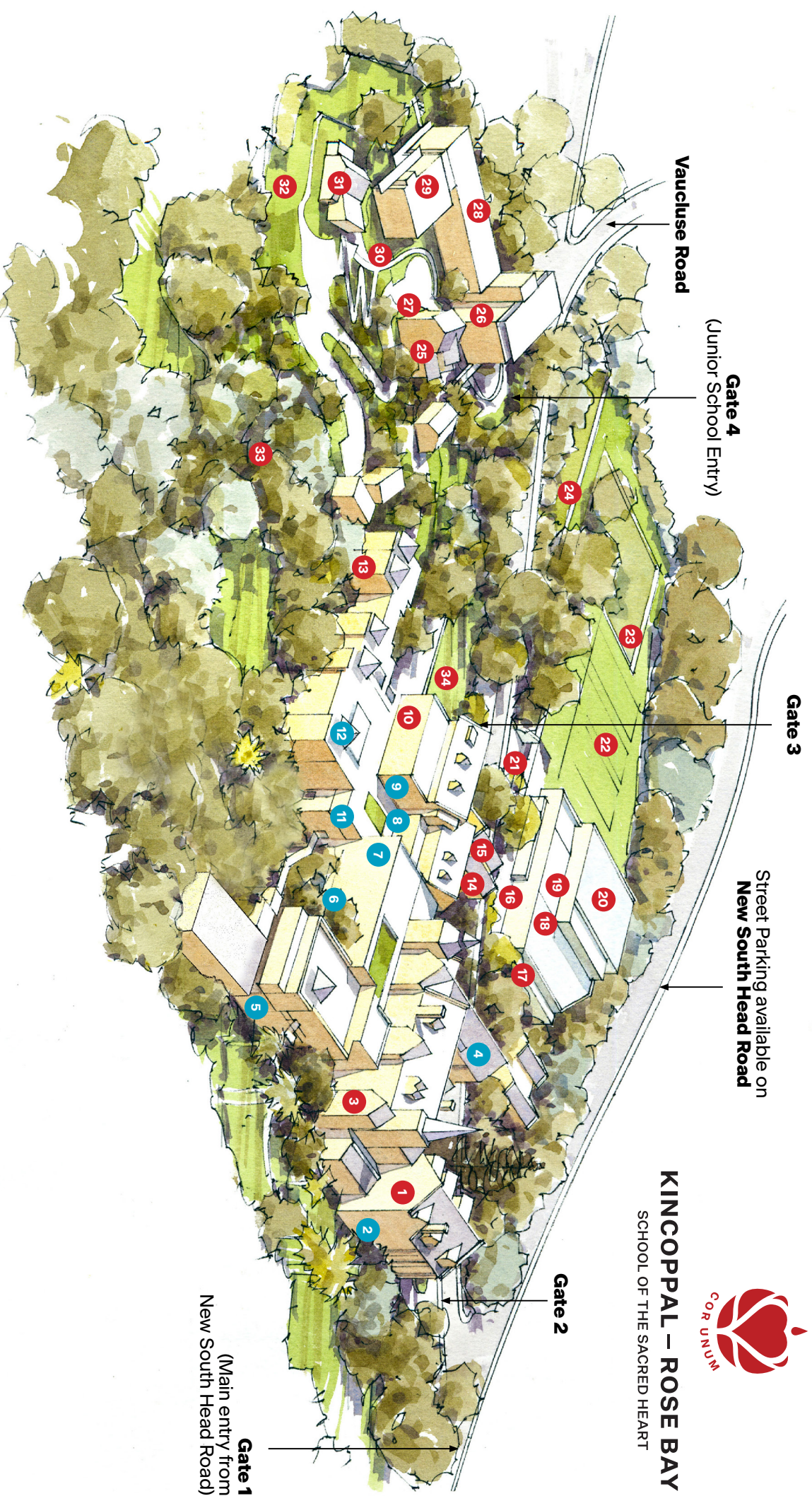
On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases, an injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability.

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.



KINCOPPAL – ROSE BAY

SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART



KEY TO BUILDINGS

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| 1. Boarding Houses (Jackson & Woodward) | 8. Health Care Centre | 15. Student Reception | 22. Fernon Family Fields | 28. Junior School |
| 2. Performing Arts Centre (PAC) | 9. Café 135 | 16. Maloney Family Fitness Centre | 23. Auswild Family & Lochtenberg Family Courts | 29. Junior School Library |
| 3. Senior School Reception | 10. Uniform Shop | 17. Swimming Pool | 24. Tennis Courts | 30. ELC (Joligny Centre) |
| 4. Chapel | 11. Mary Agnes O'Neil Senior Library | 18. Dance Studio | 25. Archives | 31. ELC (Sophie's Place) |
| 5. Jean Marie Flynn Year 12 Learning Hub | 12. Harbour Terrace | 19. Edwina Taylor Clark Auditorium | 26. Junior School Reception | 32. Junior School Playground |
| 6. Boarders' Dining Room | 13. Boarding House (Sheldon) | 20. Maureen Tudehope Centre | 27. ELC and Junior School Drop Off | 33. Santa Fields |
| 7. Hughes Performing Arts Centre | 14. Design and Technology Rooms | 21. Car Park | | 34. Evacuation Point: Noviceship Lawn |

Event Locations

Event	Location	Map Ref
Welcome	Harbour Terrace	12
Help Desk	Harbour Terrace	12
Café	Harbour Terrace	12
Health Care Centre	Harbour Terrace	12
Current Affairs	Mary Agnes O'Neil Senior Library	11
Poetry (Junior & Senior)	Performing Arts Centre	2
Junior Public Speaking	Hughes Performing Arts Centre Lower	7
Senior Public Speaking	Hughes Performing Arts Centre Upper	7
Soapbox	Harbour Terrace	12
Readings (Junior & Senior)	Chapel	4
Religious and Ethical Questions	Year 12 Learning Hub	5

Program Locations and Timings

Time	Activity	Location and Details
8:00am	Gates Open	Harbour Terrace
8:40am	Welcome from Mrs Erica Thomas Principal, Kincoppal–Rose Bay School	Harbour Terrace
9:00am	Registration Senior Poetry	Performing Art Centre (PAC)
9:00am	Registration Senior Readings	Chapel
9:00am	Registration Current Affairs	Mary Agnes O'Neil Senior Library
9:00am	Registration Senior Public Speaking (Pool A)	Hughes Performing Arts Centre Foyer
9:00am	Registration Junior Public Speaking	Hughes Performing Arts Centre Foyer
9:30am	Senior Poetry	Performance Room: Performing Art Centre S2-03 (PAC) Preparation Room: S2-04 Holding Room: S2-02
9:30am	Senior Readings	Performance Room: Chapel
9:30am	Current Affairs	Performance Rooms: Mary Agnes O'Neil Senior Library Turnbull Rooms 1 & 2 & 3 Preparation Rooms: Seminar Rooms & Lower Library Space Holding Room: Upper Library Space
9:30am	Senior Public Speaking (Pool A)	Performance Room: Hughes Performing Arts Centre Upper (note: no wheelchair accessibility) Preparation Room: Claremont Meeting Room Holding Room: Claremont Sitting Room
9:30am	Junior Public Speaking	Performance Room: Hughes Performing Arts Centre Lower Preparation Room: Classroom S2-40 Holding Room: Classroom S2-41
9:30am	Registration Religious and Ethical Questions (Pool A)	Year 12 Learning Hub (Level -1)

Time	Activity	Location and Details
9:30am	Registration Junior Soapbox	Harbour Terrace
10:00am	Religious and Ethical Questions (Pool A)	Performance Room: Year 12 Learning Hub (Level 0) Preparation Room: Year 12 Learning Hub Classrooms (Level -1) Holding Room: Year 12 Learning Hub Open area (Level -1)
10:00am	Junior Soapbox	Harbour Terrace
1:00pm	Registration Junior Poetry	Performing Art Centre (PAC)
1:00pm	Registration Junior Readings	Chapel
1:00pm	Finals Current Affairs	Performance Rooms: Mary Agnes O'Neil Senior Library Turnbull Rooms 1 & 2 & 3
1:00pm	Registration Senior Public Speaking (Pool B)	Hughes Performing Arts Centre Foyer
1:00pm	Registration Religious and Ethical Questions (Pool B)	Year 12 Learning Hub (Level -1)
1:00pm	Registration Senior Soapbox	Harbour Terrace
1:30pm	Junior Poetry	Performance Room: Performing Art Centre S2-03 (PAC) Preparation Room: S2-04 Holding Room: S2-02
1:30pm	Junior Readings	Performance Room: Chapel
1:30pm	Senior Public Speaking (Pool B)	Performance Room: Hughes Performing Arts Centre Upper (note: no wheelchair accessibility) Preparation Room: Claremont Meeting Room Holding Room: Claremont Sitting Room
1:30pm	Religious and Ethical Questions (Pool B)	Performance Room: Year 12 Learning Hub (Level 0) Preparation Room: Year 12 Learning Hub Classrooms (Level -1) Holding Room: Year 12 Learning Hub Open area (Level -1)
1:30pm	Senior Soapbox	Harbour Terrace

Draws

Junior Public Speaking

Hughes Performing Arts Centre Lower

Our Lady of Mercy College

Ascham School

Wenona School

Monte Sant' Angelo

MLC School

Danebank School

Pymble Ladies' College

Tara Anglican School for Girls

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Brigidine College

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PLC Sydney

Queenwood School

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SCEGGS Darlinghurst

Ravenswood

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Religious and Ethical Questions

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PLC Sydney

Current Affairs

Mary Agnes O'Neil Senior Library

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Tara Anglican School for Girls

SCEGGS Darlinghurst

Kincoppal-Rose Bay

Meriden School

Abbotsleigh

Queenwood School

Group 2

Our Lady of Mercy College

Pymble Ladies' College

Kambala

Ravenswood

Loreto Normanhurst

Roseville College

Wenona School

Group 3

St Vincent's College

Santa Sabina College

St Catherine's School

MLC School

Ascham School

PLC Sydney

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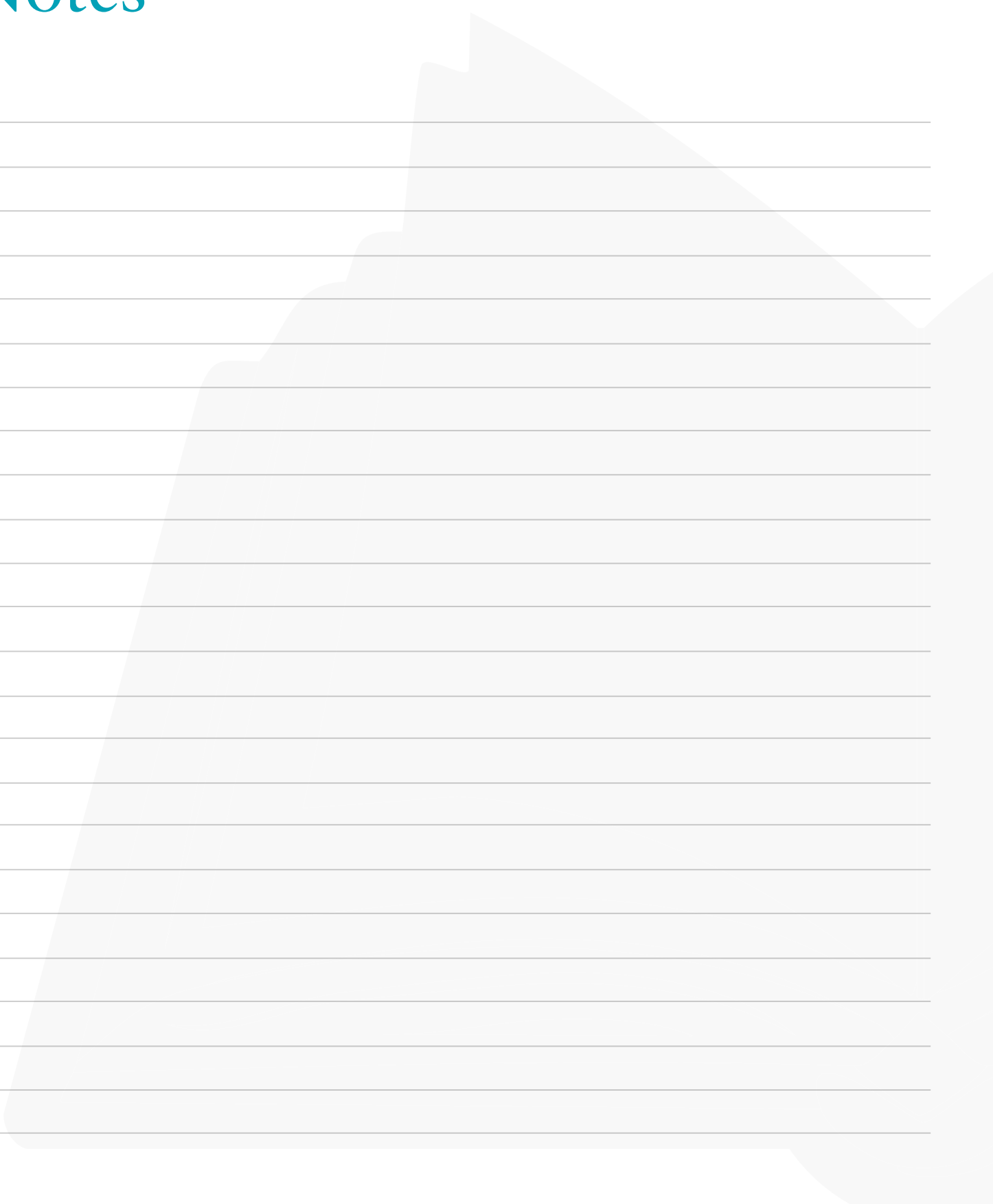
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Notes



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