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TWENTYEIGHTH ANNUAL GORDON FETTERPLACE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Friday 15th February 2019 Term 1, Week 3

Senior speeches will begin at 6.30pm (Years 10-12)

Junior speeches will begin at 7.30pm (Years 7-9)

Dear Parents and Students,

The Gordon Fetterplace Competition is an internal public speaking competition for St Gregory's College students. One of its aims is to encourage students who may not see themselves as brilliant speakers to "have a go" and develop their speaking skills. No experience is necessary.

Students will present their speeches in classrooms. There will be a panel of adjudicators in each room (dependant on availability). The adjudicators are old boys of the College who are very experienced in the field of public speaking.

Speakers should note that this competition will be used to help select speakers for the public speaking competitions the College will enter this year.

There is an impromptu division in the competition for students in years 10, 11 and 12. Each student will be asked to speak for a minute on a topic that will be randomly selected on the night. The year 12 impromptu speeches will be presented in the Br Luke Hall prior to the presentations.

In each year division trophies are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. An Encouragement trophy will also be awarded. The Encouragement trophy is intended for a speaker whom the adjudicators believe shows great potential and who may or may not have had previous public speaking experience. Certificates, which can go towards student resumes, are awarded to all participants.

On the night, years 10 to 12 speakers and spectators will gather in the Br Luke Hall at 6.15pm from where they will be sent to other rooms around the school. Years 7, 8 & 9 will gather at 7.15pm in the Br Luke Hall and from there will then be sent off to other rooms around the school for the speeches.

All entrants are wished the very best of luck.

Mrs Maria Santos
Debating and Public Speaking Co-ordinator

GORDON FETTERPLACE

Public Speaking Competition

Friday 15th February, Week 3, Term 1, 2019

Students must choose ONE of the following topics:

TOPICS:

- 1) The power of the spoken word.
- 2) The more the merrier.
- 3) Turn the other cheek.
- 4) War and peace.
- 5) Life is what you make it.
- 6) Late autumn.
- 7) Wolves in sheep's clothing.
- 8) History goes to the victors.
- 9) Straight to the pool room.
- 10) It all began with....
- 11) King of the jungle.
- 12) A home for all.

Entries close Tuesday, 12th February

CSDA Guidelines for Public Speaking Adjudication

Used by adjudicators for the Gordon Fetterplace Public Speaking Competition

Speaking Times

Years 7 and 8	Warning Bell: 3 mins	Final Bell: 4 mins
Year 9	Warning Bell: 4 mins	Final Bell: 5 mins
Year 10	Warning Bell: 5 mins	Final Bell: 6 mins
Senior	Warning Bell: 6 mins	Final Bell: 8 mins

General Expectations:

- A speech is based on a central theme which is suggested by the topic
- The speaker should choose material suitable for the audience and a style of delivery suited to the material
- The purpose of this competition is for students to communicate their ideas to inform, entertain, persuade or any combination of these. **The speaker must present a speech, not an act, recitation or a comedy performance.**

Material:

- The content must be linked to the given topic, either directly or by suggestion. Consequently, originality should not be penalised.
- The speech must be substantially the speaker's own material.
- Adjudicators are not expected to be experts in every field and therefore must not allow their own special knowledge to prejudice their judgement of the material presented.

Style:

- Style refers to the overall impression created by the speaker's delivery of the material.

This includes:

- Effective eye contact
- Unobtrusive use of notes
- Appropriate use of language
- Clear and varied use of voice
- Gestures which assist in conveying a message

- The speaker should feel an affinity with the material and present it naturally. In establishing a rapport with the audience the personality of the speaker should be projected.

Structure:

- The material presented should be developed in a logical and ordered fashion.
- A good speech will make its point within the time allowed.
- Humour should be a means to an end, not an end in itself.

(Taken from: <http://www.csdansw.edu.au>)



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Entries Close: Tuesday 12th February. Trophies and adjudicators must be arranged.
Late entries will not be accepted.

- 1. Speaking Topics:** Available on Sentral from the 4th of February 2019 and at Student Services from Week 2. Students must deliver a speech, which is linked to a topic, either directly or by suggestion.
- 2. Speaking Times:** *Junior:* 3 – 4 minutes; *Year 9:* 4 – 5 minutes; *Year 10:* 5-6 minutes; *Senior:* 6-8 minutes.
- 3. Adjudication:** Depending on availability, a panel of 3 adjudicators will judge in each room. Adjudicators will use the CSDA Public Speaking Adjudication Guidelines to judge this competition. This is available at <http://www.csdansw.edu.au/ps/adjgdps.pdf> and will be distributed with the topics. The adjudicator's decision is final.
- 4. Commitment:** A student handing in this entry form is committing to prepare a speech to the best of his ability.
- 5. Spirit of the Competition:** All entrants recognise that participating is more important than winning and that the adjudicator's decision is final.
- 6. Harassment:** All entrants and supporters will show respect for other speakers by showing due courtesy in all aspects of their behaviour.
- 7. Dress:** All entrants and supporters must wear Full School Uniform.
- 8. Assistance:** New speakers are encouraged to seek the assistance from their Teachers, Senior Public Speaking students or Mrs Santos.



GORDON FETTERPLACE ENTRY FORM



(Please tick)

- My son _____ of Year _____ (H/R) _____ has permission to enter the Gordon Fetterplace Public Speaking Competition to be held at St Gregory's College on Friday, 15th February 2019.
- My son understands and accepts all the conditions outlined above, especially those regarding Commitment, Spirit, Harassment and Dress.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Please return this form to Student Services or to Mrs Santos for processing.