

# 2025 SPEECH & DRAMA SYLLABUS

for

**THE 58TH ANNUAL EISTEDDFOD**

**ORGANISED BY**

**TAREE AND DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD SOCIETY INC.**

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**“The important thing is not to win a prize or beat a rival,  
but to pace one another on the road to excellence.”**

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Friday April 4, 2025.**

**ALL ENTRIES AND FEES TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT [www.comps-online.com.au](http://www.comps-online.com.au)**

**Venue:** Manning Entertainment Centre, 33 Manning River Drive, Taree.

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**Adjudicator:** to be confirmed

**Tentative Dates:** May 19 to May 22, 2025

**GRAND CONCERT:** Saturday 14 June 2025 (to be confirmed)

## **AGE**

A competitor's age for entry purposes is taken as at 1st January in the year of the event.

## **DONATIONS**

Please consider making a donation. Every contribution, large or small, helps to keep our wonderful eisteddfod running. Your donation goes towards purchasing trophies and providing cash awards.

Donations can be included when submitting your entry at [www.comps-online.com.au](http://www.comps-online.com.au)

Thank you to all our generous donors from last year.

## **ADMITTANCE TO THE THEATRE FOR PERFORMANCES**

We ask that everyone who enters the theatre pay a session fee. This assists us in covering some of our running costs. Full day and season tickets are also available.

## **PROGRAM**

The program will be available from the Eisteddfod website once all entries are received and collated. The cost of the program is automatically added to your cart when you enter online.

## **RULES AND CONDITIONS**

The Eisteddfod Rules and Conditions are available on our website

## **SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND PRIZES.**

### **THE DENVA BIRD MEMORIAL AWARD FOR THE MOST PROMISING PERFORMER.**

A sum of \$500 will be awarded to the competitor adjudged by the adjudicator to be the most promising performer in the Speech and Drama Section of this Eisteddfod.

### **ROMA LIGGINS PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIP.**

A \$2500 scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding competitor in the 2025 eisteddfod. This scholarship is open to any competitor of any age and in any section of the eisteddfod. One competitor will be chosen by the adjudicator from each of the six sections. The Committee of the T.D.E.S. will then choose the successful competitor. Their name will be announced at the Grand Concert. A competitor will only be eligible for this scholarship once.

### **N.I.D.A. SCHOLARSHIP.**

A scholarship to attend the N.I.D.A. Summer School for one week will be awarded to a competitor 15 years and over who is considered by the adjudicator to benefit the most by this experience. This is not a cash award but will pay for tuition and accommodation for one week in Sydney. A competitor cannot win this scholarship in consecutive years.

One week's tuition and accommodation at NIDA will be made available to one competitor in the drama section of the 2025 Eisteddfod.

To qualify (1) a competitor must be between 15 and 23 years of age

(2) a competitor must have competed in either the Intermediate or Senior Championship.

The winner of this scholarship will not necessarily be the championship winner but the competitor whom the adjudicator feels would benefit the most from further tuition.

### **SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP.**

A scholarship of \$500 is given to a talented competitor in the Speech and Drama section who has been nominated by the adjudicator but has not won the Roma Liggins Scholarship.

### **ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS.**

The Manning Valley Businessman's Assoc. donate 2 x \$50 cash awards for two outstanding male competitors in the 2011 eisteddfod.

The Taree Arts Council donate an encouragement award to a promising performer 12 years and under.

There are 2 x \$50 cash awards to one female and one male competitor who is judged by the adjudicator to be outstanding in a duologue or group performance.

Cash awards will be given for all ages throughout the sections.

**'SMILE' SCHOLARSHIPS** A number of these scholarships will be available throughout the sections of the eisteddfod and are to be used for further tuition or workshops. They will be awarded by the adjudicator.

## **TO ALL AGE GROUPS**

OFFENSIVE OR DEROGATORY LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN SPEECH AND DRAMA. WE FEEL THIS RULE IS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE VARYING AGES IN THE AUDIENCE, SO IF YOU ARE UNSURE, WORK TO A 'G' RATING.

**THIS IS VERY HARD TO POLICE AS IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO READ ALL SCRIPTS WHEN THEY ARE HANDED IN JUST BEFORE PERFORMING ON STAGE. SO CHECK YOUR SCRIPT WITH THE COORDINATOR WELL BEFORE THE START OF THE EISTEDDFOD.**

THE ADJUDICATOR MAY DISQUALIFY ANY PERFORMER USING UNSUITABLE OR SENSITIVE MATERIAL ON STAGE. PLEASE CHECK BEFOREHAND SO YOU WON'T BE EMBARRASSED BY BEING TOLD TO LEAVE THE STAGE DURING YOUR PERFORMANCE.

### **\*\*\*\*\* TIME LIMITS \*\*\*\*\***

All time limits are strictly monitored.

Performers who exceed time limits will forfeit any placing & receive comments only.

Decision of the timekeeper is final.

**HANDWRITTEN SCRIPTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.** All scripts must be typed and, in a size, easy to read by the penciller. These scripts must be handed in at the back room well before the section starts.

**\*\*\*\*\* ALL PRICES INCLUDE GST. \*\*\*\*\***

**ABN NUMBER: 924974405560**

**GROUP SECTIONS: \$15 ENTRY FEE for all group sections**

**VERSE SPEAKING CHOIR** Maximum time limit 10 minutes for two poems

**SECTION 800 Small Schools:**

**SECTION 801 Infants:**

**SECTION 802 Junior Primary:**

**SECTION 803 Senior Primary.**

**ONE ACT PLAY OR SKETCH – from a published script**

2 minutes for setting up, 2 minutes for clearing. No props fixed to the backdrop. No shaving cream, talc or glass to be used. Hay must be wrapped in plastic. Maximum of 30 pupils per group. Own tape recorder must be supplied.

**SECTION 804 Primary**

**SECTION 805 Junior High (Years 7 & 8)**

**SECTION 806 Intermediate High (Years 9 & 10)**

**SECTION 807 Senior High.**

**Maximum time 10 minutes for all.**

**PLAY BUILDING**

This section is for scripts that pupils have developed themselves.

**SECTION 808 Junior High (Years 7 & 8)**

**SECTION 809 Intermediate High (Years 9 & 10)**

**SECTION 810 Senior High.**

**Maximum time 10 minutes for all**

**DANCE – DRAMA**

This is not musical comedy. Emphasis is on spoken voice work with music and movement.

**SECTION 811 Primary School:**

**SECTION 812 High School**

**Maximum time 10 minutes.**

**UNSCRIPTED DRAMA**

Each group will consist of 3-5 actors. Competitors will be allowed 3 minutes to improvise. Lock up conditions will apply. No props.

**SECTION 813 – Primary School:**

**SECTION 814 – Junior High (years 7 & 8)**

**SECTION 815 – Intermediate High (years 9 & 10)**

**SECTION 816 - Senior High**

**Maximum time 2 minutes**

**DEBATING**

**\*\*\*\*\*ONE HOUR PREPARATION TIME FOR ALL TEAMS INCLUDING PRIMARY\*\*\*\*\***

**SECTION 817 – Primary School** Each speaker has 3 minutes to speak (Coach with them for 30 minutes)

**SECTION 818 – Sub Junior High Year 7** Each speaker has 3 minutes to speak

**SECTION 819 – Junior High Year 8** Each speaker has 3 minutes to speak

**SECTION 820 – Intermediate High Years 9 & 10** Each speaker has 5 minutes to speak

**SECTION 821 – Senior High Years 11 & 12** Each speaker has 8 minutes to speak

**DRAMATIC DUOLOGUE**

Own choice. Performance must be from memory. **Time limit 5 minutes**

**SECTION 822 – 12 years & under**

**SECTION 823 – Junior High Years 7 & 8**

**SECTION 824 – Intermediate High Years 9 & 10**

**SECTION 825 – Senior High Years 11 & 12**

**SECTION 826 – Shakespearean Duologue 14 years and over**

**SOLO SECTIONS: \$12 ENTRY FEE**

**SECTION 900 - NURSERY RHYME IN COSTUME** 6 years & under Time limit 1 ½ minutes

**SECTION 900A - SONG IN COSTUME** 6 years & under Time limit 1 ½ minutes

**SECTION 900B - SONG IN COSTUME** 8 years & under Time limit 1 ½ minutes

**SECTION 900C - SONG IN COSTUME** 10 years & under Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 900D - SONG IN COSTUME** 12 years & under Time limit 3 minutes

**SECTION 901 - CHARACTER RECITAL IN COSTUME** 8 years & under Time limit 3 minutes

**SECTION 902 - CHARACTER RECITAL IN COSTUME** 10 years & under Time limit 3 minutes

**SECTION 903 - DRAMATIC EXCERPT SHAKESPEAREAN** 14 years & over Time limit 5 minutes

**DRAMATIC EXCERPT NON-SHAKESPEAREAN**

**SECTION 904 - 12 years & under** Time limit 5 minutes

**SECTION 905 - 14 years & under** Time limit 5 minutes

**SECTION 906 - 16 years & under** Time limit 5 minute

**SECTION 907 - 23 years & under** Time limit 6 minutes

**NOVICE DRAMATIC EXCERPT NON-SHAKESPEAREAN**

**SECTION 908 - Years -7 & 8-**Time limit 5 mins

**SECTION 909 - Years 9 &10** Time limit 5 mins

**SECTION 910 - Years 11&12**Time limit 6 mins

These sections are for students who have not won a first place in any Speech and Drama eisteddfod. A script must be handed in to the back room.

**MIME SOLO** Time limit 3 minutes No props. Own choice

**SECTION 911 – 14 years and under**

**SECTION 912 – 18 years and under**

**SACRED READING (with a Christian theme)**

Reading may be taken from any book, script poem etc which is considered 'sacred' by a Christian group. A copy of the script must be handed in to the back room before the session begins

**SECTION 913 - 8 years and under** Time limit 1 ½ minutes -

**SECTION 914 -10 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 915 -12 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 916 –18 years and under** Time limit 3 minutes

**VERSE SPEAKING SOLO**

**SECTION 917 - 8 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 918 -10 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes -

**SECTION 919 -12 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 920 -14 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 921 -16 years and under** Time limit 3 minutes

**SECTION 922- 18 years and under** Time limit 3 minutes

**NOVICE VERSE SPEAKING SOLO**

This section is for competitors who have never won a first place in any verse speaking section in any eisteddfod prior to the closing date. Own choice.

**SECTION 923 - 6 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 924 - 8 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 925 - 10 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 926 - 12 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 927 - 14 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 928 – 18 years and under** Time limit 3 minutes

**HUMOROUS RECITATION**

**SECTION 929 - 14 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 930 –18 years and under** Time limit 3 minutes

**AUSTRALIAN VERSE SOLO**

**SECTION 931 -10 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 932 -12 years and under** Time limit 2 minutes

**SECTION 933- 14 years and under** Time limit 3 minutes

**SECTION 934- 18 years and under** Time limit 3 minutes

**IMPROMPTU READING**

Competitors will be given no time to prepare. Lock up conditions applies.

**SECTION 935 - 10 years and under**

**SECTION 936 - 12 years and under**

**SECTION 937 -16 years and under**

**SECTION 938 -18 years and under**

**DRAMATIC IMPROMPTU FOR ONE**

Competitors will be allowed 3 minutes to prepare in lock up conditions then 3 minutes to perform.

**SECTION 939 - 14 years and under**

**SECTION 940 - 18 years and under**

**PREPARED SPEECH** Topic of own choice.

**SECTION 941 -10 years and under** Time limit 3 minutes

**SECTION 942 -12 years and under** Time limit 3 minutes

**SECTION 943 -16 years and under** Time limit 4 minutes

**SECTION 944 -18 years and under** Time limit 5 minutes

**RULES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

1. Both qualifying heats must be completed before you qualify for a championship.
2. In all Championships part (A) will be completed by all competitors and then part (B).

**SECTION 945** **JUNIOR DRAMATIC CHAMPIONSHIP**

14 YEARS AND UNDER \$18.00

(A) HUMOROUS RECITATION- Own choice. **Time limit 3 minutes**

(B) DRAMATIC EXCERPT- Own choice: Shakespearean or Non -Shakespearean. Must not be a repeat of any performance. **Time limit 5 minutes**

**The 2 qualifying heats are:** Australian Verse Solo **AND** Dramatic Excerpt.

You must compete in both heats before you can qualify

**SECTION 946** **INTERMEDIATE OR SENIOR DRAMATIC CHAMPIONSHIP (depending on entry numbers)**

18 YEARS AND UNDER \$18.00

(A) HUMOROUS RECITATION- Own choice. **Time limit 3 minutes**

(B) DRAMATIC EXCERPT- Own choice: Shakespearean or Non- Shakespearean. Must not be a repeat of any performance. **Time limit 6 minutes**

**The 2 qualification heats are:** Australian Verse Solo **AND** Dramatic Excerpt

You must compete in both heats before you can qualify.