

RULES & CONDITIONS

SPEECH AND DRAMA 2026

AGE

The age limit for the Cairns Eisteddfod is 4 years to 18 years inclusive.

ALL CHOIRS MAY CONSIST OF UP TO 60 VOICES.

CHOIR NUMBERS

Email to: secretary@cairnseisteddfod.org Choirs must submit the number of competitors in each item. All choirs can have max of 60 voices. This number MUST be in the hands of the Secretary by 30st May of current year. For more information on Choric Speaking visit <https://www.cairnseisteddfod.org/speech-drama/>.

PARTICIPATION

Individual members of the above are only permitted to compete in one School Entry and one Community Entry in the same section. Any choir, group or ensemble entered as a school entry must consist of bona-fide students of the school named.

If a competitor performs in more than the allowed groups, both groups in which that competitor performs in will be disqualified

Innovative use of stage is encouraged. However, two sets of stands will be available if required. Costuming and use of hand props is optional.

COMPLETION OF ENTRY and PAYMENT

Payment of entry fees, programmes, and competitors' tickets are to be done through **Comps Online**. Payment is to be at the time of entry. Entries will not be processed until payment has been done. Comps Online, will be accessible through a link on our web page www.cairnseisteddfod.org or <https://www.comps-online.com.au/> It is advised to enter early and avoid the last-minute congestion. As you register with Comps Online with a username and password, this will allow you to go back in and add to your entry, however each time will incur a processing fee. A confirmation email will be automatically returned on receipt of payment. If you do not receive an Automated Receipt, you have not completed the entry and confirmed payment. Therefore, you are not entered in the eisteddfod. Please check junk mailbox.

YOUR ENTRY FORM IS YOUR TAX INVOICE (please keep a copy for your records). Payment by Debit/Credit Card only. If you are having difficulties with online entry and payment, the Committee will be at the Eisteddfod office on Saturday mornings from 10am to 12pm from the 7th of March to assist with your online entry and payment. The office is located at 69 - 71 Greenslopes Street, Edge Hill.

CLOSING DATE

All entries must be completed by 1st April 2026. - **NO Late Entries will be accepted.**

It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure they have entered the correct section and age group.

Please check all entry details on the automated receipt. This will be emailed on completion of your entry. Please check your junk mail.

DISCREPANCIES

Any discrepancies found please email secretary@cairnseisteddfod.org immediately.

No further changes will be made once programming has been completed.

DUOLOGUES AND POEMS FOR TWO

One of the competitors may be under the age stated, but the competitor may not enter in BOTH the higher age and lower age sections.

DUOLOGUES & CHARACTERISATION

A card table, chair and low stool will be provided backstage by the committee for use if desired. These and hand props only are permitted.

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SYNOPSIS

Competitors may, if they wish, provide a brief synopsis to DUOLOGUE, SINGLE CHARACTER PORTRAYAL, and SHAKESPEAREAN EXCERPT to be read by the Chairperson as part of the introduction to their item.

The synopsis of not more than 30 words, must be typed or printed in double line spacing, and headed clearly with the Competitor's number and section, play, act, scene and character, and must be in the hands of the Stage Manager at a reasonable time prior to the respective section.

The play, act, scene and character for the Shakespearean Excerpt must be stated on own choice copy when submitted.

SET POEMS

Copies of the set poems can be obtained on the Cairns Eisteddfod website here:

<https://www.cairnseisteddfod.org/speech-drama/>

PRESENTATION OF COMPETITOR PIECES

Competitors are required to present a clean copy of their pieces prior to the commencement of their section. A template for how to present this, can be obtained on the Cairns Eisteddfod website here:

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SAFETY

Every care will be taken for the competitor's safety, but the committee will not be responsible for any injury to any competitor, sustained during the eisteddfod.

The committee is not responsible for any injury to any persons 'authorized or unauthorized', sustained during the eisteddfod.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The use of photographic devices of any kind are a breach of the privacy laws in accordance with the child protection act, and the committee regrets that the use of video recorders, cameras, mobile phones or any recording device in the auditorium and side stage area is prohibited (official photographers/videographers excepted).

STAGE SIZE

CDJE Stage size is 4.8m deep x 9.8m wide.

The front curtain of the CPAC is approx. 1.5m back from the front edge of the stage.

The maximum performing area of CPAC Stage is approx. 12m wide by 12m deep, in total front edge to back curtain 13.5 meters. A site map can be obtained on the Cairns Eisteddfod website here:

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HEALTH

In the interest of all competitors and patrons, please do not attend the venue/event if you are experiencing any symptoms of illness.

AWARDS

Cairns Eisteddfod will award one major trophy per competitor with the exception of the Most Outstanding Speech & Drama Performer Across All Speech & Drama Sections, which recognises the competitor deemed to be the most outstanding performer across the Speech & Drama Cairns Eisteddfod event.

PLEASE NOTE

GENERAL RULES

CHILD SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT

PHOTOGRAPHY & PHONE POLICY

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SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Are all available for download from the web page.