



# Cairns & District Junior Eisteddfod Association

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# CAIRNS EISTEDDFOD

**Music · Dance · Drama · Speech · Literary**

## Speech & Drama Schedule 2026

June 24 to June 26

[www.cairnseisteddfod.org](http://www.cairnseisteddfod.org)

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

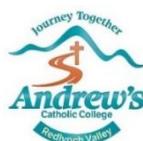
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| <b>PRESIDENT:</b>       | Mrs. Robin Smith                      |
| <b>VICE PRESIDENTS:</b> | Mrs. Lizanne Smith / Mr. Peppi Bertei |
| <b>SECRETARY:</b>       | Mrs. Vicky Sanderson                  |
| <b>ASST. SECRETARY:</b> | Miss. Miss. Madeline Doolan           |
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| <b>SPEECH CONVENER:</b> | Mrs. Robin Smith                      |

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marketing@cairnseisteddfod.org



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**DATES:** 24, 25, 26, June 2026

**CONTACT:** Mrs Robin Smith – [speech@cairnseisteddfod.org](mailto:speech@cairnseisteddfod.org)

**CLOSING DATE:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 Enter online at <https://www.comps-online.com.au/>

**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

**COMPETITOR'S ELIGIBILITY:** As per School Grade

**VENUE:** C.D.J. E. HALL - Greenslopes Street Cairns Performing Arts Centre – Florence Street Cairns

**ADJUDICATOR:** Kathleen Wilson

### ENTRY FEES:

|                         |         |                        |         |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|
| SOLOS                   | \$15.00 | BANDS/ENSEMBLES/CHOIRS | \$26.00 |
| CHAMPIONSHIPS           | \$24.00 | COMPETITORS TICKET     | \$20.00 |
| DUETS/ DUOS/TRIOS       | \$20.00 | PROGRAMME POSTED       | \$30.00 |
| OPEN ENSEMBLE (3) / (4) | \$22.00 | PROGRAMME COLLECTED    | \$20.00 |

### DONATIONS

If anyone wishes to make a cash donation or sponsor a trophy for the Eisteddfod, would they please contact Tracy Elder- 0414910429 or [trophies@cairnseisteddfod.org](mailto:trophies@cairnseisteddfod.org)

### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer workers are needed. Please contact: Music – Lizanne Smith  
Speech – Robin Smith, Nicole Tobin, Wendy Billingsley  
Dance – Peppi Bertei, Tracy Elder, Madeline Doolan  
Email: [secretary@cairnseisteddfod.org](mailto:secretary@cairnseisteddfod.org)

### TICKETS

**PLEASE REFER TO [www.cairnseisteddfod.org](http://www.cairnseisteddfod.org) FOR PRICES**

## Important Notice: Competitor Passes for Speech & Drama

Competitor passes are **only required if you wish to enter the auditorium at CPAC** during the Speech and Drama sessions.

If you are performing and plan to watch other performances inside the auditorium, you will need a competitor pass.

### NEW\*\* SIBLING PASSES

- Sibling passes provide unlimited access to all sessions at the CDJE Hall and CPAC for siblings.
- They cost the same as the Competitor Passes and must be purchased through CompsOnline together with an eligible Competitor Pass.
- Sibling passes are available for each sibling under the age of 12.

**Passes can be collected from the Eisteddfod venue or at the CDJE Hall on Saturday mornings from 10am to 12pm starting 7th June. The office is located at 69–71 Greenslopes Street, Edge Hill.**

### SESSION TICKETS

- ◇ Can be purchased at the door or at TicketLINK.
- ◇ *Session Tickets for CDJE Hall Only can be purchased on the day of each session via credit card. Cash Sales are not encouraged.*
- ◇ **Multiple Entry Passes for CDJE Hall can only be purchased at the CDJE Hall Office. (Prior to the start of the 2026 Eisteddfod).**

**ALL OTHER TICKETS CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED FROM TICKETLINK - [www.ticketLINK.com.au](http://www.ticketLINK.com.au) or phone 1300855835**

**Multiple Entry Pass CPAC – (12 Sessions)**

**Multiple Entry Pass CPAC – (7 Sessions)**

# 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](mailto: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 31st 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](http://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 mail box.

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 **1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

# RULES & CONDITIONS

## SPEECH & DRAMA 2025

### 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.cairneisteddfod.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: <https://www.cairneisteddfod.org/speech-drama/>

### 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: <https://www.cairneisteddfod.org/speech-drama/>

### 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

CODE OF CONDUCT

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

*Are all available for download from the web page.*

# SPEECH AND DRAMA AWARDS

## SPEECH AND DRAMA AGGREGATE AWARDS

### **AGGREGATE GRADES 7-12**

Highest points gained in Age Poem, Shakespeare and 1 of either Public Speaking or Impro Reading or News Reading

#### **The George and Dot Fairweather Shield**

### **AGGREGATE GRADES 2-6**

Highest points gained in Aged Poem, Monologue in costume, and Public Speaking or Impro Reading or News Reading

#### **The Snelling Shield**

## **Special Notes about Speech & Drama**

- Please practice prepared items to fit within the time limit. The adjudicator has the right to deduct marks if it has run over the specified time. Going over time or requiring a prompt will not necessarily disqualify a performer from receiving a place: the overall marks will be used to determine places.
- Consideration (suitability and quality) should be given to the choice of material to be presented.
- Please register at the venue before the beginning of the session you are performing in. A clear copy of prepared items should be submitted for adjudication. Please go to <https://www.cairnseisteddfod.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/SD-Template.pdf> to download the template. Be aware that photocopies will be destroyed at the completion of the Eisteddfod.
- Any sets used in group dramas or monologues must be placed on the stage by the competitor/s and one other person only. Don't forget to strike (clear away) your set at the end.
- Adjudication reports will be available for collection at the end of each session.
- Please go to the Speech & Drama section on the Cairns Eisteddfod website for more information about the new 2024 Slam Poetry sections.
- Schools may enter for DUOLOGUES and GROUP PRESENTATION through their Centre of Excellence however solo sections must be entered by the individual (with their full contact information) through Comps Online.

All Cairns Eisteddfod General Rules and Conditions apply to this Division.

## SECTIONS

### **Choric Speaking**

#### **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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|-----------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>S1</b> | <b>CHORIC SPEAKING – Primary School Grades 4 to 6</b>      | <b>Entry Fee: \$26.00</b>            |
|           | <b>Maximum 3 minutes</b>                                   |                                      |
|           | (A) Set Poem: <i>Set Piece:</i>                            | (A) Rollercoaster - Heide Bee Roemer |
|           |  | (B) Skateboard - Max Fatchen         |
|           | (B) Own Choice   |                                      |
|           | The Set Poem may be performed in unison or part-work.      |                                      |
|           | The Own Choice piece must be performed in the other style. |                                      |
| <b>S2</b> | <b>CHORIC SPEAKING - Primary School Grades 1 to 3</b>      | <b>Entry Fee: \$26.00</b>            |
|           | <b>Maximum 3 minutes</b>                                   |                                      |
|           | (A) Set Poem: <i>Set Piece:</i>                            | (A) Witches - A. Ruddich             |
|           |  | (B) Summer - Andrew Chant            |
|           | (B) Own Choice.  |                                      |
|           | The Set Poem may be performed in unison or part-work.      |                                      |
|           | The Own Choice piece must be performed in the other style. |                                      |

## SECTIONS

### Poems

#### **SET PIECE**

- S3 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SET POEM – Grades 7 to 12** **Entry Fee: \$24.00**  
A) Set Piece: *Border Poems – “People at the Bus Shelter; Raining”* by Stuart Cooke  
B) *Own Choice Monologue:*  
Stage blacks to be worn  
To be eligible, competitors must have performed in at least 1 Age Group Solo
- S4 AGE GROUP SET POEM - Grades 10 to 12** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Set Piece: (A) *Don't Go Into the Library* - Alberto Rios  
(B) *The Caged Bird in Springtime* - James Kirkup
- S5 AGE GROUP SET POEM - Grades 7 to 9** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Set Piece: (A) *Wave Rider* - Andrew Chant  
(B) *Where the Sidewalk Ends* - Shel Silverstein
- S6 AGE GROUP SET POEM - Grades 4 to 6** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Set Piece: (A) *Zebra Question* - Shel Silverstein  
(B) *The Shark* - John Ciardi
- S7 AGE GROUP SET POEM - Grades Prep to 3** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Set Piece: (A) *There are big waves* - Eleanor Farjeon  
(B) *The Honey Maker* - Andrew Chant

### Recitation

#### **OWN CHOICE HUMOROUS POEM**

- S8 HUMOROUS POEM - Grades Prep to 3** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 2 minutes  
Costume Optional

#### **OWN CHOICE – Humorous, Slam or Original**

- S9 POEM - Grades 10 to 12** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 3 minutes  
Costume Optional
- S10 POEM – Grades 7 to 9** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 3 minutes  
Costume Optional
- S11 POEM - Grades 3 to 6** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 3 minutes  
Costume Optional

#### **SPEECH AND DRAMA**

- S12 SHAKESPEAREAN EXCERPT - Grades 10 to 12** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 4 minutes  
Costume Compulsory
- S13 SHAKESPEAREAN EXCERPT – Grades 7 to 9** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 3 minutes  
Costume Compulsory

## SECTIONS

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| <b>S14</b> | <b>MONOLOGUE - Grades 10 to 12</b><br>Maximum 4 minutes<br>Costume Compulsory<br>Excluding Shakespeare          | <b>Entry Fee: \$15.00</b> |
| <b>S15</b> | <b>MONOLOGUE - Grades 7 to 9</b><br>Maximum 3 minutes<br>Costume Compulsory<br>Excluding Shakespeare            | <b>Entry Fee: \$15.00</b> |
| <b>S16</b> | <b>MONOLOGUE IN COSTUME - Grades 2 to 6</b><br>Maximum 3 minutes<br>Costume Compulsory<br>Excluding Shakespeare | <b>Entry Fee: \$15.00</b> |
| <b>S17</b> | <b>DUOLOGUE – Grades 10 - 12</b><br>Maximum 4 minutes<br>Costume Compulsory                                     | <b>Entry Fee: \$20.00</b> |
| <b>S18</b> | <b>DUOLOGUE - Grades 7 - 9</b><br>Maximum 4 minutes<br>Costume Compulsory                                       | <b>Entry Fee: \$20.00</b> |
| <b>S19</b> | <b>DUOLOGUE – Grades 2 - 6</b><br>Maximum 3 minutes<br>Costume Compulsory                                       | <b>Entry Fee: \$20.00</b> |
| <b>S20</b> | <b>GROUP PRESENTATION – Grades 10 - 12</b><br>Maximum 4 minutes<br>Costume Compulsory<br>3-10 group members     | <b>Entry Fee: \$22.00</b> |
| <b>S21</b> | <b>GROUP PRESENTATION – Grades 7 - 9</b><br>Maximum 4 minutes<br>Costume Compulsory<br>3-10 group members       | <b>Entry Fee: \$22.00</b> |
| <b>S22</b> | <b>GROUP PRESENTATION – Grades 2 - 6</b><br>Maximum 4 minutes<br>Costume Compulsory<br>3-10 group members       | <b>Entry Fee: \$22.00</b> |
| <b>S23</b> | <b>POEM FOR TWO COMPETITORS - Grades 7 - 12</b><br>Maximum 4 minutes  | <b>Entry Fee: \$22.00</b> |
| <b>S24</b> | <b>POEM FOR TWO COMPETITORS – Grades 2 - 6</b><br>Maximum 3 minutes   | <b>Entry Fee: \$22.00</b> |
| <b>S25</b> | <b>POEM FOR 3-6 VOICES – Grades 7-12</b><br>Maximum 3 minutes   | <b>Entry Fee: \$22.00</b> |
| <b>S26</b> | <b>POEM FOR 3-6 VOICES – Grades 2 - 6</b><br>Maximum 3 minutes  | <b>Entry Fee: \$22.00</b> |

## SECTIONS

- S27 DRAMATISATION FROM A MUSICAL – Grades 7 -12** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 3 minutes  
**Costume compulsory**
- S28 DRAMATISATION FROM A MUSICAL – Grades 2 - 6** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 3 minutes  
**Costume compulsory**
- S29 PUBLIC SPEAKING - Grades 10 - 12** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 5 minutes  
Set Topic: (A) "Thunder is good, thunder is impressive; but it is lightening that does all the work" Mark Twain  
(B) "Bite off more than you can chew, then chew it" Ella Williams
- S30 PUBLIC SPEAKING - Grades 7 - 9** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 3 minutes  
Set Topic: (A) Are Zoo's Necessary... (agree or disagree)  
(B) "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference" Winston Churchill
- S31 PUBLIC SPEAKING - Grades 3 - 6** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 2 minutes  
Set Topic: (A) My Family Celebrates... (cultural event or any event)  
(B) *Pocket money should be earned*
- S32 PUBLIC SPEAKING – own choice topic Grades 10 - 12** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 5 minutes  
(*Piece from Literary Section entry may be used*)
- S33 PUBLIC SPEAKING – own choice topic Grades 7 - 9** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Maximum 3 minutes  
(*Piece from Literary Section entry may be used*)

### Impromptu

- S34 IMPROMPTU READING - Grades 7 - 12** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Set by Adjudicator
- S35 IMPROMPTU READING - Grades 3 - 6** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Set by Adjudicator
- S36 ONE MINUTE PLEASE - Grades 7 - 12** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Each competitor will be given a different topic, on which he/she will speak, with no time for preparation.  
A warning bell will be rung at 50 seconds. At the final bell, the competitor must leave the stage.

### Religious Reading

- S37 RELIGIOUS READING - Grades 7 - 12** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
Own Choice Maximum 2 minutes

### News Reading

- S38 NEWS READING - Grades 7 - 12** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
A reading (with audience awareness) appropriate for radio or current news and events. Script to be self-devised.  
Maximum 2 minutes
- S39 NEWS READING - Grades 3 - 6** **Entry Fee: \$15.00**  
A reading (with audience awareness) appropriate for radio or current news and events. Script to be self-devised.  
Maximum 2 minutes