



7 August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

This letter is to inform you about the 2018 A.B. Paterson College Public Speaking Competition. It is open to all students, Years 4-12. The Year 4 students are not in competition but receive valuable experience in public speaking. The dates of the competition are:

Thursday	30 August	Adjudicator Workshop
Thursday	6 September	Year 4
Tuesday	9 October	Years 5-7 Heats
Thursday	11 October	Years 8-12 Heats
Tuesday	16 October	Years 5-7 Finals
Thursday	18 October	Years 8-12 Finals

Topics for the students to choose from and Entry Forms for each year level are available on the College website <https://www.abpat.qld.edu.au/page/public-speaking>. Please note that entry fees this year will be **\$6.00** per student, payable **prior** to the competition.

Each student will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

Speaking times are:

Year 4	2 minutes	No warning bell
Year 5	4 minutes	Single warning bell at 3 minutes
Year 6	5 minutes	Single warning bell at 4 minutes
Year 7	5 minutes	Single warning bell at 4 minutes
Year 8	5 minutes	Single warning bell at 4 minutes
Year 9	6 minutes	Single warning bell at 5 minutes
Year 10	7 minutes	Single warning bell at 6 minutes
Year 11	8 minutes	Single warning bell at 7 minutes
Year 12	8 minutes	Single warning bell at 7 minutes

In Years 5-11, the winner of the Grand Final will receive a QBD book voucher valued at \$80.00, second will receive a voucher worth \$60.00 and third \$20.00. The winner of the Year 12 Grand Final will receive a book voucher valued at \$100.00, second \$80.00 and third \$60.00. The winner of the Year 12 Grand Final is eligible for a 50% Bursary from Bond University. The Bursary covers half the fees of any single Bond University degree course (except Medicine) or, in the case of a combined degree, half the cost of the greater of the two degrees (current value of the bursary is \$45,000-\$65,000). The winner of each Grand Final will also receive a plaque, as a commemoration of his/her outstanding achievement.

There is also an aggregate shield provided in both the Primary and Secondary areas, for the best performing school in the Finals.

If students from your school are interested in participating, could you please return the attached Expression of Interest form to A.B. Paterson College by Friday, 22 June 2018.

The competition can only continue to exist in its present form if the teachers of competing schools help with adjudication. As a condition for a school to enter students, we request a ratio of one adjudicator for every ten students entered, or part thereof. One adjudicator will be expected to make themselves available for three timeslots. This commitment may be shared between staff from a school.

Please note that the adjudicators, prior to the competition, are invited to attend an **adjudication workshop to be offered on Thursday, 30 August 2018 at 4.00pm, at A.B. Paterson College.**

Students representing their school in this competition are required to maintain the highest standards of behaviour at all times. Nominations are accepted at the sole discretion of A.B. Paterson College without further discussion or correspondence, and ongoing involvement in the competition is at the discretion of the College.

It is intended that **you will receive relevant updates via email** and on the A.B. Paterson College website. It is therefore vitally important that we have **accurate email contact with your Public Speaking co-ordinator.**

Please complete the form below ensuring email details are accurate and **printed clearly.**

The closing date for the competitions entries are:

Year 4 – Tuesday, 28 August 2018

Years 5-12 – Friday, 7 September 2018

Yours faithfully



**IAN TAYLOR
DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES**