

Monday 3 July

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As part of our Literacy program this term, your child will be constructing and presenting a speech to their class. This will take place during Week 7, 31st August - 4th Sep.

After the speeches have been presented in class, 3 finalists will be selected from each class for the School Speech Competition.

The School Speech Competition will be held in the **school hall** on **Thursday 10th September at 2:00pm**. All families are welcome.

Speech Preparation

Every student will **prepare a speech during class time** that may then be practiced at home. The speech length is 3 minutes. Students must be within 15 seconds of the time stated (2 minutes 45 seconds - 3 minutes 15 seconds).

The topics are listed below. **It is important that your child independently selects their topics and prepares their speech with as little assistance from you as possible.** Please help your child find suitable resources to research their topic. They will need to bring these to school and use them to prepare their speech.

The topics are:

Small Actions, Big Impact: Can a single Year 7 or 8 student actually make a meaningful difference in their school community, or is real change only possible for adults?
Giving Yourself Grace: Why is learning to forgive yourself after a failure just as important as showing grace to others?
Standing Firm in Your Beliefs: How can young Christians stand up for their values in a world that often ridicules religious faith?
Dressing for Yourself vs. Dressing for Likes: Has social media turned daily outfit choices into an act of self-obsession rather than genuine self-expression?
Changing Your Mind: Why is changing your opinion when presented with new facts a sign of strength rather than weakness?
Choose your own topic (this must be approved by your teacher.)

We are looking forward to seeing the students' creativity and their ability to develop excellent speeches. Once their speeches have been written at school, you can encourage your child to practice and prepare well at home. They can type up their speech and put it on to cue cards.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning. We hope to see you at the School Speech Competition to support our finalists.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Prickett, Miss Fale, Miss Zavaleta and Mr Tay