

What is an Impromptu Speech?

In keeping with the Southern Sydney Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition all Stage Finalists will present an impromptu speech, which is written at school on finals day.

- The speech topic is given at the time of writing.
- Students have 5 minutes to write about the topic, and limited time to read over notes before presenting.
- The same judging criteria will be used as in prepared speeches. To revise Matter, Method, Manner you can download 'Public Speaking Tips' on YPS website under 'Extra-Curricular'.
- The impromptu speech is 50% of the final score.
- Finalists are encouraged to develop brainstorming and planning skills, and practise delivering points with confidence.

| Impromptu Speech Times | | |
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| Age | Prep time | Ideal speech length |
| Kinder: | No impromptu required | |
| Stage 1: Year 1 and 2 | 5 minutes | 1 minute |
| Stage 2: Year 3 and 4 | 5 minutes | 1 minute |
| Stage 3: Year 5 and 6 | 5 minutes | 2 minutes |

How to prepare for Impromptu Speaking

"It's much easier to be convincing if you care about your topic. Figure out what's important to you about your message and speak from the heart." Nicholas Boothman

Writing points for impromptus is easier with a formula. You could try one of these ideas to help you practise at home:

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| <p>▷ Mind Map</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Put topic in middle of page ▪ Write points around it ▪ Decide on a point of view ▪ Give reasons and examples | <p>▷ De Bono's 6 Thinking Hats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Argue these points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Positive ○ Negative ○ Feelings ○ Creativity ○ The Facts ○ Big Picture |
| <p>▷ P.R.E.P.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ State a <u>P</u>oint ▪ Give <u>R</u>easons ▪ Give <u>E</u>xamples ▪ Next <u>P</u>oint... and so on | <p>▷ Past, Present, Future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss these three things about the topic ▪ Give reasons and examples |

Remember, you need an overall message or position. You can google "persuasive speech topics primary" to practise topics. Ask someone to set you a topic and then time you.

Good luck!