

2024 Language Teachers Queensland BRISBANE LANGUAGES SPEECH CONTEST RULES



1. Objective:

The Brisbane Languages Speech Contest is an educational event organised by volunteer members of the Language Teachers Queensland. The objective of the contest is to foster an appreciation of languages and cultures and allow students to showcase their speaking skills and nurture their confidence.

2. Date: Sunday, 4th August 2024

Time: 9am start with results to be announced at the Marshalling Room as they become available.

(Teachers will be advised of students' performance times by 29th July 2024.)

Venue: Griffith University Nathan Campus, Kessels Road, Nathan

Registration Closing Date: Friday, 19th July, 2024

3. Participants:

- (i) The competition is open to students from Years 4 to 6 in the Primary division, Years 7 to 12 in the Secondary division, studying a second language as a school subject in State, Catholic and Independent schools in Queensland.
- (ii) Languages include French, Japanese, Spanish, Chinese, German, Russian and Italian in the both Primary and Secondary divisions.
- (iii) This contest is organised for schools within Brisbane City Council. Schools within Gold Coast City and Sunshine Coast are not eligible to participate in the Brisbane contest. Schools from other regions can choose which contest to enter.
- (iv) Students may only be entered in the contest by a teacher from their school who is a member of the MLTAQ.

4. Divisions:

- **Students may only enter one division per language.**
- **Divisions may be combined or altered at the discretion of the Language Convenor.**

Guided Speeches Divisions	Senior Divisions	Background Speakers and Immersion Learners Divisions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4• Year 5• Year 6• Year 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4• Year 5• Year 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Years 7 and 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 9		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Years 9 and 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 10		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Years 11 and 12

5. Eligibility:

- **Background speakers:**
 - are ineligible to compete in non-background speaker divisions, **and**
 - are defined as:
 - A contestant who speaks the target language at home, and/or
 - A contestant who has completed more than 2 years of in-country compulsory years' education.
- **Immersion/Bilingual Students:**

Contestants who are studying in an Immersion/Bilingual context must enter the Background Speakers and Immersion Learners Divisions.

6. Number of Entrants:

A maximum of 4* students per year level per division per language per school.

- * **Teachers please note:** when entering students into the Background Speakers and Immersion Learners Divisions, schools may enter up to 4 immersion/bilingual/background speaker students and 4 mainstream students in that division (e.g. in Year 9 French, 4 mainstream students may be entered as well as 4 Year 8 French Immersion/Bilingual/Background speaker students).

7. Entry Fees

- (i) Cost of entry is **\$8.00** per student per language.
- (ii) For insurance purposes, to be eligible to enter students in the competition, at least one teacher per language entered from each school must be a current member of the MLTAQ Inc., as well as be present on the day of the contest.

(iii) There will be no refunds past the registration date.

8. Speeches:

- (i) Speeches are available on the MLTAQ website.
- (ii) Palm cards are allowed; however, students will be adjudicated accordingly (Fluency of delivery).
- (iii) Props and costumes may not be used.
- (iv) Culturally appropriate, language-specific presentation and delivery is expected.
- (v) Parents are welcome to accompany their child into the judging room at the discretion of the contestant.
- (vi) Guided speeches which require some independent construction, are provided. (The main content will be decided at the discretion of the Language Convenor.)
- (vii) The grammar in guided speeches **is not** to be altered in any way.
- (viii) Contestants will be asked two to three questions by the judges after the speech. These questions will be based on the content of the speech. The Convenors will make these questions available to the judges on the day of the contest.
- (ix) Teachers are not permitted in the competition room.

(x) Years 11 & 12 Senior Divisions

- a. Speeches are to be independently written by the student and to be the original work of the student. The degree of assistance given by teachers or background speakers should be limited to the correction of grammatical errors or the making of minor alterations for the sake of continuity.
- b. Speech Length: 2.5 - 3 minutes

9. Registration

- (i) Forms are available from the MLTAQ website. Payment can also be made online through this page
- (ii) Entries will ***only be accepted from financial members of the MLTAQ.***
- (iii) All entry forms and payments must be received by the closing date, 19th July 2024.
- (iv) **Students will be ineligible to compete if the payment or membership requirements are not satisfied.**

Note: It is the teachers' responsibility to ensure parents of participating students have completed an appropriate media consent form.

10. Special Conditions of Entry:

- (i) The wearing of school uniforms is compulsory for all participating students or where a school does not have a school uniform, appropriate attire for a formal contest setting is required.
- (ii) When entering students, teachers also agree to assist the contest Convenor where needed on contest day.

- (iii) Where a school has entered **15 or more** students on the day as per the contest rules, a **second teacher for that language** will be required to assist on the day (see 7). Teachers may contact the contest convenor at kxish0@eq.edu.au should they have trouble meeting this criterion.

11. Judging Criteria:

- (i) Guided speeches: pronunciation, accuracy, fluency, culturally appropriate non-verbal expression from the target language, and responses to questions.
- (ii) Other Divisions: content, including a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures, a range of culturally appropriate expressions, delivery and responses to questions.

12. Presentation of Awards:

- (i) Full names of place getters will be posted in marshalling rooms as they become available.
- (ii) Division winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will be awarded medals (gold, silver and bronze). Teachers must pick up medals from the marshalling rooms on the day.
- (iii) Large divisions will be divided into equal sections according to the number of entrants per division received at registration close.
- (iv) Where there are only **four** contestants in a division/section, only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded. Where there are fewer than **four** contestants in a division/section, only 1st place will be awarded. In the case of an internal competition (i.e. where only one school is participating in a division), only 1st prizes are awarded.
- (v) Winners will be decided by a panel of judges. Aggregates of the marks of all the judges will determine the place allocated to each contestant 1, 2 and 3. In the case of a draw in points, the judges will determine the outcome by discussion. **Under no circumstances are ties to be awarded.**
- (vi) Participation, place, and highly commended certificates will be emailed to teachers for use in their schools.

13. Convenor Decisions:

- (i) All decisions are final, and no discussion will be entered into.
- (ii) There is **no opportunity** to discuss issues arising from the contest on the day.
- (iii) Feedback can be sent via email to the Contest Convenor kxish0@eq.edu.au with subject line, '**2024 LTQ Brisbane Speech Contest feedback**'.