

# RULES OF THE MLTAQ ONLINE SPEECH CONTEST 2023



1. The MLTAQ Online Speech Contest is an educational event organised by members of the Modern Languages Teachers' Association of Queensland Inc. The objective of the contest is to foster and nurture the appreciation of languages and culture.

2. **Date:** Entries and registrations open on Monday 17th April and close at 4:00pm on Friday 23rd June 2023. **No late entries will be accepted.**

3. **Venue:** Online (Register via link on MLTAQ website; submissions via private video on Youtube)

4. **Divisions:** Language Convenors may change the divisions available subject to numbers at their discretion. Students who are currently participating in an immersion program may enter the contest but must do so in the division above their current year level (e.g. If a student is studying French immersion in Year 8, they must compete in the Year 9 competition). IB Languages B students (SL or HL) also participate in the division above their current year level. This does not apply to year 12 students. In cases where students are learning a language other than those offered by their school, they may be entered as a miscellaneous student. Primary and secondary students will enter under their school's name and will still be expected to wear the uniform of their school (except in the case of students who do not have a school uniform). The number of competitors is limited to 3 entrants per division. Divisions of the contest are as listed below:

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| Para-ability                            |
| Year 4                                  |
| Year 4 Background Speaker               |
| Year 5                                  |
| Year 5 Background Speaker               |
| Year 6                                  |
| Year 6 Background Speaker               |
| Year 7                                  |
| Year 8                                  |
| Year 9                                  |
| Year 10                                 |
| Year 11                                 |
| Year 12                                 |
| Junior background speaker (Years 7-8)   |
| Junior background speaker (Years 9-10)  |
| Senior background speaker (Years 11-12) |

5. **Number of Entrants:** Primary and Secondary schools can enter a maximum of three entries per division per language. When entering immersion students into the division above their current year level, schools may enter up to 3 immersion students and 3 mainstream students in that division.

## 6. **Speeches:**

i. Speech content and guidance will be provided at the discretion of the language convenor (usually after consultation with other teachers of the language). Generally, students from Years 4 to 9 have guided speeches where they fill in the gaps themselves, and Years 10 - 12 and Background Speaker divisions write their own speeches.

- ii. For Years 11 and 12 and Background Speaker divisions, speeches must be the original work of the contestant (i.e. written by the student). The degree of assistance given by teachers or background speakers should be limited to the correction of grammatical errors or the marking of minor alterations for the sake of continuity.
- iii. While the use of palm cards is permitted, students are expected to deliver their speech fluently.
- iv. Props and costumes may not be used. However, culturally appropriate presentation and delivery are still important factors in the adjudication of each contestant.
- v. Length of speeches where students write their own speeches:
  - a. Year 4 – 6 Background Speakers 1 – 1.5 minutes
  - b. Year 7 – 8 Background Speakers 1.5 – 2 minutes
  - c. Year 9 – 10 Background Speakers 1.5 – 2 minutes
  - d. Year 11 – 12 Background Speakers 4 – 5 minutes

## **7. Registrations:**

**Registration will be available via survey link on the MLTAQ website.**

Schools can select multiple languages on the one registration form but should make clear the teacher in charge of each language so certificates can be sent to the appropriate person. If a teacher works across multiple schools, they should submit one registration per school. There will be no entry fees for the 2023 contest. Unregistered entries will be disqualified and will not be judged.

## **8. Submissions:**

**Submission must be complete via survey link on the MLTAQ website. Teachers MUST ensure participating students have standard media consent.**

Teachers are to upload the video to YouTube as an unlisted video with the title following this format: "MLTAQ Online Speech Contest 2023: Division, First Name Initial, School Name"  
(Example: MLTAQ Online Speech Contest 2023: Year 4 Japanese, Harry P, Hogwarts)  
They must then complete the submissions survey to ensure the judges receive the link. No late submissions will be accepted.

## **9. Eligibility:**

Background speakers are ineligible to compete in non-background speaker divisions.

Background speakers are defined as

- Contestant's mother and/or father's first language is the language of the division
- or
- Contestant has completed 1 or more years of compulsory education in country

## **9. Special Conditions of Entry:**

The wearing of school uniforms is compulsory for all students in both primary and secondary sections, unless their school does not have a uniform.

## **10. Results**

Results will be decided by a panel of judges. Students will be placed in the categories of Elite, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Credit. These will be sent to the schools by the Language Convenors as an editable document, so teachers can type correctly spelled names of students and be presented to students at their own school following the contest. Please note that certificates will not be posted out to schools.

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