



RULES OF THE

MLTAQ AND GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

GOLD COAST LANGUAGES SPEECH CONTEST

May 2021

Latest version of Speech Contest Rules available at
<http://www.mltaq.asn.au/goldcoast/gold-coast-branch/speechcontest>

1. The Gold Coast Languages Speech Contest is an educational event organised by members of the Gold Coast Branch 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:** Sunday 25th July 2021.

Time: Judging takes place until 2:00pm.
Names of winners are posted in each marshalling room, on finalisation of scores.

Venue: Griffith University Gold Coast Campus, Parklands Drive, Southport.

Closing Date: Friday 9th July 2021

3. **Participants:** Students studying Chinese, French, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish and Yugambah, studying in Gold Coast City and the Tweed may be entered in the contest by a teacher from their school who is a member of the MLTAQ.

Students from schools in Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast are not eligible to participate in the Gold Coast Competition unless the language they wish to enter in is not offered at their own local competition.

4. **Divisions:** Divisions of the contest are as listed below.

LANGUAGE DIVISIONS

Language Convenors may change the divisions available in a particular year 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.

CHINESE

Year 4 Chinese
Year 4 Background Speaker Chinese
Year 5 Chinese
Year 5 Background Speaker Chinese
Year 6 Chinese
Year 6 Background Speaker Chinese
Year 7 Chinese
Year 8 Chinese
Year 9 Chinese
Year 10 Chinese
Year 11/12 Chinese (Senior)
Year 10 Ab Initio Chinese
Year 11/12 Ab Initio Chinese
1st Year Tertiary Chinese
Junior background speaker Chinese (Yrs 7~8)
Junior background speaker Chinese (Yrs 9~10)
Senior background speaker Chinese (Yrs 11~12)

FRENCH

Year 4 French
Year 5 French
Year 6 French
Year 7 French
Year 8 French
Year 9 French
Year 10 French
Year 11 French
Year 12 French
Year 10 Ab Initio French
Year 11/12 Ab Initio French

YUGAMBEH

Primary years
Middle years
Senior years

ITALIAN

Year 4 Italian
Year 5 Italian
Year 6 Italian
Year 12 Italian
Year 11/12 Ab Initio Italian

JAPANESE

Year 4 Japanese
Year 4 Background Speaker Japanese
Year 5 Japanese
Year 5 Background Speaker Japanese
Year 6 Japanese
Year 6 Background Speaker Japanese
Year 7 Japanese
Year 8 Japanese
Year 9 Japanese
Year 10 Japanese
Year 11 Japanese
Year 12 Japanese
Junior background speaker Japanese (Yrs 7~8)
Junior background speaker Japanese (Yrs 9~10)
Year 11/12 Ab Initio Japanese

SPANISH

Year 4 Spanish
Year 5 Spanish
Year 6 Spanish
Year 7 Spanish
Year 8 Spanish
Year 9 Spanish
Year 10 Spanish
Year 11 Spanish
Year 12 Spanish
Year 11/12 Ab Initio Spanish
Year 11/12 Background Speaker

QLD JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

High school Senior Division
Open Beginner Division
Open Division
Background Speaker Division (including Yrs 11 & 12)

- 5. Number of Entrants:** Primary and Secondary school can enter a maximum of four entries per division per language. When entering immersion students into the division above their current year level, schools may enter up to 4 immersion students and 4 mainstream students in that division.
- 6. Speeches:** Speeches are to be available at www.mltaq.asn.au/goldcoast
- For 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.
 - Students who have competed in previous contests may not use the same speech presented in previous years. While the use of palm cards is permitted, students are expected to deliver their speech fluently.
 - Props and costumes may not be used. However, culturally appropriate presentation and delivery are still important factors in the adjudication of each contestant.
 - Length of speeches:
 - Year 4 – 6 Background Speakers 1 – 1.5 minutes
 - Year 7 – 8 Background Speakers 1.5 – 2 minutes
 - Year 9 – 10 Background Speakers 1.5 – 2 minutes
 - Year 11 – 12 Background Speakers 4 – 4.5 minutes
 - Questions will be asked by judges on conclusion of the speech, except for the Queensland Japanese Speech Contest. Questions will be based on the content of the speech. The convenors will make available these questions to judges on the day of the contest.

- vi. Parents are welcome to accompany their child into the judging room. In the case of a parent who is also a teacher, the relevant convenor must be consulted.

7. Registration Forms will be available at www.mltaq.asn.au/goldcoast after the May meeting each year. Please ensure participating students have standard media consent.

Schools should complete a separate registration form for each language area in which the school will be competing. (Primary, Secondary and Qld Japanese Speech Contest on separate forms). Payment is preferred electronically. Please see the registration forms for more details. Entries will be accepted only from financial members of the MLTAQ. All payments must be made to the Treasurer Loretta Kishihara (lkish4@eq.edu.au) and all registrations forms must be emailed to both the convenor and the Treasurer by the closing date. Students will be ineligible to compete if the payment or membership requirements are not satisfied.

8. Eligibility:

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

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Background speakers are defined as

- Contestant's mother and/or father's first language is the language of the division
- Contestant has completed between 1 to 2 years of language compulsory education in country

9. Special Conditions of Entry:

The wearing of school uniforms is compulsory for all students in the primary and secondary sections. Full formal school uniform is expected for the Awards Presentation Ceremony.

10. Results and Awards presentation ceremony:

The convenor's decisions are final.

Students in breach of the rules will be disqualified.

There is no opportunity to discuss issues arising from the competition on the day. Opportunities for feedback are provided at the September Gold Coast MLTAQ meeting.

- (i) Names of place getters will be posted in marshalling rooms on finalisation of results.
- (ii) Division winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will be awarded medals (gold, silver and bronze) at the presentation ceremony. Where there are more than 14 contestants in a division, a 4th place certificate may be awarded. Where there are more than 22 contestants in a division, a 5th place certificate may be awarded. These certificates will not be presented at the Awards Ceremony but will be available for teachers to present at their own school level. Where there are fewer than **five** contestants in a division, only 1st and 2nd places will be awarded. Where there are fewer than **four** contestants in a division, 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 first prizes are awarded.
- (iii) 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. In the case of a draw in points, the judges will determine the outcome by discussion. Under no circumstances are ties awarded.
- (iv) All contestants will receive a Participation Certificate. Place and Highly Commended certificates will be available for collection at the MLTAQ meeting in September. These can be presented to students at their

own school following the contest. Please note that certificates will not be posted out to schools.

11. Entry Fees:

- (i) For insurance purposes, to be eligible to enter students in the contest, at least one teacher/lecturer from each school or tertiary institution must be a current member of the MLTAQ Inc, as well as being present on the day of the contest. (Application forms can be downloaded from www.mltaq.asn.au).
Each primary school must pay an entry fee of \$45 per language. Secondary schools and tertiary institutions pay \$50 per language. If a school has both primary and secondary classes, the fee is \$45 per language in primary plus \$50 per language in secondary. For small schools with 3 or fewer competitors in total there is a special fee of \$5 per student.
- (ii) *Miscellaneous 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, and be supervised by their school's teachers. The charge for miscellaneous students will be \$5 per student. The number of competitors is limited to 4 entrants per division.