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## **Teens Master the Power of Public Speaking**

For 30 years, Legacy's Junior Public Speaking Award has been uncovering amazing and talented young teenagers who have the gift to deliver a speech with pizzazz. Entries are now open for the 2018 Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award.

More than 350 students from across Victoria entered the award last year and the state finalist, William Maligin from St. Kevin's College in Toorak went on to win the national award.

"It was the second time I had made the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award state final," William said. "The experience was a great learning curve and I am glad I persevered and gave it another shot. The skills I learnt through this competition will definitely help me to achieve my aspirations at school and beyond."

Legacy, which cares for the families of those who have served their country, has been running the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award since 1988 and it is open to students between 12 and 14 years of age.

Each student is required to present a five minute speech about a topic related to the ideals of Legacy which includes voluntary service, social justice, caring, personal sacrifice and mateship. They also have to do a two-minute impromptu speech on a topic that is provided at the speaking event and the student has five minutes to prepare their presentation.

Entrants compete in regional events from May to August and there are four preliminary finals in September. Twelve finalists are chosen for the state final which is judged by an independent panel of public speaking experts on 22 October. Two students from Victoria will be selected to compete in the national final in November. The national winner from Victoria can win up to \$800.

Schools are encouraged to register up to four entrants. There is no registration fee and any travel for the state finalists to attend the national final is covered. For applications or enquiries, contact Melbourne Legacy Ph: 8626 0500 or email [lisa.bennett@legacymelb.com.au](mailto:lisa.bennett@legacymelb.com.au) The registration form can also be downloaded from the website: [www.legacy.com.au/melbourne/schools](http://www.legacy.com.au/melbourne/schools)

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