



The 2012
Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award

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LEGACY IN VICTORIA

FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS AGED 12-14 YEARS

Closing date: Friday 4 May 2012

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THE LEGACY JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD – YEAR 2012

The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award is a speech advancement programme for junior secondary students in State and Independent schools and colleges. It is aimed at enhancing oral communication and public speaking skills of 12 to 14 year-old students – a Legacy endeavour for the past twenty-four years. It also seeks to help young people appreciate the ideals of Legacy; voluntary service, caring and comradeship and the need for remembrance.

To be eligible for entry, students must be aged 12 years or up to 14 years on 1st January, 2012 i.e. students born between 2nd January, 1997 and 1st January, 2000 inclusive.

GUIDELINES FOR ADJUDICATORS AND CONTESTANTS

The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award is not for debating, elocution or acting. The competition is concerned with the competitor's effective use of language to convey a message or a point of view to an interested audience.

Choice of words, intonation, articulation, pace and pausing are all important in conveying the message in a speech. Anything which hinders the transmission of meaning or diverts attention from the speaker's presentation should be avoided. For example:

- Unnecessary and inappropriate gestures;
- Affected pronunciation;
- Over use of dramatics;
- Unnecessary movement around the stage;
- Irrelevant humour; and
- Mannerisms.

Cue or palm cards are permitted. However such use is to be unobtrusive and should not affect the speaker's visual engagement of the audience.

CRITERIA FOR PREPARED SPEECHES

The prepared speech is to be of five minutes duration, on a topic of the competitor's choosing on any subject relating to the ideals of voluntary service, social justice, caring, personal effort, personal sacrifice and/or mateship.

The speech should have substance which, in the space of time available, should be developed logically to a convincing conclusion.

Judges will be looking for knowledge of the subject matter, sincerity in the presentation of material, skilful development of the theme and the effective use of plain English. Originality is encouraged.

A warning bell will be given after four minutes then at five minutes.

N.B: Those competitors who proceed to next round will be required to prepare a speech on a topic different from that which the competitor has previously delivered.

THE IMPROMPTU SPEECH

The impromptu speech is to be of two minutes duration with five minutes preparation time.

The topic chosen will be broad in nature, capable of a variety of interpretations to suit the experience and background of 12 to 14 year-old students. The same topic is given to each competitor.

The speech is intended to reveal a competitor's ability to discuss a given topic within limited preparation time.

Judges will be looking for clarity of thought, logical organisation, sincerity and the effective use of plain English.

A warning bell will be given after one and a half minutes, then at two minutes.

Competitors should note that judges are required to give equal consideration to both speeches in the allocation of marks.

AWARD TIMETABLE

Entry forms should be submitted by Friday 4 May 2012 – If entrants have not been selected by this date advice on the proposed number of entrants must be received at Melbourne Legacy by email or facsimile by Friday 4 May 2012.

Completed entry forms with full details of contestants must be received at Legacy House no later than Friday 11 May 2012.

Legacy reserves the right to decline any late entries.

Schools will be advised of the dates and venues of the regional finals to be held in May-August. Winners of the regional-finals will compete in one of four scheduled preliminary finals which will be held in Dandenong, Melbourne and Bendigo. Finalists will proceed to the State Final in October and two finalists will be selected to compete in the National Final in November, 2012.

LEGACY AND ITS WORK

Legacy is an independent, voluntary organisation dedicated to the welfare of the widows and children of veterans of war and peacekeeping operations, and of members of the Australian Defence Force who lose their lives on hazardous service or in training for war.

Recent international events have brought home to many Australians the outstanding service being undertaken by Australian Defence Force personnel who are in a variety of highly dangerous situations. For many of these troops there is the reassurance of knowing that should the worst happen, Legacy will be there to care for their families for the short-term and for decades ahead – honouring a commitment that has been maintained since 1923.

Legacy was founded in 1923 by a small group of World War I veterans who believed they had to accept a legacy of responsibility for the welfare of the wives and children of their comrades who were killed in the war or died subsequently. Legacy draws its strength from the tradition of voluntary service, caring and comradeship which has now been established for 89 years. The commitment is a continuing one.

The spirit of Legacy is service, which is made available to some 100,000 widows and 1,800 children and dependants with a disability throughout Australia. Legacy aims to build and maintain the morale and independence of those individuals and families. Service ranges from advice and counselling to grants, loans and other practical assistance to those in need. Legacy assists with applications for War Widows Pensions and also provides accommodation, education, legal and general welfare advice and assistance.

The key element of Legacy's service is the personal contact by individual volunteer members (Legatees) who are each designated to care for a number of widows and children. Across Australia today there are some 6,000 Legatees providing direct personal support to Legacy families. This personal attention makes Legacy care so special, and gives the work of Legacy its unique status.

For further information on the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award or Legacy please contact:

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ENTRY FORM

Please photocopy as many entry forms as required (MAXIMUM ENTRIES FOUR PER SCHOOL)

1. CONTESTANT: (Student's name in **BLOCK LETTERS**)

.....
(given names)

.....
(family name)

2. DATE OF BIRTH:

3. HOME ADDRESS: Postcode:

4. HOME PHONE NUMBER:

5. SCHOOL:

ADDRESS Postcode:

School Phone Number: () Fax No: ()

Contact Teacher: School email address:

6. SPECIAL INTERESTS / ACHIEVEMENTS:

7. TITLE OF PREPARED SPEECH:

8. SIGNATURE OF TEACHER:

9. SIGNATURE OF STUDENT:

10. I give permission for my son/daughter to be photographed
in the event that he/she reaches the State Final. Signed Parent/Guardian

Please return entry form by Friday 4 May 2012 to:

Mrs Lisa Bennett, Secretary, Executive Services

Melbourne Legacy, 293 Swanston Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Telephone: (03) 8626 0500 Fax: (03) 9663 3015, Email: lisa.bennett@legacymelb.com.au

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Schools will be advised of the dates and venues of the Regional Finals to be held May – August and Preliminary Finals to be held in September. Preliminary Final winners will compete in the Victorian State Final which will be held in October, 2012. A National Final will be held in November, 2012.