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SPEECH AND DRAMA DIVISION

PROGRAM

Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th (morning) September 2025

Auditorium, Ainslie Arts Centre

Eloura St

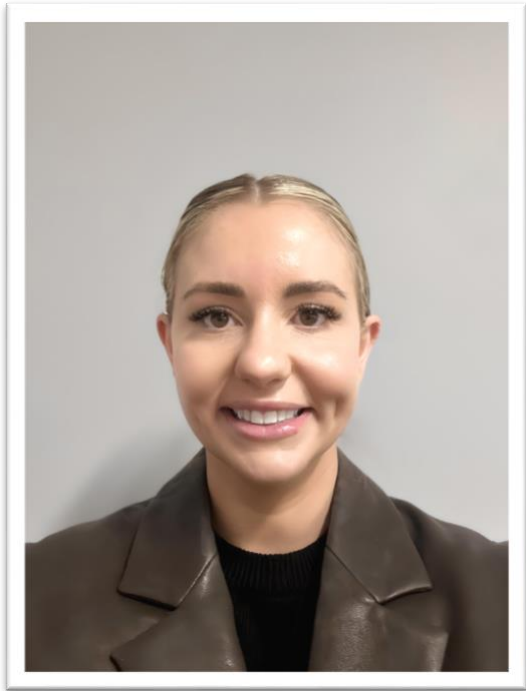
Braddon ACT 2612



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Adjudicator: Nikhola Collins

Nikhola is a highly qualified teacher who has attained a Bachelor of educational studies and a Master of Teaching (primary). Nikki also holds her Teaching Diploma of Speech and Drama through the IMEB. Nikhola is a highly experienced speech and drama teacher having many years experience being a head teacher at Encore Speech & Drama Studio in Bathurst. She has successfully prepared students for many years for both Eisteddfods and examinations and her extensive knowledge gives her an excellent insight into the technical forms of poetry, readings, drama, monologues and stagecraft.

Nikki's caring nature and encouraging personality and positive approach allows students to flourish and shine on stage. Her aim is to make all performers feel

comfortable and confident on stage allowing a positive and fun experience for all.

Her hobbies include singing in a choir, piano, bass ukulele, reading books with her book clubs, tap dancing, exercise classes, yoga and walking in the Australian bush. She is enjoying living on the south coast of NSW with her husband.

Saturday 13th September

POETRY

9:30 am

P02 8 Years and Under Poetry Recital Solo
Own choice memorised verse/poem recital

Time Limit: 02:00

- 1 Ronit Harjai
- 2 Augustus Hutchinson

P03 10 years and under Poetry Recital Solo
Own choice memorised verse/poem recital

Time Limit: 03:00

- 1 Natalie Harjai
- 2 Oliver Gamble
- 3 Aerin Varley
- 4 Leena Kermali
- 5 Vani Pala

P04 12 years and under Poetry Recital Solo
Own choice memorised verse/poem recital

Time Limit: 04:00

- 1 Analicia Jayaseelan
- 2 Holly He
- 3 Georgia Dearsley
- 4 Christina Dellis
- 5 Olivia Phillips
- 6 Jasnoor Kaur

P05 14 years and under Poetry Recital Solo
Own choice memorised verse/poem recital

Time Limit: 04:00

- 1 Pheodora Jayaseelan
- 2 Sophia Murrie
- 3 William Murrie
- 4 Sophia Hernandez
- 5 Georgia Weeks

P06 16 years and under Poetry Recital Solo

Own choice memorised verse/poem recital

Time Limit: 05:00

- 1 Shakthi Karthik
- 2 Sophia Murrie
- 3 Annabelle Dellis

P07 10 years and under Poetry Recital Duet

Own choice memorised verse/poem recital - 2 performers

Time Limit: 03:00

- 1 Leena Kermali & Vani Pala

PROSE

P11 10 years and under Prose Recital Solo

Own choice memorised prose recital

Time Limit: 03:00

- 1 Natalie Harjai
- 2 Aerin Varley
- 3 Leena Kermali
- 4 Vani Pala
- 5 Ronit Harjai

P12 12 years and under Prose Recital Solo

Own choice memorised prose recital

Time Limit: 04:00

- 1 Analicia Jayaseelan
- 2 Christina Dellis
- 3 Olivia Phillips

P13 14 years and under Prose Recital Solo

Own choice memorised prose recital

Time Limit: 04:00

- 1 Pheodora Jayaseelan
- 2 Georgia Weeks
- 3 Sophia Murrie
- 4 William Murrie
- 5 Sophia Hernandez

P15 Open 17 years and over Prose Recital Solo

- a. prose reading from any work of fiction
- b. A second, contrasting prose reading from any work of fiction
- c. Include a link stating the difference in styles of the pieces.

Time Limit: 06:00

- 1 Shakthi Karthik
- 2 Ronan Whitten

Lunch Break

12:30 pm

Reading at Sight

1:00 pm

R01 10 years and under Reading at Sight Solo

A reading at sight from a piece given by the Adjudicator

Time Limit: 02:00

- 1 Natalie Harjai
- 2 Leena Kermali
- 3 Mabel Hutchinson
- 4 Kabeesh Bag

R02 12 years and under Reading at Sight Solo

A reading at sight from a piece given by the Adjudicator

Time Limit: 02:00

- 1 Analicia Jayaseelan
- 2 Olivia Phillips
- 3 Tabitha Paige

R04 16 years and under Reading at Sight Solo

A reading at sight from a piece given by the Adjudicator

Time Limit: 03:00

- 1 Sophia Murrie
- 2 William Murrie
- 3 Sophia Hernandez
- 4 Annabelle Dellis

Religious Reading

R05 10 years and under Religious Reading Solo

Reading from a religious text

Time Limit: 02:00

- 1 Natalie Harjai
- 2 Leena Kermali
- 3 Vani Pala

R06 12 years and under Religious Reading Solo

Reading from a religious text

Time Limit: 03:00

- 1 Analicia Jayaseelan
- 2 Christina Dellis

R07/08 14/16/open years and under Religious Reading Solo

Reading from a religious text

Time Limit: 03/4:00

- 1 Pheodora Jayaseelan
- 2 Georgia Weeks
- 3 Sophia Murrie
- 4 William Murrie
- 5 Sophia Hernandez
- 6 Annabelle Dellis
- 7 Ronan Whitten

News Reading

R09 14 years and under News Reading Solo

A reading appropriate for radio of current news and events. Script to be self-devised

Time Limit: 03:00

- 1 Georgia Weeks
- 2 Sophia Hernandez
- 3 Christina Dellis

R10 16 years and under News Reading Solo D28 17 years and over Open News Reading Solo

A reading appropriate for radio of current news and events. Script to be self-devised

A reading appropriate for radio of current news and events

Time Limit: 04:00

- 1 Ronan Whitten
- 2 Charlie Sanoubane

Afternoon Tea

2:45pm

Drama

3:00pm

D02 10 years and under Drama Solo

Character Solo - A memorised solo performance from an existing or a self-devised script, with appropriate movement. Props are to be kept to a minimum. Costumes are optional.

Time Limit: 03:00

- 1 Ronit Harjai
- 2 Natalie Harjai
- 3 Leena Kermali
- 4 Vani Pala
- 5 Aerin Varley

D03 12 years and under Drama Solo

Character Solo - A memorised solo performance from an existing or a self-devised script, with appropriate movement. Props are to be kept to a minimum. Costumes are optional.

Time Limit: 04:00

- 1 Analicia Jayaseelan
- 2 Christina Dellis
- 3 Olivia Phillips
- 4 Tabitha Paige

D04 14 years and under Drama Solo

Character Solo - A memorised solo performance from an existing or a self-devised script, with appropriate movement. Props are to be kept to a minimum. Costumes are optional.

Time Limit: 04:00

- 1 Georgia Weeks
- 2 Sophia Murrie
- 3 William Murrie
- 4 Sophia Hernandez

D05 16 years and under Drama Solo

Character Solo - A memorised solo performance from an existing or a self-devised script, with appropriate movement. Props are to be kept to a minimum. Costumes are optional.

Time Limit: 06:00

- 1 Charlie Sanoubane
- 2 Georgia Weeks
- 3 Sophia Murrie
- 4 Annabelle Dellis

D08 10 years and under Drama - Improvisation Solo

A solo improvisation from an idea given by the Adjudicator. 1 minute preparation time allowed

Time Limit: 03:00

- 1 Aerin Varley
- 2 Leena Kermali

D10 14 years and under Drama - Improvisation Solo

A solo improvisation from an idea given by the Adjudicator. 1 minute preparation time allowed

Time Limit: 03:00

- 1 Olivia Phillips
- 2 Patrick Nguyen
- 3 Bernadette Cornell

D11 16 years and under Drama - Mime and Improvisation Challenge Solo

- a. Own choice prepared mime (3 Min max)
- b. Improvisation from an idea given by the adjudicator with no preparation time. (3 Min Max)

Time Limit: 06:00

- 1 Charlie Sanoubane

D13 10 years and under Drama - Mime Solo

Own choice prepared mime

Time Limit: 02:00

- 1 Leena Kermali
- 2 Vani Pala

D22 17 years and over Open Character Solo

A memorised solo performance from an existing or a self-devised script, with appropriate movement. Props are to be kept to a minimum. Costumes are optional.

Time Limit: 06:00

- 1 Tina Nguyen-Tran
- 2 Ronan Whitten

D07/27 16 years and under/Open Drama Group

A memorised group performance of a piece from an existing script or poem or self-devised script or poem. Time limit 8 minutes including setting and striking of basic props

Time Limit: 08:00

- 1 Georgia Weeks and Annabelle Dellis
- 1 Mamalicious

D21 17 years and over Open Championship Solo

Competitors must enter and compete in any two other solo open sections. Whilst it is not compulsory, we highly encourage you to have a theme linking the pieces. This helps give your programme a flow and purpose. A programme of the following to be performed in any order:

- a. a memorised monologue.
- b. a memorised poem.
- c. a memorised prose

Time Limit: 08:00

- 1 Ronan Whitten

Day 1 Close

6:00 pm

Sunday 14th September

Public Speaking

10:00am

D17 10 years and under Public Speech Solo

A self-devised speech on a topic of own choice. The speaker should provide the adjudicator with a topic, the type of speech (eg informative, persuasive, amusing), and a description of the target audience (eg primary school children, teenagers).

Time Limit: 03:30

- 1 Natalie Harjai
- 2 Oliver Gamble
- 3 Miyana Mathavan

D18 12 years and under Public Speech Solo

A self-devised speech on a topic of own choice. The speaker should provide the adjudicator with a topic, the type of speech (eg informative, persuasive, amusing), and a description of the target audience (eg primary school children, teenagers).

Time Limit: 03:30

- 1 Analicia Jayaseelan
- 2 Mishara Mathavan
- 3 Olivia Phillips
- 4 Jasnoor Kaur

D20 14/16 years and under Public Speech Solo

A self-devised speech on a topic of own choice. The speaker should provide the adjudicator with a topic, the type of speech (eg informative, persuasive, amusing), and a description of the target audience (eg primary school children, teenagers).

Time Limit: 03:30/04:00

- 1 Pheodora Jayaseelan
- 2 Shakthi Karthik
- 3 Gladys Nirosha Jayaseelan

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