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Oratory

Information

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From the Oratory Coordinator

Welcome to Oratory@LN. Loreto Normanhurst has a proud history of participation and success in oratory events. Our focus is to allow students to engage in oratory in new and exciting ways. Public Speaking and Debating require us to think critically and often on our feet. And while this can be an incredibly daunting moment, creating a safe space for students to 'have a go', begins the foundations for a set of skills that are highly valued in the workforce.

In 2020, there are sure to be more competitions and events that will be held and are not covered in this document. Please watch out for Oratory Reports in the newsletter and consider discussing these with your daughter. Don't forget to check us out @LNEXTRAcurre For any further information, please contact the oratory team at Loreto Normanhurst at oratory@loretonh.nsw.edu.au or the Oratory Coordinator at bodwyer@loretonh.nsw.edu

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Oratory at Loreto Normanhurst

Welcome to Oratory@LN 2020. Loreto Normanhurst has a long and proud history of Oratory involvement. This is a thriving program in our school where we focus on encouraging all students to participate in Oratory programs and events throughout the year. The focus is not on developing the most successful speakers and debaters, but rather providing an opportunity for all students to engage in public speaking and debating in a meaningful and exciting way. In 2019, we had a number of great successes including:

- Festival of Speech, Religion and Ethics 3rd Place
- CSDA Public Speaking, Year 7 and Year 8 Grand Finalist
- CSDA Public Speaking, Year 10 Semi Finalist
- CSDA Debating, 8 from 12 teams in Final Rounds
- CSDA Debating Yr 11 Semi-finalists
- CSDA Debating Yr 8 Quarter Finalists
- Archdale Debating, Yr9 and Yr7 Quarter-finalists
- Archdale Debating Year 7 Semi Finalists
- Mock Trial, Round 2 of Finals
- Zonta Hornsby, Runner Up Pat Fisher Award for Public Speaking

- Legacy Public Speaking Competition Regional Finalists
- Plain English Speaking Competition Regional Finalists
- Rostrum Voice of Youth Regional Finalists – Jnr Division
- Student Nominated as NSW Representative for the Australian Constitutional Convention, 2020
- Kirby Cup, Semi Finalists
- Significant Increase in Student Participation in all areas of Oratory.

Your daughter can become involved in a number of competitions. She can sign up as they are emailed out or advertised through the school newsletter; or come and speak to the Academic Activities Captain or the Oratory Coordinator. In 2020, Loreto Normanhurst will offer the following oratory programs:

- CSDA Public Speaking
- CSDA Debating
- Archdale Debating
- Macquarie University Debating Competitions – Round Robin Days
- Sydney University Debating Society Competition – Round Robin Days
- Interhouse Debating
- Rostrum Voice of Youth
- Plain English Speaking Awards
- Legacy Public Speaking Competition
- Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award
- Mock Trial
- Kirby Cup
- Australian Disputes Centre Debating Program
- Festival of Speech
- United Nations NSW Events
- Year 7 and 8 Introduction to High School Debating

- Year 7 and 8 Introduction to High School Public Speaking
- Primary Mentoring Debating Program

Selection Processes

Underpinning the Oratory program at LN, is the mission to provide an inclusive and open environment to all student interested in Oratory, no matter their ability, skill or previous experiences.

We are limited by external factors at times, to the number of entrants we can register and as a result have implemented a selection process for some competitions and events. When this occurs, students will be informed in a timely fashion.

Each student will be required to attend at an appointed time and present a prepared and an impromptu speech. Students will be selected according to the specific requirements of the event they are trialing for.

We aim to ensure that all students are given the opportunity to participate in the process fairly and are encouraged to 'have a go'. This process is conducted in conjunction with the House Pastoral System to provide further support and encouragement for each individual student.

More information about this process can be found in the Nomination and Attendance Policy.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is critical to the success of the team. In 2018, an Attendance Policy was implemented to ensure that all students clearly understood the expectations of their commitments. The policy aligns with the Sport Department's Policy and the School's policy on Attendance. Please ensure you take time to read this document.

2020 Oratory List of Events

CSDA Public Speaking

Round One will be held at various schools across the Sydney Metropolitan area on the 6th of March. Entry for 2 students per year group from Year's 7-12. This competition requires students to complete a prepared speech. Students will need to provide their own transport to the venue. We are unable to provide supervision for your daughter at this event as our staff will be involved in adjudication. Students will receive 1-2 sessions of coaching with a staff member in the lead up to the event. Please note, that due to increased costs of this event, students in 2020 will now be charged a fee, amount to be confirmed. This fee will be charged to your daughters account at the end of Term 1

CSDA Debating

Beginning Friday night the 1st of May. CSDA is a debating competition that is run in various forms across Australia. In NSW and Sydney Metro area, students are given a topic area in the lead up to the debate. Students are given the actual topic on the night, have one hour to prepare and then debate the opposing team. Coaching generally occurs on Friday afternoon from 3:30pm to 5:00pm before the debate. CSDA Debating normally begins at approximately 6pm and generally concludes between 7:30pm and 8:30pm. There are 6 rounds and then finals. We aim to have one coach per team, but sometimes this is not possible and there will be one coach for 2 teams. Registration for CSDA will be in Week 3 Term 1, with coaching to begin in Week 7. All students are eligible to enter and we aim to have 4 people per team. It is important that if your daughter signs up, every endeavour is made to ensure she is present at all debates. Rounds will be held at both home and away and draws are not released until late Week 7. Transport to away venues needs to be organised by students, unless arrangements are made for group train travel or bus. Parents are more than welcome to attend debates and must collect their daughter in a timely manner at the conclusion of the evening. For more information about this competition, please follow this link: <http://www.csda.nsw.edu.au/>

Please note that there is a fee associated with this extra-curricular to cover the costs of coaching, adjudicators and catering. This fee will be charged to your daughters account for Term 2

Archdale Debating

This competition starts on the Tuesday the 19th of May, in Term 2, rotating between home and away games. Registration for this competition will be in Term 1 and coaching starting in Term 2. Students are given a topic area in the lead up to the debate. Students are given the actual topic on

the night, have one hour to prepare and then debate the opposing team. Coaching generally occurs on Tuesday at lunch times and again in afternoon before the debate. Year 7 and 8's debate around 4:30pm, with remaining years debating after this and the night concluding between 8:30pm and 9:30pm depending on location of debates. Away debates do have organised transport to ensure that all students arrive together. Parents are more than welcome to attend and to watch their daughter's debate. Students are to be collected from the school in a timely manner at the conclusion of the night. For more information about the Archdale competition, please follow this link: <http://www.ahigs.nsw.edu.au/AHIGS/ArchdaleDebating.aspx>

Please note that there is a fee associated with this extra-curricular to cover the costs of coaching, transport and catering. This fee will be charged to your daughters account.

Macquarie University Debating Competitions

Round Robin Days

These are one day events for Years 7-8, Years 9-10 and Years 11-12 and occur during the school year. The event is open to all students and is a great taster competition. The first debate topic is prepared and the other two are impromptu. Loreto Normanhurst enters this day to provide students a taster of debating. There is minimal preparation for the event prior and the focus is on having fun and challenging yourself. A great fun day of debating. <http://muds.org.au/>

Please note, that due to increased costs of this event, students in 2020 will now be charged a fee, amount to be confirmed.

Sydney University Debating Society Competition Round Robin Days.

These are one day events for Year 7-8, Year 9 The event is open to all students and is a great taster competition. The first debate topic is prepared and the other two are impromptu. There is minimal preparation for the event prior and the focus is on having fun and challenging yourself. A great fun day of debating.

Please note, that due to increased costs of this event, students in 2020 will now be charged a fee, amount to be confirmed.

<http://www.usu.edu.au/Get-Involved/Debates.aspx>

Training Days.

Loreto Normanhurst in 2015 introduced an Introduction to High School Debating for Year 7 and Year 8 students. It was highly successful and will run again this year. The training session is run by

senior students and overseen by the Oratory Coordinator. Dates for the Debating training session will be released in early 2020 and the Public Speaking Training Session to be released later in Term 1.

Interhouse Debating

A fun school based competition where students debate each other in their house groups during a lunch time. This event is organised by the Academic Activities Captain and is a popular way for students who are busy with other extra-curricular activities, to be involved in Oratory. There are no coaching sessions, just fun topics and an opportunity to see how debating works. In 2020 this will run in Term 2.

Rostrum Voice of Youth

A Public Speaking Competition organised by Rostrum. Entry is open to all students and includes a prepared and impromptu speech. Please follow this link for more information, <http://www.rostrum.com.au/voy>

Registration Fees are charged to the student's account

Plain English Speaking Awards

A public speaking competition that is organised by the NSW Government. Two contestants per school can enter the competition. Students will be nominated to participate in this competition. Please follow this link. <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/public-speaking/plain-english-speaking-award>.

Please note, that due to increased costs of this event, students in 2020 will now be charged a fee, amount to be confirmed upon registration. This fee will be charged to your daughters account.

Legacy Public Speaking Competition

Open to students 14 yrs and under in 2020. Two contestants per school can enter the competition. Students will be nominated to participate in this competition.

<http://www.legacy.com.au/LegacyJuniorPublicSpeakingAwardNationalGuidelines>

Please note, that due to increased costs of this event, students in 2020 will now be charged a fee, amount to be confirmed upon registration. This fee will be charged to your daughters account.

Mock Trial

Mock Trial is organised and run by the Law Society of NSW and is open to Year's 10-11 students. Students are selected to participate in this program which aims to expose high school students to the judicial system. Coaching is from a registered Solicitor, Magistrate or Barrister, who meets with the students in the lead up to the Trial. Trials are both home and away and require commitment from the student to the program. Students are given roles and scripts and the competition is judged by a registered Solicitor, Magistrate or Barrister. For more information, please follow this link. <http://www.lawsociety.com.au/community/forschools/mocktrial/Mocktrial>

Please note, that due to increased costs of this event, students in 2020 will now be charged a fee, amount to be confirmed. This fee will be charged to your daughters account.

Kirby Cup

A Mooting Competition run by Western Sydney University, Faculty of Law. Loreto Normanhurst participated in this event in 2017 for the first time and walked away Semi-Finalists. Students work with staff to prepare for a moot using case material provided by the University. There is a selection process for students to participate and information regarding this process will be released in early Term 2. Students who are the Overall Winners are awarded with Pre-selection into WSU, Faculty of Law. The Honorable High Court Judge Kirby presides over the competition and the Grand Final. Students who are selected into the team must demonstrate a keen interest in law and analytical thinking. The preparation required occurs outside of school hours.

Festival of Speech

This is an event organised through the Association of Heads of Independent Girls Schools, (AHIGS). It was started as an opportunity to showcase all things Oratory. This event is invitational to students who have participated in the oratory program in some manner in the year. This is a wonderful event, one which we have achieved great success in previous years. This year's Festival of Speech will be a full program and will include the following events.

- Public Speaking
- A Current Affairs
- Religion and Ethics
- Poetry Reading
- Readings
- Debating
- Drama

- Religion and Ethics

This event is held on a Saturday in early Term 4. Students are coached for this event by school staff in the lead-up from Term 3 onwards. Please follow this link for more information
<http://www.ahigs.nsw.edu.au/AHIGS/FestivalofSpeech.aspx>

United Nations

The United Nations Youth Program includes:

- Youth UN Conference
- UN Evatt
- UN Voice of Youth
- Crisis Point

Both of these events are open to all students in different age categories. The event occurs after school hours and students receive some coaching from staff in preparation for the event. Both events provide students with the opportunity to learn about Global Issues, International Relationships, whilst strengthening public speaking and debating skills. No supervision can be provided by Loreto Normanhurst staff and therefore students must make their own way to and from the event.

Registration Fees are covered by the student upon registration.

Australian Disputes Centre Debating Program

Open to students in Year 10 who have are looking to further develop their debating skills. Students are placed into teams with other students from across Sydney. It's a great short 6 week program that encourages students to step out of their comfort zone and really learn some great debating and life skills. Numbers are based on the allocation from the ADC. Students are mentored by ADC staff and interns. The program is held in the city at the ADC office from approximately 5pm-7pm. Students are supervised by an Oratory staff member when travelling to and from the venue on the train. Please note that there is a cost for this program. This fee will be charged to your daughters account.

IPSHA Debating and Primary Mentoring Debating Program

The Independent Primary School Heads of Association runs a debating day once a year in Term 4. The aim is to introduce Year 6 students to debating in a fun environment. In Term 3, students nominate to be a part of the Primary Mentoring Debating Program and during the course of the term, Year 10 students work with Year 6 students at one lunch time a week. Students learn about the basics of debating, such as the roles of speakers, the importance of definitions and team lines, breaking down a topic area and rebuttal. Teams are then selected and then prepare for the IPSHA Debating Day in Term 4. The program is coordinated between Primary Teaching Staff and the Oratory Coordinator

Zonta International Young Women in Public Affair Awards

This event is hosted by Hornsby Zonta. Students submit a transcript and a response to a focus question. Students then attend an afternoon where they will present a speech on particular topic. There is no cost for this event and it is open to students in Year 11. Up to 3 students can enter the program.



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