



PESA provides students with a platform to challenge and excite minds from across Australia. It is a space for our voices to be heard.

Luke Macaronas
2016 Victorian and National winner

SPEAK YOUR MIND

2017 Plain English Speaking Award



40th Anniversary

Public speaking for students aged 15 to 18 years

Important Dates

22 May–2 June 2017
Regional finals around Victoria
(See reverse for full schedule)

15–16 June 2017
Semifinals in Melbourne

26 July 2017
State final in Melbourne

14 August 2017
National final in Melbourne

Prizes

State winner
Accommodation and travel package to the National final in Melbourne, a trophy and a \$300 book voucher.

National winner
Accommodation and travel package to London, UK to compete in the English Speaking Union's international competition.

Further information

See reverse for competition details, regional finals schedule and how to register.





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Plain English is the use of the right words, in the right way, to convey meaning in the clearest, simplest, shortest and most courteous way possible.

The Plain English Speaking Award (PESA) is a public speaking competition for students aged 15 to 18 years.

PESA provides opportunities for students to build self-confidence and extend their skills in oral communication, speechwriting and research.

PESA began in Victoria in 1977. The following year the competition became a national event. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the national competition, which will be held in Melbourne.

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Regional finals schedule

Date	Venue	Suburb
Monday 22 May	Northcote High School	Northcote
	St Bede's College	Mentone
Tuesday 23 May	Overnewton Anglican Community College	Keilor
	Toorak College	Mt Eliza
	Xavier College	Kew
	Sacred Heart College Geelong	Geelong
Wednesday 24 May	Aquinas College	Ringwood
	Girton Grammar School	Bendigo
	Suzanne Cory High School	Werribee
Thursday 25 May	Caroline Chisholm Catholic College	Braybrook
	Scotch College	Hawthorn
Friday 26 May	Geelong Grammar School	Geelong
	Gippsland Grammar	Sale
Monday 29 May	Marist-Sion College	Warragul
	Our Lady of Mercy College	Heidelberg
Tuesday 30 May	Nossal High School	Berwick
	English Speaking Union (Victoria Branch)	Ascot Vale
Wednesday 31 May	McGuire College	Shepparton
Thursday 1 June	Kew High School	Kew
	Glen Waverley Secondary College	Glen Waverley
	Ballarat Clarendon College	Ballarat
Friday 2 June	Brauer College	Warrnambool
	Shelford Girls' Grammar	Caulfield North

Details are correct as at 27 April 2017

Register

Registration for the regional finals opens on Monday 6 March 2017 and closes Monday 8 May 2017. Visit the VCAA's Plain English Speaking Award webpage for more information:
www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/pesa

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