

The GreatTalk National Speech Contest 2025

Preliminary Round Contestant Lists and Judging Criteria

Preliminary Round: 4 – 24 August 2025

Categories

- Year 0 – Year 2
- Year 3 – Year 4
- Year 5 – Year 6
- Year 7 – Year 8
- Year 9 – Year 10
- Year 11 – Year 13

Preliminary Round

- Contestants must submit a video of themselves delivering a prepared speech lasting between 3 to 4 minutes.
- Participants may choose any topic of interest, drawing from personal experiences, daily life, or reflections.
- Speech formats may include informative, persuasive, demonstrative, or others.
- Speakers are encouraged to present clearly, confidently, and with strong structure.
- For students in Year 5 and above, please state the intended audience.
- Four contestants from each group will advance to the finals.
- Videos must be recorded and submitted to **cubee@group@gmail.com** between **4 August and 24 August 2025**. Please note that submissions received after 24 August 2025, or those not meeting the outlined requirements, may not be accepted.
- The email must include the contestant's full name, registration number, age group, speech title, and a valid video URL (e.g., Google Drive or YouTube). Please also rename your video file to follow the format: number + full name (e.g., C009 Jake Smith).

- Submissions with incorrect, inaccessible, or broken links will not be accepted.
- The judges will announce the finalists on 1 September and email the final topic to the finalists; students in Year 0 - 6 may continue with their preliminary topic, while Year 7 and above will receive a designated topic. Finalists will have two weeks to prepare for the grand final.

Video Requirements:

- Clear video/audio with no background noise or echo.
- Single-camera setup only; no editing.
- Landscape (horizontal) format.
- Contestant must be clearly visible and in focus.
- Cue cards are permitted, but delivery must remain natural and confident.

Judging Criteria

- Judging applies to both Preliminary and Final rounds and follows the Speech NZ framework.
- Assessed on content and delivery: structure, clarity, originality, grammar, and audience engagement.
- Delivery includes voice control, enthusiasm, clarity, body language, and time management.
- The use of visual aids is encouraged if they effectively support and clarify your content.
- For students in Year 0 - 2, speeches of approximately two minutes in length are acceptable.

Further details can be found on our official website (Cubee Education): www.cubee.nz

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			Excellent	Very good	Merit	Fair
			18-20 points	15-17 points	12-14 points	9-11 points
Content 60 points	Speech Development:	20				
	Structure, Organisation, Support Material					
	Effectiveness&Speech Value:					
	Ideas, Original Thought, State the audience, Achievement of Interest, Reception	20				
	Correctness:	20				
	Grammar, Word Selection					
Delivery 60 points	Appropriateness:	30				
	To Speech purpose and audience, Extempore style, Enthusiasm					
	Voice and Physical Appearance:					
	Flexibility, Vocal energy, Clear diction, Body language, Speaking area, Eye contact	30				
	Time Management:	20				
	TOTAL					

Preliminary Round Contestant Lists

Category Year 0 - 2			
Number	Given name	Surname	Category
C1-01	I*****e	Or	Year 0 - 2
C1-02	A*****n	Wang	Year 0 - 2
C1-03	L**a	Luo	Year 0 - 2
C1-04	X*****u	Ao	Year 0 - 2
C1-05	L*a	Hendrickson	Year 0 - 2
C1-06	Z*e	Wong	Year 0 - 2
C1-07	R*****n	Huang	Year 0 - 2
C1-08	O*****r	Zhang	Year 0 - 2

Category Year 3 - 4			
Number	Given name	Surname	Category
C2-01	L***a	Tang	Year 3 - 4
C2-02	S****i	Ren	Year 3 - 4
C2-03	D***y	Guo	Year 3 - 4
C2-04	I*y	Jiang	Year 3 - 4
C2-05	A****w	Mei	Year 3 - 4
C2-06	Y*****n L***s	Lu	Year 3 - 4
C2-07	A***e	Li	Year 3 - 4
C2-08	L*****n	Tang	Year 3 - 4
C2-09	I**s B***n	Jia	Year 3 - 4
C2-10	H**a	Salih	Year 3 - 4
C2-11	E**a	Barker	Year 3 - 4
C2-12	E*a	Yoon	Year 3 - 4
C2-13	N**i	Yoon	Year 3 - 4
C2-14	C***e	Liang	Year 3 - 4
C2-15	C****e	Lyu	Year 3 - 4

C2-16	A****a	Karunathilaka	Year 3 - 4
C2-17	O****a	Lee	Year 3 - 4
C2-18	Z*e	Yu	Year 3 - 4
C2-19	A****a	Feng	Year 3 - 4
C2-20	A****a	Han	Year 3 - 4
C2-21	W*****m	Summerville	Year 3 - 4
C2-22	A****a	Yuan	Year 3 - 4
C2-23	A****a	Yuan	Year 3 - 4
C2-24	M**a W*****g	Zhu	Year 3 - 4
C2-25	Z**o	Nora	Year 3 - 4
C2-26	C***b	Moore	Year 3 - 4
C2-27	E**c	Chen	Year 3 - 4
C2-28	G***e	Ma	Year 3 - 4
C2-29	D****l	Zhang	Year 3 - 4
C2-30	S*****t	Wang	Year 3 - 4
C2-31	F*****k	Lee	Year 3 - 4

Category Year 5 - 6			
Number	Given name	Surname	Category
C3-01	A***a	Fu	Year 5- 6
C3-02	X*****n M*****e	Li	Year 5- 6
C3-03	O***r	Ma	Year 5- 6
C3-04	Z*e	Long	Year 5- 6
C3-05	Y*	Zhou	Year 5- 6
C3-06	A****a	Zhao	Year 5- 6
C3-07	A***n	Liu	Year 5- 6
C3-08	I**s	Fahey	Year 5- 6
C3-09	R**m	Salih	Year 5- 6
C3-10	M*a	Or	Year 5- 6

C3-11	Z**d	Menzies	Year 5- 6
C3-12	S****a	Liu	Year 5- 6
C3-13	J***y	Hua	Year 5- 6
C3-14	A****a	Attwater	Year 5- 6
C3-15	M***n	Yang	Year 5- 6
C3-16	U*a	Srinivasa	Year 5- 6
C3-17	G*****e	Mare	Year 5- 6
C3-18	X*****i	Ao	Year 5- 6
C3-19	A*****n	Zhou	Year 5- 6
C3-20	K*****a	Van Dyk	Year 5- 6
C3-21	C****c	Xu	Year 5- 6
C3-22	K****y	Lin	Year 5- 6
C3-23	J****a	Williams	Year 5- 6
C3-24	T**y	Gluckman	Year 5- 6
C3-25	I*****e	Zhang	Year 5- 6
C3-26	A*****l	Mao	Year 5- 6
C3-27	F***a	Liu	Year 5- 6
C3-28	J****a	Banker	Year 5- 6
C3-29	R***f	Bruinsma	Year 5- 6

Category Year 7 - 8			
Number	Given name	Surname	Category
C4-01	Y**u	Ren	Year 7 -8
C4-02	B***n	Liu	Year 7 -8
C4-03	C*****y	Qi	Year 7 -8
C4-04	N*****e	Qin	Year 7 -8
C4-05	G****e	Zhang	Year 7 -8
C4-06	W**l	Tay	Year 7 -8
C4-07	Z**a	Shen	Year 7 -8

C4-08	G****e	Li	Year 7 -8
C4-09	L*****i	Jayarooban	Year 7 -8
C4-10	N****l / A***e	Noh	Year 7 -8
C4-11	H****g	Kim	Year 7 -8
C4-12	G***e	Davis	Year 7 -8
C4-13	S**a	Imran	Year 7 -8
C4-14	Z**a	Imran	Year 7 -8
C4-15	B****n	Yang	Year 7 -8
C4-16	H**d	Salih	Year 7 -8
C4-17	I***e	Hopkins	Year 7 -8
C4-18	E****r	Kaur	Year 7 -8
C4-19	L**a	France	Year 7 -8
C4-20	G***y	Blasoni	Year 7 -8
C4-21	Y***n	Bi	Year 7 -8
C4-22	K****a	Gu	Year 7 -8
C4-23	L***a	Mei	Year 7 -8
C4-24	B*****n	Zha	Year 7 -8
C4-25	R**n	Wong	Year 7 -8
C4-26	S*m	Jensen	Year 7 -8
C4-27	P*****x	Large	Year 7 -8
C4-28	R**n	Yu	Year 7 -8
C4-29	R**n	Yang	Year 7 -8
C4-30	S***e	Rui	Year 7 -8
C4-31	E**a	Liu	Year 7 -8
C4-32	J***y	Wang	Year 7 -8
C4-33	M*****w	Collins	Year 7 -8
C4-34	M*****r	Chawla	Year 7 -8
C4-35	A*****a	Liu	Year 7 -8

Category Year 9 - 10			
Number	Given name	Surname	Category
C5-01	C***e	Liu	Year 9 - 10
C5-02	J****n	Zhang	Year 9 - 10
C5-03	S***n	Li	Year 9 - 10
C5-04	C*****a	Shen	Year 9 - 10
C5-05	L**a	Wei	Year 9 - 10
C5-06	D****l	Jia	Year 9 - 10
C5-07	P*****a	Kumar	Year 9 - 10
C5-08	S***a	Zhao	Year 9 - 10
C5-09	A****a	Charity	Year 9 - 10
C5-10	R*****i	Barrett	Year 9 - 10
C5-11	P**u	Sharma	Year 9 - 10
C5-12	T****a	Yang	Year 9 - 10
C5-13	B***e	McGregor	Year 9 - 10
C5-14	A***e	Zhou	Year 9 - 10
C5-15	C****e	Wei	Year 9 - 10
C5-16	A****y	Ling	Year 9 - 10
C5-17	Y**u	Ye	Year 9 - 10
C5-18	E***n Y*****g	Liu	Year 9 - 10
C5-19	C****n	Hao	Year 9 - 10
C5-20	L*****y	Wu	Year 9 - 10
C5-21	D***d	Kang	Year 9 - 10
C5-22	E**a	Walker	Year 9 - 10
C5-23	B***a	Banker	Year 9 - 10
C5-24	G****e	Coote	Year 9 - 10
C5-25	M*****a	Chawla	Year 9 - 10

Category Year 11 - 13			
Number	Given name	Surname	Category
C6-01	L***y	Winiata	Year 11 - 13
C6-02	Y*****g	Lu	Year 11 - 13
C6-03	O****r	Jull	Year 11 - 13
C6-04	C***e	Lou	Year 11 - 13
C6-05	C**a	Jopling	Year 11 - 13
C6-06	J***s	McGregor	Year 11 - 13
C6-07	J***y	Yu	Year 11 - 13
C6-08	L***s	Zhang	Year 11 - 13
C6-09	F*****e	Dear	Year 11 - 13
C6-10	J****a	Wang	Year 11 - 13
C6-11	A***a	Taneja	Year 11 - 13
C6-12	J***e	Penman	Year 11 - 13
C6-13	C****a	Gu	Year 11 - 13