

# SAVE THE DATE!

## The 2021 Plain English Speaking Award (PESA ) A Public Speaking Competition for Year 11 and 12 Students

*“The Plain English Speaking Award recognises the key role of the English Language as a link among Australians and as a medium of international communication and understanding. The primary aim of the Award is to encourage and maintain the best use of clear and effective English.*

### Aim of the Award:

The aim of the PESA Program is *“to promote and develop the widespread use of plain, spoken English in Australian schools.*

Schools are invited to organize an in-school public speaking competition for senior school students between February and March 2021:

- Two students may be selected, according to each school’s specific criteria.
- Coeducational schools are encouraged to select one female and one male contestant.
- Single gender schools may select two students to enter.
- The successful students will represent their school at the state semi-final and if successful go on to the WA state final
- The winner of the WA state final will represent the state and their school at the national final in Sydney, 2021.

### The competition is held in 4 stages:

1.In-school heats	<b>February – March 2021</b>	<b>At the discretion of each school</b>
2.Semi-final	<b>May 2021</b>	<b>The competition will be held at:</b> The Victoria League Rooms 276 Onslow Rd, Shenton Park
3.WA state final	<b>June 2021</b>	
4.National final	<b>August 2021</b>	Sydney, NSW

### Each student will prepare:

- An eight-minute prepared speech:-
- A three-minute impromptu speech.
- A three-minute interview at the state and national final level.
- The same speech will be presented for every round of the competition.

## State, national and international finals:

- The winner of the WA state final will represent the state and their school at the national final in Sydney, 2021.
- The winner of the national final will represent Australia in an international competition conducted by the English Speaking Union in London, 2022.

## Prizes sponsored by the Australia-Britain Society Foundation:

- The winner of the WA state competition receives a cash prize of \$200.
- The second placed speaker receives a cash prize of \$100.
- Travel and accommodation expenses will enable the WA state winner to compete in the national final in Sydney in August 2021.
- The winner of the national final receives \$5,000 from the Big Brother Movement to enable them to compete in an international competition organised by the English Speaking Union in London UK in 2022
- The runner-up at the national level receives a cash prize of \$150.

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