TE-DUCATION AUSTRALIA

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

OFFICIAL COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Australia-Korea Youth

Public Speaking Competition 2026

BRIDGING TWO NATIONS

THE NEXT GENERATION SPEAKS

Organised by Trinity Excellentia College (TE-Ducation Australia), this inaugural competition brings young people from Australia and Korea together to research global and bilateral issues, express their ideas confidently in English, and build cross-cultural understanding.

PARTICIPANTS	FORMAT	GRAND FINAL
Years 7-12	**Prepared English Speech**	**Seoul + Australia Online**

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Competition Introduction

Trinity Excellentia College (TE-Ducation Australia) is organising the Australia-Korea Youth Public Speaking Competition 2026 to strengthen English communication, critical thinking and international awareness while encouraging educational and cultural exchange between students of both nations.

Under the theme “Bridging Two Nations - The Next Generation Speaks”, students will explore the history, cultures and contemporary relationship between Australia and Korea and present thoughtful, evidence-based speeches in English.

Key Objectives

01 CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Explore the histories, cultures and bilateral relationship of Australia and Korea, while building mutual understanding and friendship.

02 RESEARCH & EXPRESSION

Investigate meaningful issues, assess evidence and communicate ideas clearly through structured English speeches.

03 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

Develop a wider international perspective, responsibility and an understanding of different viewpoints.

04 CONFIDENCE & IMPACT

Gain confidence through formal public speaking and learn to make a positive contribution through informed advocacy.

Educational Value

More than a speaking contest, the competition integrates inquiry, research, critical thinking, clear reasoning and presentation skills. It offers students the chance to develop their voices while learning from peers across borders.

Divisions and Speech Format

JUNIOR DIVISION

Years 7-9
5-minute prepared speech

SENIOR DIVISION

Years 10-12
6-minute prepared speech

Eligibility

Open to students in Years 7-12 residing in Australia or Korea, whether entering individually or through their school. Students participate in the preliminary round in their country of residence.

Competition Schedule

5 DEC 2026	**Australian Preliminary**	Sydney - venue TBC
19 DEC 2026 - AM	**Korean Preliminary**	SNU, Gwanak Campus
19 DEC 2026 - PM	**Australia-Korea Grand Final**	SNU / Australia online
19 DEC 2026 - Evening	**Awards Ceremony**	Seoul

Venues

KOREA - SEOUL

Seoul National University
Gwanak Campus

AUSTRALIA - SYDNEY

A prestigious Sydney venue is being arranged. Details will be updated as soon as the venue is secured.

An Invitation to Your Students

Dear Principal / Debating and Public Speaking Coordinator,

On behalf of Trinity Excellentia College (TE-Ducation Australia), we warmly invite students from your school to participate in the inaugural Australia-Korea Youth Public Speaking Competition 2026.

The competition aims to build educational and cultural connections between young Australians and Koreans through English public speaking. Students will explore meaningful international issues, strengthen their research and communication skills, and learn to appreciate perspectives beyond their own.

Why Your School Might Participate

01 LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A challenging opportunity for students interested in English, debating, public speaking, history, international relations and global affairs.

02 INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Finalists from Australia and Korea will share their perspectives in a joint Grand Final, with Australian finalists joining online.

03 STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Opportunities to practise independent research, argument development, effective delivery and respectful cross-cultural dialogue.

Competition at a Glance

Years 7-9: 5-minute speech | Years 10-12: 6-minute speech
Australian preliminary: Saturday, 5 December 2026, Sydney
International Grand Final: Saturday, 19 December 2026, Seoul / Australian finalists online

How Schools Can Support This Initiative

We would be grateful for your school’s support in sharing this educational opportunity with eligible students. Participation is welcome from individual students as well as students referred through their schools.

01

SHARE THE INVITATION

Circulate the competition overview through student notices, school newsletters or relevant co-curricular channels.

02

CONNECT US WITH A COORDINATOR

Forward this document to the Head of English, Debating/Public Speaking Coordinator or relevant co-curricular staff.

03

ENCOURAGE INTERESTED STUDENTS

Invite students in Years 7-12 with an interest in public speaking, global issues or bilateral cultural exchange to seek entry details.

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ENQUIRE ABOUT PARTICIPATION

Contact the organisers for entry requirements, registration instructions, speech theme and competition arrangements.

Enquiries and Further Information

For competition details, registration information or school participation enquiries, please contact us at admin@te-ducation.com.au. We would be delighted to assist.