



an initiative of the **Victorian Women's Trust**

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## Conditions of Entry

- All students must be year ten female secondary students at a Victorian school in 2010
- A maximum of two students per school can register.
- To register, each student must complete an entry form
- In 2010 only 100 participants from Metropolitan Melbourne will be accepted on a first come, first in basis.
- Registration is free.
- Adjudicators' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- A nominated school coordinator is required to complete the official entry form and to ensure that:
  - The school principal approves the participation of the school/entrant.
  - The relevant parent or guardian approves the participation of the entrant.
  - The student is aware that they must take full responsibility for the content of their speeches and should be mindful that these speeches may be printed, recorded and distributed and as a result are subject to the Australian laws of defamation, slander and libel.
- The VWT and associations are not held responsible for speech content.
- Prizes awarded for first (\$500), Runner up (\$200), Semi-finalists will receive a medallion and all participants will receive a certificate.

## Set rules for Speeches

- The prepared speech is for five minutes, on a topic released on the first day of term three. It will be judged by at least one student leader and an experienced female speaker. The topic will centre around an understanding of women's issues. A warning bell will be rung at four minutes. Adjudicators will allow students to finish a sentence if it means going over the time limit but they will be penalized after that.
- The impromptu speech is for three to four minutes, with four minutes preparation time. The topic will centre around an understanding of women's issues. A warning bell will be rung at three minutes. Students can continue speaking after four minutes but will be penalized.

## Marking

- Each speech will be marked out of 100, with 50 points allocated for matter (the content of the speech) and 50 for manner (the style of presentation of the speech).
- Speakers will receive oral feedback from adjudicators. Adjudicators' decisions are final.
- Copies of the adjudication sheet can be found on the Victorian Women's Trust website [www.vwt.org.au](http://www.vwt.org.au) under the Vida's Voices link.