**Four Way Test Speech Competition**

**AIM**

The aim of the competition is to:

1. Provide Year 10 students with an opportunity to compete in a public speaking competition, fostering excellence in the art of public speaking and developing the confidence and self-esteem of participating students.
2. Provide an opportunity for students to test their skills before an audience.
3. Bring the concepts of the Rotary “Four Way Test” to the attention of students.
4. Provide Rotary and its “Four Way Test” with valuable exposure in the community.
5. Develop relationships between Rotary and schools.

**BACKGROUND**

The Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Competition originated in the United States of America and was introduced to Australia by Past District Governor Fred Marsh during his term as District Governor of 9685 in 1988/1989. Since then, other Districts across Australia have established their own competitions.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Students who are in Year 10 in 2018 at any secondary school within Rotary District 9465 are eligible to enter. Successful students will participate in the District Conference Round in Year 11.

The school must be sponsored by a Rotary Club within District 9465.

Schools **should not** be associated with more than one Rotary Club for the purpose of this competition, but Rotary Clubs may seek entrants from more than one school.

**Competition Schedule.**

Club Heats to be concluded by November 2018.

Zone Finals to be concluded by late November.

District Final will be held at our District Conference in: TBA 2019 (usually February/March)

**TOPIC**

Each participant may choose their own topic, but the four principles of the Rotary Four Way Test must be explored in the speech:

            Is it the TRUTH?

            Is it FAIR to all concerned?

            Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

            Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**SPEECH LENGTH**

The duration of the speech should be close to 5 minutes and no longer than 6 minutes.

Penalties may apply if time varies by more than 20 seconds either side of 6 minutes.

Adapted from <https://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/sitepage/four-way-test-speech-competition>