



SUNSHINE COAST  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Monday 16 June

Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to take the opportunity to invite your son/daughter to participate in the MLTAQ Speech Contest on behalf of the school. It is a lovely day where many schools in the region bring their most competent and passionate language learners and students are exposed to a wealth of different languages and native speakers. More information, rules and specific speeches will be available on the MLTAQ Sunshine Coast branch website in due course.

- Date:** Sunday 31 August 2025  
**Time:** Judging takes place from 10:00am – 2:00pm (a timetable will be available closer to the date and winners will be announced after each section is complete).  
**Venue:** 'C' Block of the University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs  
**Attire:** Formal school uniform (no hat) **must** be worn on the day  
**Conditions:** Students must learn a specified speech and recite it without palm cards. 2-3 questions may be asked at the conclusion of the speech. We will help students with the preparation of these if required.

In the past, Grammar students have done exceptionally well in this event and we encourage participation in all divisions from Year 5-12 (including Open Divisions for native speakers of French, Japanese, Chinese, German, Spanish and Indonesian.). There are limited entries in each division and in some cases, we may need to conduct a 'speak off' to choose candidates who will be nominated on the day.

As we need to confirm numbers and submit the application forms on behalf of our students very early next term, we are seeking confirmation and permission from parents for their child to compete in the event. Please check your calendars as this date in August can sometimes clash with other events. We ask that students *fully* commit to the date once they are entered, as it can be very problematic for convenors if they are absent on the day and it reflects badly on the school. To ensure entry, please return this form to the Languages staffroom or Language Teacher no later than Monday 21 July.

Kind regards,

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**SUNSHINE COAST GRAMMAR SCHOOL - LANGUAGES FACULTY**

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the MLTAQ speech competition on **Sunday 31 August 2025** and support the school in ensuring that commitment to this event is honoured.

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGE (please circle one):    FRENCH                      JAPANESE                      OTHER (open division only)

YEAR LEVEL/DIVISION:    5   6   7   8   9   10   11   12                      OR                      Open division in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please circle one)

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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