




**OPEN DIVISIONS**  
**Students who speak Italian at home – Students who have spent more than two years in a school in Italy**  
**SPEECH and POEM GUIDELINES - ITALIAN SPEAKING COMPETITION 2023 - QUEENSLAND**  
**BY VIDEO CLIP RECORDING - DUE 8 SEPTEMBER 2023**

| <b>PRIMARY OPEN<br/>(YEAR 2 – YEAR 6)</b>  | <b>MIDDLE OPEN<br/>(YEAR 7 – YEAR 9)</b>  | <b>SENIOR OPEN<br/>(YEAR 10 – YEAR 12)</b>   |
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| <p>Participants recite a poem.</p> <p>Students choose <b>one</b> of the poems provided in the OPEN DIVISION (Yr2-Yr6) selection.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LENGTH OF SPEECH 2-2½mins</b></p> <p>Students present a speech based on <b>a topic of their choice</b></p> <p>Speech must demonstrate a range of language structures, tenses and vocabulary</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Iniziativa per la Lingua e la Cultura Italiana</small><br/><br/><small>Sistema della Formazione Italiana nel Mondo</small></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LENGTH OF SPEECH 3-3½mins</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Participants have a choice:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speech on a topic of choice<br/><b>OR</b><br/>Speech based on the topic</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“L’italiano e la sostenibilità”</b></p> <p>The above is the 2023 theme of the world-wide celebration</p> <p>XXIII SETTIMANA DELLA LINGUA ITALIANA NEL MONDO (16-23 October 2023)</p> <p>Speech must demonstrate a range of language structures, tenses and vocabulary</p> |

**Conditions:**

1. Speeches must be contestants’ original work. Teacher assistance should be limited to minor corrections of grammatical errors.
2. Props/costumes not permitted; however, **expression** and **relevant gestures** are still important factors in **presentation** and **delivery**.
3. Palm cards are permitted in note form only. Contestants **should not read their speeches**. **Excessive consultation will result in marks being deducted.**
4. The contestant **MUST MAINTAIN EYE CONTACT WITH THE CAMERA** except when briefly consulting hand-held palm cards. If judges suspect that the students are reading, the presentation will be penalised.