



Christchurch Speech and Drama Competitions Results 2026

Saturday 4 – Tuesday 7 July 2026

Watson Winterbourn (Year 3) (U8/U13)

- Elizabeth May Cup – Most Outstanding Performance
- Trevella Family Cup – Highest Mark Classes 3, 6, 14, and 29
- Lucille Durkin Trophy – Winner Class 49
- 1st Own Selection Poem (U8)
- 1st Dramatic Extract (U8)
- 2nd Test Poem (U8)
- 2nd NZ Author Poem (U10)
- Very Highly Commended – Prepared Mime (U13)
- Highly Commended – Improvisation Duo with Genevieve Foster

Ben McKendry (Year 9)

- Best Senior Public Speaker
- 1st Sight Reading 14–16
- 1st Prepared Poetry 14–16
- 1st Prepared Prose 14–16
- 1st Dialogue Open
- 2nd Duologue Open
- 3rd Test Poem 14–16
- 3rd Drama 14–16
- Very Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem 14–16

Caitlin McKendry (Year 3) (U8)

- Trinity 125 Jubilee Cup – For Endeavour U8
- 3rd Own Selection Poem
- 3rd (equal) Test Poem

Raphaela Weston (Year 2) (U8)

- 2nd Own Selection Poem
- 3rd (equal) Dramatic Extract
- Very Highly Commended – Test poem

Olivia Wong (Year 2) (U8)

- 1st Test Poem

Jackson Liang (Year 2) (U8)

- 3rd (equal) Test Poem
- Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem
- Highly Commended – Dramatic Extract

Zoey Chua (Year 3) (U8)

- Highly Commended – Dramatic Extract



- Highly Commended – Test Poem

McKenzie Williams (Year 2) (U8)

- Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem

Aston Rideout (Year 4) (8–10)

- 1st Light Verse
- 1st Dramatic Extract
- 2nd Prepared Prose Reading
- 2nd Own Selection Poem
- Very Highly Commended – Test Poem

Nayana Abrahamson (Year 4) (8–10)

- Barbara Sugden Challenge Cup – Highest points Classes 4, 5, and 8
- Rosemary Bartlett Challenge Cup – Highest points Classes 7 and 9
- Jones Family Scholarship – Highest points Classes 4, 5, 6, and 7
- 1st Reading at Sight
- 1st Own Selection Poem
- 2nd Light Verse
- 3rd Test Poem
- Very Highly Commended – Prepared Prose Reading
- Highly Commended – Dramatic Extract

Oaken Evans (Year 4) (8–10)

- Highly Commended – Prepared Prose Reading
- C – Test Poem

Harri Wilson (Year 4) (8–10 Novice)

- Louise Moore Challenge Cup – Highest points Classes 10 and 11
- 1st – Test Poem (Novice)
- Very Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem

Iaera Abrahamson (Year 6) (10–12)

- 1st Light Verse
- 2nd Test Poem
- 3rd (equal) Prepared Prose Reading
- 3rd Dramatic Extract
- Very Highly Commended – Reading at Sight
- Very Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem

Esther Campbell (Year 6) (10–12)

- Very Highly Commended – Prepared Prose
- Very Highly Commended – Reading at Sight
- Highly Commended – Test Poem
- Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem

Sebastian Swettenham (Year 5) (8–10)

- Achievement Award 8 and U10 – Growth
- 3rd Prepared Prose Reading
- Very Highly Commended – Test Poem



- Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem

Jessica Nelson (Year 4) (8–10/U8)

- Very Highly Commended – Dramatic Extract
- Very Highly Commended – Light Verse
- Highly Commended – Test Poem

Eileen Li (Year 7) (10–12 Novice)

- Very Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem
- Very Highly Commended – Test Poem

Zivana Hartley-Walker (Year 6) (10–12 Novice)

- 1st Test Poem
- C Own Selection Poem

Ivy Rosewarne (Year 5) (8–10 Novice/8–10)

- 3rd (equal) Light Verse
- Very Highly Commended – Test Poem
- Highly Commended – Dramatic Extract
- C Reading at Sight
- C Own Selection Poem (Novice)

Genevieve Foster (Year 3) (8–10 Novice)

- Highly Commended – Test Poem
- Very Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem
- Highly Commended – Improvisation Duo with Watson Winterbourn

Harriet Foster (Year 5) (8–10 Novice/U10)

- Very Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem
- Highly Commended – Test Poem

Violet Winterbourn (Year 6) (10–12)

- Louisa Williams Challenge Cup – Highest Points Classes 12, 13, and 16
- Lucille Durkin Trophy – Winner Class 49
- Gay Longbottom Scholarship – Highest Points Classes 12, 13, 14, and 15
- 1st (equal) Dramatic Extract
- 1st Own Selection Poem
- 1st Test Poem
- 2nd Prepared Poetry Reading
- 3rd (equal) Prepared Prose Reading (10–12)
- Very Highly Commended – Light Verse
- Highly Commended – Reading at Sight

Reva Bartlett (Year 6) (10–12/U13)

- 3rd (equal) Original Poetry
- 2nd Prepared Speech (U13)
- 2nd Reading at Sight (10–12)
- 2nd Light Verse (10–12)
- 2nd Prepared Prose Reading
- 2nd Impromptu Speech



- Highly Commended – NZ Author Poem (U13)
- Very Highly Commended – Prepared Mime
- Very Highly Commended – Dramatic Extract (10–12)
- Very Highly Commended – Prepared Poetry Reading (10–12)
- Highly Commended – Reading from Religious Text (U13)

Adaline Weston (Year 6) (10–12 Novice)

- Louise Arnold Challenge Cup – Highest points Classes 19 and 20
- 1st – Own Selection Poem
- 3rd – Test Poem
- 2nd Improvisation Duo U13
- Very Highly Commended – Dramatic Extract
- Most points novice – the Louise Arnold Cup

Alexander Swettenham (Year 7) (U13/12–14)

- Achievement Award 12 and U14 – Growth
- 3rd Prepared Poetry Reading
- Very Highly Commended – NZ Author Poem (U13)
- Very Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem (12–14)
- C Reading from Religious Text (U13)

Harper Keith (Year 8)

- Highly Commended – Prepared Prose Reading

Jessica Whitehead (Year 8) (U13/12–14)

- 1st NZ Author Poem (U13)
- 1st Improvisation Duo (U13)
- 1st Prepared Mime
- 1st Reading from Religious Text (U13)
- 1st Reading at Sight (12–14)
- 1st Impromptu Speech
- 1st Prepared Prose Reading (12–14)
- 2nd Original Poetry
- 2nd Solo improvisation (Open)
- Very Highly Commended – Test Poem (12–14)
- Very Highly Commended – Prepared Poetry Reading (12–14)
- Highly Commended – Dramatic Extract (12–14)
- Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem (12–14)
- Highly Commended – Light Verse (12–14)
- Sister Leonie Shield – Highest Marks in Religious Reading (All Ages)
- Egerton Family Cup – Highest Marks NZ Author Poem (All Ages)
- Christchurch Competitions Society Cup – Highest Marks in Prepared Poetry and Prose (12 and Under 14)
- The Audrey Truman Challenge Cup – Highest Marks in Impromptu Speech (All Ages)
- English Speaking Union Cup and Scholarship – Best Public Speaker (U16)

Adelyn Abrahamson (Year 8) (U13/12–14)

- Highly Commended – NZ Author Poem (U13)
- Highly Commended – Test Poem (12–14)
- Highly Commended – Dramatic Extract (12–14)



- Very Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem (12–14)

Aiden Jia (Year 8) (12–14)

- 3rd Light Verse (12–14)
- Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem (12–14)

Eddison Keith (Year 9)

- Class 30 – Reading at Sight (12 and U14 years)
- Class 32 – Prepared Prose Reading (12 and U14 years)
- Class 45 – Improvisation Duo (13 and U16 years)

Amanda Watkins (Year 11) (13–16)

- 1st NZ Author Poem (13–16)
- 1st Test Poem (14–16)
- 3rd Prepared Speech (13–6)
- Very Highly Commended – Reading from Religious Text (13–16)
- Very Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem (14–16)
- Highly Commended – Prepared Prose Reading (14–16)

Annie Zhang (Year 11) (14–16)

- Very Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem

Joanna Liang (Year 9) (14–16)

- 2nd Prepared Poetry Reading
- 3rd Reading at Sight
- Highly Commended – Prepared Prose Reading
- Highly Commended – Own Selection Poem

Mia Zhang (Year 8) (12–16 Novice/12–14)

- 3rd Own Selection Poem (Novice)
- Highly Commended – Prepared Prose Reading
- Highly Commended – Prepared Poetry Reading

Sylvia James (Year 13) (16–19)

- Anthony Ford Cup – Highest points Classes 51 and 52
- Kay Scrivener Trophy – Highest mark Classes 36, 53, and 60
- Patricia Finlay Memorial Trophy – Highest mark Classes 15, 30, 37, and 54
- Rea Family Cup – Highest marks in age-group scholarships
- Christchurch Competitions Scholarship – Highest points Classes 51, 52, 53, and 54
- 1st Test Poem
- 1st Reading at Sight
- 1st Own Selection Poem
- 1st Dramatic Extract