

THE AINGER PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD 2018



The Final of the **Ainger Public Speaking Award** was held at the Amora Hotel Riverwalk in Richmond on Monday 21 May 2018. At this dinner the audience of 120 people were treated to ten excellent presentations from a group of talented young speakers from years 9 to 12. The finalists were from nine schools with the winner being **Harrison Huber** a year 9 student from Mentone Grammar School who received \$400, an inscribed Winner's Medallion and his name on the perpetual Ainger Trophy. **Gemma Taylor** from Melbourne Girls' College was runner up receiving \$300, and **Samuel Roach** from St Kevin's College was third receiving \$200. **Conor Barnes** from Westbourne Grammar School won the Rotary Club of Melbourne Park's Encouragement Award receiving \$125.

This year was the **29th Ainger Public Speaking Award** and since its inception over 1,700 students has participated in this competition which concentrates on the effective delivery of the spoken word, with a lesser concentration on the argument presented or matter. It is open to students from interested schools in the Melbourne metropolitan area and this year 80 students from 34 schools contested the four heats in the Lyceum at Melbourne Girls' College. The heats were of a high standard and gave the adjudication panel a difficult task to choose the ten finalists. All entrants however benefitted from the experience of speaking in front of an unfamiliar audience on a topic of their own choice and receiving constructive feedback and guidance from our experienced adjudicators. All students who entered receive a certificate acknowledging their participation in the Award.

To the schools that entered thank you for your participation and support of the **Ainger Public Speaking Award** this year. We hope your students enjoyed and benefitted from the experience. Note this competition is conducted and hosted jointly by the **Rotary Club of Richmond** and the **Rotary Club of Melbourne Park**.

We look forward to your participation in 2019 which will be the **30th Ainger Public Speaking Award**. If you require any further information please contact me on 9499 2280 or 0437 232 880 or email bhosking@bigpond.net.au

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