



Rostrum Voice of Youth COVID Safe Policy

A Rostrum member will be allocated the responsibility at the speaking venue to oversee the COVID Safe Plan guidelines are followed.

This Covid Safe Policy is based on the Victorian Department of Health and Human Service (DHHS) advice that keeps evolving during the pandemic. See <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19> for the latest information.

On arrival at the venue:

All attendees will be required to return their RSVP COVID safe form and sign in. The RSVP COVID safe form which outlines the conditions of entry will be emailed to all participants and their schools prior to the competition.

Hygiene:

Supplies and equipment

Sanitiser will be available and the wearing of masks is required except for competitors while they are delivering their competition speech. Gloves will be used to papers for short notice preparation and handling certificates.

Students are asked to bring their own drink bottle and a pen for the Short Notice speeches.

Surfaces will be cleaned between the junior and senior competitions. As numbers are restricted, the junior participants will not be able to stay for the senior competition.

Restrictions to entry:

If you are feeling unwell or display any of the COVID symptoms you must not participate or attend.

To ensure safe social distancing, the numbers in each room will need to be restricted. The 4 square meter per person rule must not be exceeded.

The speaker plus one supporter and teacher (where space allows) will be permitted in each room along with the Rostrum members conducting the competition. Movement between the speaking rooms will not be possible.

Managing risks:

In the short notice preparation room, the topics, note cards and paper will be spaced out around the room to ensure correct social distancing.

In the interests of safety, morning/ afternoon tea will not be provided this year.

The chairman of adjudicators will announce the winner in the speaking room. The adjudicators will be available to provide feedback to the individual students. Students will be asked to stay in their seats and a Rostrum member will direct the students to each adjudicator to receive their feedback.

Certificates for each participant will be available for collection at the conclusion of the competition.

We thank you for your understanding.