
The 2018 Premier's Spelling Bee State Finals

The 2018 Premier's Spelling Bee was by far our biggest year, with almost 170,000 students across 1000 NSW public schools vying for 4000 spots at 50 regional finals. This expanded participation led to huge fields at State Finals: 50 senior and 50 junior regional winners.

In nail-biting finishes, all students showed themselves worthy of being among the 50 best stage 2 or 3 spellers in our state.

Congratulations to all contestants including our winners and runners-up and our special thanks to schools, principals and coordinators for all their work on the 2018 Premier's Spelling Bee.

Junior State Champions



Left: *Junior State Champion Emilia McCarthy
Glenmore Park Public School, and Wendy Harmer,
Junior announcer.*



Above: *Junior State Runner-up Callan Peterson, Belair
Public School and the Premier Gladys Berejiklian*

Senior State Champions

Below: Senior State Champion McCallum Kho, Ryde Public School and Announcer, Chris Bath



Below: Senior State Runner-up Alexandria Noonan and her principal Chris Hunter, Jerrabomberra Public School



THE FIELDS

Junior



Junior Judges, L to R Amanda Banks English Advisor K-6 DET, Marianne Powles Arts Programs and Partnerships DET Victoria Morgan Senior Editor Macquarie Dictionary



Below: Junior hosts Cherrybrook Public School: Mr Tim Starr and students



Tensions running high



Above: Charlie Wellings from Tamworth Public School illustrates the tension!

Preparation can take many forms



Above: George Wall, Inverell Public School, and his dad run the wordlists past the cows

Senior



Above: Senior contestants, judges, sponsors and Ms Chris Bath, announcer.



Senior hosts Panania North Public School: Mr Tim Wotherspoon and students



Left: River Robinson from Yamba Public School back for his first senior and third State Final in 3 years

Below Brock Holliday, North Haven Public School, indicates his philosophical stance.



Below: Alexandria uses her “finger-spelling” technique to reach second place in a tough field of fifty seniors.



Below: Last three seniors standing and smiles all round



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