

Building a nation of confident communicators through excellent, equitable and empowering oral communication training

In 1964, after serving in World War II, Gordon Hooper established, what would later become known as Speech New Zealand to support his vision of a New Zealand where every child had the skills to communicate with confidence.

Over 60 years of students, across *Aotearoa* New Zealand, have shared their passions, delivered moving talks and performed in front of our community of examiners and assessors.

We welcome you, students and parents to join our community as we strive to provide the best quality support and training in oral communication.

"When I first started I was an extremely shy, nervous 9 year old...
Speaking in front of my classmates was a massive fear of mine. It
[Speech New Zealand] combated my fear of speaking in front of
an audience. This whole journey has been so profound and it has
taught me so much."

-SNZ student Gargi Vaiyda

peech New Zealand is a not-for-profit registered charity. We provide the syllabus you will progress through this year, organise examinations, badges and certificates and offer extensive and up-to-date resources for teachers.

Assessments, certificates, badges.

Our assessments are a yardstick for students to have success at one grade before moving to the next. They are available all year round, with specific dates per region, and can be held both online and in-person. Our examiners prioritise supporting and facilitating students to achieve their best results and provide written reports with constructive feedback.



We provide students with certificates when they graduate from a grade and have badges available as a memento of their achievement.

What does Speech New Zealand offer students?

- A self-esteem and confidence boost
- The skills to reduce social anxiety and a fear of public speaking
- Normalising speaking out loud in front of a group of people
- A fun, safe, playful learning environment
- A community of like-minded individuals where lasting friendships can be made

We are delighted to share our success stories. To find out more, visit our website.

Scholarships

We have a variety of scholarships available for Speech NZ candidates. Find out more!

Speech NZ Diploma

Our ASB or AASB pathways in performance and teaching offer a higher level of practical and theoretical learning with rewarding and career enriching results.

Teacher Coaching Programme

Many students go on to develop fulfilling and satisfying careers as teachers. This programme develops the practical skills needed for teaching and the framework to start a small business.

With many different learning modules from managing finances, building a business plan, marketing and more, participants are mentored by expert teachers from the field. This programme offers a roadmap to running a teaching business.

Check it out on our website!

Contact

Your first point of call is always your Speech New Zealand teacher. But you can connect with us and stay up to date with new resources, syllabi and success stories through:

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OUR SYLLABI



Flexi Speaking and Performing

With this syllabus, public speaking and speech and drama are interchangeable, allowing students a wide range of choice in what they present for examination.



Speech and Drama

This syllabus offers a holistic approach to developing skills in all aspects of speech and drama.



Public Speaking & Communication

Meticulously designed to develop confidence and capability across a variety of public speaking situations. Students learn to structure and present various formal speeches.



Communication in Leadership

For aspiring leaders either in their school or community, the skills developed throughout this syllabus targets the skills required by leaders in a variety of formal or informal situations.



Oral Communication | Aromatawaiā-waha me te Marautanga Reo Through appreciation of local stories, language and people, students are empowered to become confident and capable communicators.



Professional Speaking

This syllabus is aimed at candidates who would like to develop the confidence and skills required for professional and social speaking in the workplace.



Theatre in Action

Students present a range of scripted and devised scenes and learn to analyse and discuss their work through this dynamic and multifaceted syllabus. Ideal for students who learn in and like to perform as a group.



English Language Learners' Syllabus

Meticulously designed for learners who have English as an additional language, this syllabus develops confidence and the ability to communicate and interact in a range of situations.