The Coomera Can Speak Club provides interested students in Year 4-6 with the opportunity to develop their speaking skills across a range of genres such as poetry recital and public speaking. The club operates across the year. Students who actively participate in developing their skills can be invited to participate in some external competitions.

The program aims to:

- develop confidence, communication skills and a love of performing.
- develop imagination, creativity and a platform to voice personal opinions and passions in a positive and supportive environment.
- experience the challenge and the rewards of public speaking during school events and a competition environment.

Program Overview:

**Semester One**
Students will be supported in fun drama activities. In addition, they will be involved in learning how to recite a short humorous poem (individual, duo or small group) and engage in performances in front of other group members at lunch time. For those students interested in further challenges they may be invited to perform their poem(s) in front of their classmates or school assemblies.

**Semester Two**
Students may be encouraged to seek out opportunities to perform at *The Somerset Festival for Young Performers* at Somerset College. Held every August, it is a wonderful competition that fosters a sense of encouragement and enthusiasm, emphasising that the achievement is in the effort of the performer rather than in the final placing. Students who do not wish to take up this opportunity will continue to develop their skills in more challenging performance poetry with the hope of speaking to a larger audience than the lunch time group.

For Year 4 and 5 we also offer the opportunity to enter the *AB Paterson Public Speaking* competition held at the end of Term 3 and early Term 4. This competition is an excellent opportunity to build on the skills required for speech writing and delivery. It is a skill that will last a lifetime and is needed in every walk of life.