



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

Media Release

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Epsom Girls Grammar girl wins Chinese Bridge Speech Competition

Lauren Winthrop, a Year 13 girl at Epsom Girls Grammar School has won the Chinese Bridge Speech Competition in the secondary category.

The Chinese Bridge Speech Competition is a highlight on the Confucius Institute annual events calendar and is held annually in Auckland at a regional level, with a national final.

The competition, which has been going since 2007, is held once a year. The competition is full of the colour of China's vibrant culture, featuring speech, music, song and drama.

The competition criteria are: delivery (fluency, cohesion, engagement with the audience); pronunciation (clarity, intonation, accuracy) and vocabulary and grammatical structures (accuracy and variety). Participants are also judged on whether or not they use cue cards.

Entrants compete in the Intermediate (Years 7-10), Secondary (Years 11-13) or Tertiary categories. Winners of the tertiary and secondary categories are funded to represent New Zealand in a televised world final in China later in the year. Hanban provide the scholarship for the winner to study in China for half a year to one full year.

The Confucius Institute in Auckland is a public, non-profit organisation established by The University of Auckland, Fudan University of Shanghai and the Office of Chinese Language Council International.

Intermediate and Secondary Categories:

The Intermediate and Secondary Categories are open to students of Chinese language who are currently studying at any New Zealand school. Students at all levels of ability are encouraged to participate. The Chinese Bridge contestants are required to be non-native Chinese speakers.

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Details for media

Chinese Bridge Speech Competition

2013 Winner – Secondary Category

Student: Lauren Winthrop

Year 13, Epsom Girls Grammar School

2013 Winner Coach

Coach: Tina Yan teacher of Chinese and Music at EGGS

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