



NEWSLETTER

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The ASCA Newsletter

July - September 2025

Keeping you up to date, and in the loop, with ASCA goings on.

ASCA Examinations

We are entering our busiest months of the year with regard to ASCA examinations.

Thank you to everyone who submitted examination entries early or on time for Term 4.

Request for Examination Forms, plus fees must reach ASCA 6 weeks prior to the Examination.

For anyone requesting exams late in Term 4, the 6 week time limit still applies.

Fees should be submitted with the the *Request for Examination* form.

Note: Please go to the ASCA website asca-speech.org for the current schedule of fees and Request for Examination form.

A word from our Treasurer, Carolyn McKenzie

Request for Examinations and Payment of fees.

To make the job easier when arranging examinations and keeping records, please note the following:

The ***Request for Examination form*** and fees must be sent 6 weeks prior to the examination, to ensure we have time to appoint an Examiner.

A ***Request for Examination form*** should be filled out for **every day** of examinations with the grades and fees listed. Please do not send one (1) form with several days of exams listed.

When multiple days fees are sent or deposited into the ASCA account, please send an email listing the dates and amounts that make up the total.

For example:

Timbuktu High School

Monday 1st November \$ 600

Wednesday 10th November \$1,000

Friday 12th November \$2,000

Total \$3,600

Please identify exam date and school/teacher on the description on the bank deposit. Eg Smith October 30

SYLLABUS CLARIFICATIONS AND REMINDERS

1) Point 11, Page 4 of the ASCA syllabus:

“Video cameras or recordings of any kind are not permitted during the examination sessions “.

A sign is provided on the following page for you to print out and use in the examination room. Please put the sign in a prominent position inside the exam room and also outside on the door.

**Video Cameras
or Recordings of
any kind
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sessions.**

2) Introductory Performance Certificate (Intro PC)

p.35 *Speech Communication Syllabus* and
p.7 *Communication through Performance Syllabus*

Section 3 is a prose reading and need not be memorised.

All other sections of the Introductory Performance Certificate are to be memorised.

The focus of Section 3 is on the interpretation of a reading – however, candidates will not be penalised if Section 3 has been memorised.

3) Dip Comm Teacher's Conversion.

Students need to qualify with a Reflection of their lessons which they have taught in a practicum. It is recommended that four to eight lessons to be taught.

4) Section 2 of Senior Grade 3 Communication Syllabus.

Students must initiate the discussion.

5) the Impromptu Exchange.

Please see **Section 6, Listening Group** under: Guidance for Teachers in the ASCA syllabus.

“Listeners are active participants”.

“All practical examinations will take place before an audience (of at least 6 people) who will be invited to take part by asking questions or commenting at the appropriate times.”

NOTE: ASCA would like to remind Teachers that when candidates sit for a practical examination **they need an audience** and that **the audience needs to participate** rather than being passive listeners.

6) The Personal Project. (This is the TALK SECTION.)

Throughout the Syllabus it is stated that “The talk should not be a spoken essay, but notes may be used to aid memory”. There **is no need for students to memorise their talk**, because there is a separate section for Memorised pieces.

Also, **Talks should not be read** - there is a Reading Aloud section for that.

Note that under *ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES in the ASCA Syllabus*:

Junior Preliminary, Junior Introductory, and Junior 1 the advice is to

Use notes sparingly (if at all).

Junior Grades 2, 3 and 4.

Avoid over dependence on notes.

Senior Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4

Include a confident and unobtrusive use of notes.

Senior Grade 5.

Use notes sparingly (if used at all)

Senior Grades 6, 7 and 8

Use notes sparingly (if at all)

Cert of Communication and Diploma of Communication and Diploma of ASCA:

Deliver, with a minimum of notes, a ten minute speech.

IMPORTANT DATE

2025 ASCA Open day. Saturday November 29.

at Ravenswood School for Girls.



Membership Reminder:

Just a reminder for anyone who hasn't sent their 2025 membership form and fees - they are now overdue. The forms were sent out last year and need to be filled in, particularly if your details have changed from 2024. Membership can be paid at the same time as examination entry fees are submitted.

The membership forms can also be downloaded from the website. Membership fees are:

Student Associate Membership	\$20
Individual Membership	\$40
Corporate Membership	\$100

Please make cheques payable to ASCA and send with completed form to Mrs Susanne Harrison, ASCA Membership Secretary, PO Box 322, Manly, NSW 1655. Please include a stamped addressed envelope for the receipt. The membership fees can be directly deposited into the ASCA account :CBA BSB 062229 Account number 00131200



Some wise words:

“The success of your presentation will be judged not by the knowledge you send but by what the listeners receive” Lily Walters.



Queries

If you have any queries about ASCA, the Syllabus or examinations, please contact us by email, or write and your query will be handed to the committee for an answer.

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