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# **SUCCESS STORIES**



## of Speech New Zealand

The scoop of the daySpeech New Zealand very first graduate of the new dual AASB pathway (Public Speaking & Communication and Speech & Drama), Davina White, speaks with Helena about her experience, how it's helped her Law and Commerce studies at Auckland University and her upcoming teaching journey.

#### How did you get involved with Speech New Zealand?

My Mum enrolled me in public speaking and communications to slow down my day-to-day speaking. I enjoyed it so much and continued for five years completing my Advanced Associate Diploma in Public Speaking & Communication and Speech & Drama in 2022. I have learnt so much and am excited to pass my knowledge on to others as I look to start my own classes.

#### What are some of the ways your Speech New Zealand studies have benefited you?

Speech New Zealand syllabus and examinations have helped me in job interviews, university applications, and confidence talking/meeting people. It has helped me speak clearly and articulately, growing my confidence immensely to speak in front of audiences.

### What are the most important aspects of the Speech New Zealand examinations, in your opinion?

For me, it was learning the different techniques and the positive impacts this knowledge can have on your life. Examinations when I was younger helped me grow confidence to speak in front of people and taught me study skills I used throughout high school and into university.

### What advice would you have to others considering Speech New Zealand examinations?

Go for it! I highly recommend it, it is so beneficial in all areas of your life and is such a good life skill.

"Speech New Zealand was beneficial to me both professionally and in my everyday life. I highly recommend it to those wishing to improve their English, expand their speaking skills and grow confidence."

- Davina White



Davina White with her dual Advanced Associate certificates in Public Speaking & Communication and Speech & Drama