

The 2019 Premier's Spelling Bee State Junior Final was run on 8 November at the ABC Studios in Sydney.

This year 49 junior stage 2 students, from all over NSW, gathered to battle out for the junior crown.



The junior field at the conclusion of the event; smiles of relief!



Cassie McCullagh, the junior announcer explains the rules to students, as the judging panel of Department of Education personnel look on



Students from Nimmitabel Public School, accompanied by their teacher Brad Austin, hosted the junior event. Nimmitabel PS, in Southern NSW, nearly 500 kms from Sydney, is a tiny school of 23 students who have hosted fabulous regional finals for the last two years, allowing a collection of remote schools in the region to compete face to face.



They had their first ever state finalist in this year's junior field, Kody McPherson.

It is a lonely walk to the microphone, and all our students are champions for making it to State Championships. Juniors are from years three and four, making this a daunting event for many of our students.



Bowie Robinson, from Yamba Public School, braves the spotlight at his first state final.



Cassie McCullagh congratulates the junior winner and runner up



This year's Junior State runner-up, Raksha Tekuru, Victoria Avenue Public School



And this year's Junior State Champion was Hannah Moore from Hornsby South Public School