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ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL (NSW) INC.

Patrick White Young Indigenous Writers (NSW)

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FORM

One Major Prize and Encouragement Awards for Poetry
One Major Prize and Encouragement Awards for a Short Story or Play for Each Age Group

HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete this Entry Form.
2. Sign the Declaration that the work is your own.
3. Return the Application Form and your written work to: Patrick White Competition, AEC (NSW) Inc. PO Box 3120 Redfern NSW 2017. Or email it to writing@aec.org.au

WRITING THEMES FOR 2025 COMPETITION

Kindergarten – Year 12 short story, play or poem:

- "Student Choice"

NOTE: for 2025 Students may choose their own themes.

RULES FOR 2025 COMPETITION

- Y4 -12 submitted work should be typewritten
- No submitted work to exceed 1500 words

I AM ENTERING [Please tick]

KINDERGARTEN – YEAR 12

- ☐ Short Story
☐ Play
☐ Poem

KINDERGARTEN-YEAR 1

- ☐ Group Short Story*
☐ Group Play*
☐ Group Poem*

*(3 or more students)

YEAR 2-3

- ☐ Group Short Story*
☐ Group Play*
☐ Group Poem*

ENTRANT DETAILS [Please print clearly and in block letters]

Family Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

Suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Gender: M ☐ F ☐ Class Year _____

School _____ Phone _____

School Address _____

Are you Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? Yes ☐ No ☐

DECLARATION

I declare that the submission is not copied and is my/our own original work. I agree to it being published on the AEC website if required:

Applicant _____ Teacher _____ Parent/Guardian _____

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 5PM ON 31 OCTOBER, 2025

GENERAL GUIDELINES*

- 1. Closing Date** October 31, 2025– late entries will not be considered.
- 2. Format** Typed (size 12 font double spaced) or neatly handwritten on one side of the A4 page only. Pages should be numbered on the bottom right hand corner. The top of the page should include:
 - Title of Story
 - Student name / Group Name and SchoolDo not staple, laminate or bind your entry.
- 3. Length** Submissions must remain within the following length restraints:
 - No work should exceed 1500 words
- 4. Authors** The written work must be the sole creation of the individual or group of writers/poets.
- 5. Supervision** Only constructive criticism and general guidance is to be provided by any supervisor/
- 6. Theme** parent/teacher. .
 - "Student Choice"
- 7. Judging** Submissions will be judged on originality and content of the text. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 8. Judges** The panel of judges selected will include professionals in the fields of education and literature.
- 9. Entry Form** Submissions will not be considered if they are not accompanied by a completed Entry Form. Multiply Entry Forms are to be completed and attached to the submission for each member of any group.
- 10. Declaration** Students must sign the Declaration for their entry to be considered for the competition. And this must be supported by a declaration from the classroom teacher
- 11. Parent/Guardian** All Entry Forms must be signed by a Parent/Guardian for participants.
- 12. Return of Entries** Entries will not be returned unless a request is made at the time of submission and includes a stamped, addressed envelope.
- 13. Aboriginality** Entry to this competition is only open to students of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. Entry to the Group Completion requires at least three writers one of whom must be Aboriginal (the whole class can enter a group piece provided at least one of the students is Aboriginal)
- 14. Winners** Prize winners will be notified by mail and their creative works may be published on the NSW AEC website.
- 15. Prizes** Prizes from \$50.00 up to \$500 and Encouragement Awards from \$20 up to \$250 will be awarded to students from Kindergarten to Year 12 for Poetry and Short Story or Play. Prizes of up to \$250 will be awarded for Kindergarten –Year 1 and Year 2-3 Group work

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Entries will not be considered without a completed, signed Entry Form attached.

Please see our website for more details on Patrick White and on this competition:

www.aec.org.au