



Conditions of Entry for Insight's Creative Writing Competition

Creative Writing Competition 2021

1. Who can enter?

You must be enrolled in Years 7–12 in Australian secondary education to take part in this competition.

2. How many times can you enter?

You can only submit one entry.

3. Theme

Each story must be written to the theme: **A flash of inspiration.**

4. Categories

There will be six categories:

- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9
- Year 10
- Year 11
- Year 12.

You must only submit an entry in the category that corresponds to your current year level or homeschool equivalent.

Your entry will be automatically disqualified if you submit an entry in another year level.

5. Original work

Entries must be your own original work. This means that your work must not be written by, or in conjunction with, your friends, family, teachers or parents.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. You will be automatically disqualified from the competition if any plagiarised work is submitted.

Entries that have been previously published, or submitted in any other writing competition or for school assessment will **not** be accepted.



6. Format of entry

You must submit your work according to the guidelines listed below.

- Your entry **must** be a **short story** written in English.
(Poetry, essays, scripts, expository writing etc. will **not** be accepted.)
- Your story **must** have a title.
- The text and title font **must** be 12pt Times New Roman. Your story **must** be typed with double line spacing.
- If you are submitting an electronic copy, please provide a Word document or PDF.
(JPEGs will **not** be accepted.)
- If you are submitting a hard copy, please use A4 white paper.
- We will **not** return your story once you have submitted it. It is your responsibility to make a copy of your work.

7. Word count

The word length of your story must be within the limits for your respective category, as listed below.

- Year 7: 400–800 words
- Year 8: 400–800 words
- Year 9: 600–1100 words
- Year 10: 600–1100 words
- Year 11: 900–1400 words
- Year 12: 900–1400 words

8. Written statement

All entries **must** be accompanied by a 100-word statement that addresses at least one of the following:

- your motivation for writing
- your creative inspiration
- your aspirations for future writing.

This written statement will be used to help determine the winner of a special award that honours the legacy of a founding member of Insight Publications, Iris Breuer.

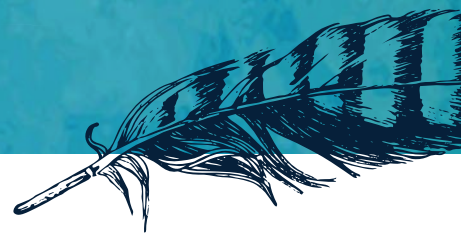
The **Iris Breuer Writing Award** will take both the short story and the written statement into account. This award seeks to recognise and celebrate young people's engagement with and passion for writing and literature.

9. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Year 7 – First Prize: \$200	Year 10 – First Prize: \$250
Year 7 – Second Prize: \$125	Year 10 – Second Prize: \$175
Year 7 – Third Prize: \$50	Year 10 – Third Prize: \$100
Year 8 – First Prize: \$200	Year 11 – First Prize: \$300
Year 8 – Second Prize: \$125	Year 11 – Second Prize: \$225
Year 8 – Third Prize: \$50	Year 11 – Third Prize: \$150
Year 9 – First Prize: \$250	Year 12 – First Prize: \$300
Year 9 – Second Prize: \$175	Year 12 – Second Prize: \$225
Year 9 – Third Prize: \$100	Year 12 – Third Prize: \$150

Iris Breuer Writing Award: \$200



10. Submission dates

Entries will be accepted from **8 March 2021** to **6 August 2021**.

SUBMISSIONS WILL **NOT** BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.

11. Entry form

All entries **must** have the entry form attached.

If you are under 18 years of age, your age **must be verified by a parent's/guardian's signature** on the entry form. Teachers may not complete entry forms on behalf of students. We recommended that a parent or guardian check the entry form upon completion.

Return your entry form, together with the creative writing piece and 100-word statement, via email (as an attachment) or post (details on entry form).

ONLY ENTRIES WITH FULLY COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

12. Judging

Entries will be judged by a panel of Insight staff and Australian authors.

13. Judges' decisions

Judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence about the decision will be entered into.

14. Awards presentation

Participants will be notified by **29 October 2021** if their entry has been shortlisted.

Prizes will be presented to the winners at a celebratory event in Melbourne, Victoria on **25 November 2021**. If you enter the competition, we encourage you and your family to attend the awards presentation. Details of the event will be sent to shortlisted entrants prior to the event.

After the awards presentation, the prize winners' unedited stories will be published on Insight's website and on Insight's social media pages. Insight reserves the right to make the winning entries available on Insight's website for public view.



ENTRY FORM

Creative Writing Competition 2021

I DECLARE THAT:

This entry is entirely my own work and is an original unpublished work.

I have read and understood the Conditions of Entry and by signing this form I agree to comply with the Conditions of Entry and I declare all information provided below to be true.

100-word statement attached (please tick)

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Date of birth: ____ / ____ / _____ Age: _____ School year level: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2021

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT (IF UNDER 18 YEARS):

I, _____, the parent/guardian of the entrant named on this form, confirm that this is their own work and that all details given on this form are true.

Full name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2021

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Photography permission

I _____ give permission for Insight Publications to take video footage and/or photographs on the night of the awards presentation. I authorise for these photographs to be used by Insight for their corporate promotional purposes including but not exclusive to their corporate website(s), marketing collateral and social media posts.

Signed (by parent/guardian if under 18 years of age):

_____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2021

Full name: _____

ENTRIES AND ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL OR POST

Email your entries to publishing@insightpublications.com.au

OR

Post your entries to Insight Publications,
3/350 Charman Road, Cheltenham, VIC 3192

**ENTRIES
CLOSE**

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