



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

There is an optional theme that you may use to inspire your entry; however, you are not required to write to this or any other theme.

The optional theme is: Look for the magic in every moment.

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.

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 will **not** be accepted.





6. Format of entry

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

- Your entry **must** be a **creative piece** (e.g. short story, poem, script) written in English. (Expository writing, such as essays, 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 not exceed 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
- the creative inspiration for your entry
- 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 creative piece 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 7 – Second Prize: \$125 Year 7 – Third Prize: \$50

Year 8 – First Prize: \$200 Year 8 – Second Prize: \$125 Year 8 – Third Prize: \$50

Year 9 - First Prize: \$250 Year 9 - Second Prize: \$175 Year 9 - Third Prize: \$100

Iris Breuer Writing Award: \$200

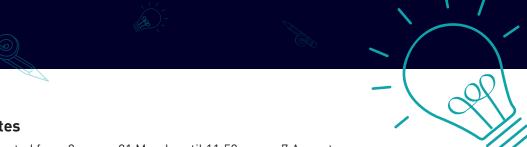
Year 10 - First Prize: \$250 Year 10 - Second Prize: \$175

Year 10 - Third Prize: \$100

Year 11 – First Prize: \$300 Year 11 – Second Prize: \$225 Year 11 – Third Prize: \$150

Year 12 - First Prize: \$300 Year 12 - Second Prize: \$225 Year 12 - Third Prize: \$150





10. Submission dates

Entries will be accepted from 9 am on 21 March until 11:59 pm on 7 August.

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 your creative piece and 100-word statement, via email (as attachments) 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. Judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence about the decision will be entered into.

13. Awards presentation

Participants will be notified by 3 November 2022 if their entry has been shortlisted.

Prizes will be presented to the winners at a celebratory event in Melbourne, Victoria on **8 December 2022**. 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 awards presentation.

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

Insight Publications acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Country on which we meet and work, the Boon Wurrung People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.





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ENTRIES AND ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL OR POST

 $\label{thm:com.au} \mbox{Email your entries and entry forms to publishing@insightpublications.com.} \mbox{au}$

OR

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

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