Conditions of Entry for
Insight’s Creative Writing Competition

1. **Who can enter?**
   You must be enrolled in Years 7–12 in Victorian 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: **The price you pay.**

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 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
- 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
- Iris Breuer Writing Award: $200
10. Submission dates
Entries will be accepted from **4 March 2019** to **16 August 2019**.
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, 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 accomplished 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 15 November 2019 if their entry has been shortlisted.
Prizes will be presented to the winners at a celebratory event on 12 December 2019.
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’ 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**

**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)

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**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.

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**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.

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**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 16 AUG 2019**