

GUIDELINES

1. **Closing Date** 30 September 2009 – 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:
 - Kindergarten – Year 2
Poetry 1-3 pages
Short story 1-5 pages
 - Primary Year 4 – Year 6
Poetry 1-3 pages
Short Story 5-20 pages
 - Year 7 – Year 12
Poetry 1-3 pages
Short story 5-30 pages
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/parent/teacher.
6. **Theme** Each entry must adhere to the theme for the applicant's (s) year i.e.
 - Kindergarten – Year 6 writers and poets: **It all began when . . .**
 - Year 7 – Year 12 writers and poets: **Water**
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.
11. **Parent/Guardian** All Entry Forms must be signed by a participant's Parent/Guardian.
12. **Return of Entries** Entries will not be returned unless a request is made at the time of submission and includes a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
13. **Aboriginality** Entry to this competition is only open to students of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
14. **Winners** Prize winners will be notified by mail and their creative works will be published on the NSW AEC website in November 2009.
15. **Prizes** Two Major Prizes of up to \$500 and 5 Encouragement Awards of up to \$50 will be awarded to students in Kindergarten – Year 6 for Poetry and for Short Story. Two Major Prizes of up to \$1000 and 5 Encouragement Awards of up to \$100 in Years 7-12 will be awarded for Poetry and for Short Story.

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

Please see our website for more details: www.aec.org.au