

Conditions of Entry for Insight's Creative Writing Competition

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: **Promise.**

4. Categories

There will be six categories:

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

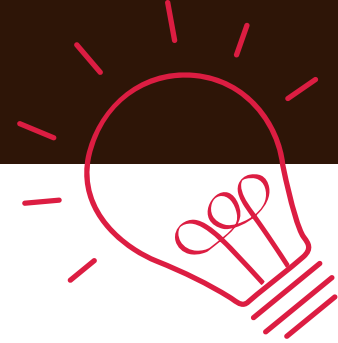
You must only submit an entry in the category that corresponds to your current year level or homeschool equivalent.

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, or with the use of AI applications such as ChatGPT.

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. All entries will be subject to plagiarism and AI detection tests. Any entries found to be plagiarised or written using AI applications will be disqualified.

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 length of your creative piece must not exceed 1400 words. There is no minimum word count.

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

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

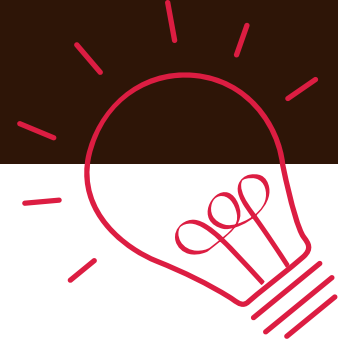
Year 11 – Third Prize: \$150

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 9 am on 20 March until 11:59 pm on 1 September.

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 or guardian's signature** on the entry form. Teachers may not complete entry forms on behalf of students. We recommend 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.

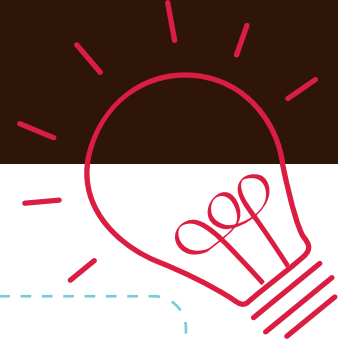
13. Awards presentation

Participants will be notified by **1 November 2023** if their entry has been shortlisted.

Prizes will be presented to the winners at a celebratory event in Melbourne, Victoria on **7 December 2023**. 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 Boonwurrung People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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)

First name: _____ Last name: _____

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

School: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2023

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT (IF UNDER 18 YEARS):

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

Full name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2023

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 entrant is under 18 years of age):

_____ Date: ____ / ____ / 2023

Full name: _____

ENTRIES AND ENTRY FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL OR POST

Email your entries and entry forms to publishing@insightpublications.com.au

OR

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

**ENTRIES
CLOSE**

**1 SEP
2023**