

# The Christmas Story

## Art Exhibition and Competition 2021



Winner of the Archbishop's Choice Trophy 2020, "A Fresh Start" by Alfio Cavaleri, Year 5, St Michael's Catholic Primary School, Meadowbank

## LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT FOR TEACHERS

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUBMISSION OF ARTWORKS

'The Christmas Story Art Exhibition and Competition 2021' – a visual arts exhibition and competition for students in Years 5 and 6, now has a **new due date and procedure** for the submission of artworks.

This term is the usual time Stage 3 students reflect, compose and develop their artworks and written reflections for The Christmas Art Exhibition and Competition. There are many students who await this opportunity to express their artistic giftedness and we have adjusted the procedure and due date for submissions to ensure this opportunity is still available to you and them.

The revised plan has made consideration of how to support you in providing a way for students to participate during this challenging time. We need also to ensure that the work is developed by students and can be authenticated as the students' original work.

We also recognise that it is likely, in order to manage the limited time, you may choose to work with a smaller number of students than usual, which will reflect these unusual times we are in. We hope this strategy is a way to support you in guiding your students to prepare for this exhibition and competition.

Teachers will **still** select a maximum of three artworks from Year 5, and three from Year 6 to submit for judging as finalists for an on-line exhibition and competition.

Please note the following guidelines for submission and new due dates.

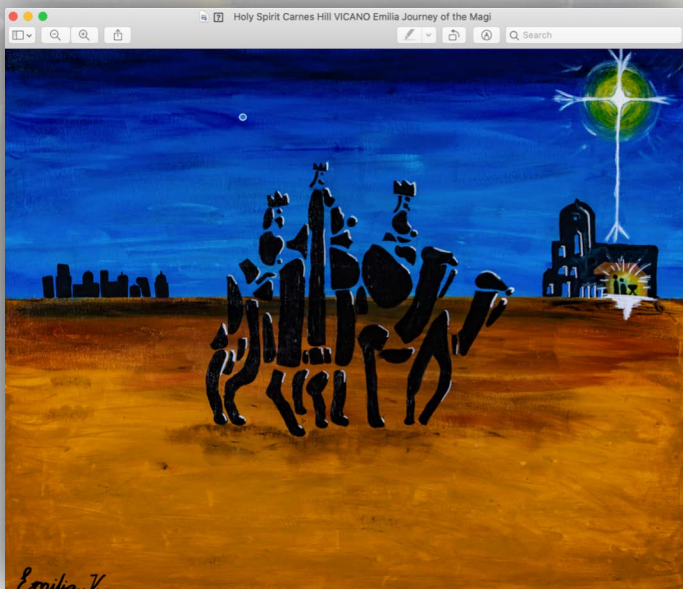
## How to enter:

- Each school is invited to select a maximum of six artworks (*three from Year 5 and three from Year 6*) for the exhibition and competition.
- This year's [Submission Form](#) includes the uploading of a photograph of the student's artwork and all Submission Forms are due **no later than 4.00pm on Thursday, 11 November. (Term 4, week 6)**

## Image Submissions for Entrants:

- **Images should be named:**
  - \* School, student's surname, first name, title of artwork .jpeg
- Images should be submitted as jpegs, 5-10 megapixels in image quality and between 1-5 megabytes.
- No "wide angle" photographs, focal length should be between 50mm - 70mm or "portrait" on a smartphone.
- Photo should be "front on", centred, with no perspective distortions.
- Artwork should be "evenly lit" with white light, no shadows or "spotty lighting".
- Images should be free of reflections and glare.
- Images should be cropped to the frame of the artwork, no backgrounds.
- Apart from cropping, images are not to be digitally edited, altered or photoshopped.
- Colours should be natural and as true to life as possible.
- As always, the title and written reflection are important components of the judging criteria. Teachers, mentors and school principals should check a student's written work before submitting. The student's intention for the artwork, media selected, and scriptural connection are especially important.
- Please ensure a separate Submission Form is submitted for each student.

**EXAMPLE of Photo Submission jpeg file correctly labelled:**



- Students who are successful in being chosen for The Christmas Story Art Exhibition will be asked to submit a photo of themselves holding their artwork in their school uniform. In preparation for this, we request that schools take an individual photo of each entrant holding their artwork.
- Judging will take place using the photos and written reflections as received through the submission forms on Monday, 15 November – Wednesday, 17 November. Successful finalists to be included in the online exhibition and eligible for prizes will be notified through their school principal in mid November.