IWD 2027

UN WOMEN AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL SCHOOL'S COMPETITION

AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD, INSPIRE AND CREATE CHANGE

UN Women Australia invites **Years 10–12 students nation-wide** to enter the National Schools Competition this International Women's Day.

YOUR MISSION

How much longer should women and girls have to wait for equality? With the 2030 deadline for the Sustainable Development Goals approaching, **choose one goal where urgent action could make a difference for women and girls. What needs to change, and who should act?**

Draw on findings from UN Women's Gender Snapshot 2026 to explain the inequality you want to address, why it matters and how your proposed action could drive progress towards gender equality. You can choose SDG 5 (Gender Equality), or explore how another goal affects the lives and rights of women and girls.

HOW TO ENTER:

✍️ A 250-word written pitch (Word or PDF)
or
🎥 A 30-40 second video message (.mp4 or .mov)

All entries to be sent in by **9.00pm AEDT on 17 Dec 2026** to **events@unwomen.org.au**

**All entries must be emailed with a signed parental consent form (download here)*

PRIZES & RECOGNITION

- **One winner per state** will be invited (with 1 adult chaperone) **to attend Parliamentary Breakfast,** an event hosted by the Prime Minister in Canberra (Feb 2027)
- **One National Winner** will be selected out of the eight state/territory winners
- Meet & greet with VIP speakers at Parliamentary Breakfast (subject to availability)
- **Media feature on the National Winner and their school**
- Social media spotlight for all winners
- Receive a Certificate of Achievement
- $500 gift card awarded to the National Winner
- 2-week remote work experience with UN Women Australia (optional for student to take up)

Competition T&Cs on website

Contact events@unwomen.org.au if you have any questions



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