

## 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.

Quality of presentation is a criterion for selection and awarding of prizes. Each artwork must be presented on a foam-core mounting board, framed, or painted on a stretched canvas.

Please do not mount artworks in frames with glass. Diptych, triptych and other multiple-image artworks **MUST** be mounted on one board.

Minimum size for artwork is **30cm x 40cm**; maximum size is **80cm x 120cm**.

Artworks may be in landscape or portrait mode. Each artwork entry must have a separate laminated label attached bearing the following information:

- Student's full name
- The school's full name and suburb
- Student's age and class
- Title and written reflection (max 200 words)

The title and written reflection are an important component of the judging criteria. Teachers, mentors and school principals should check the student's written work before submitting. The student's intention for the artwork, media selected, and scriptural connection are especially important.

Participants from Sydney Catholic Schools will also be required to fill out the submission form, which will be a link on the Christmas Story Art Exhibition and Competition website. Students are also asked to supply a photo of themselves with their artwork which can be uploaded on the submission form. This photo will be used for promotional purposes if the student wins an award. The artworks should be packaged and sent, or hand delivered to Sydney Catholic Schools: 3 Keating Street, Lidcombe, on Tuesday, 5 October to Friday, 8 October 2021. Education Officers can receive your packages between 8.00am-5.00pm. Specific times and days for delivery will be communicated to schools.

CCD, Wollongong and Bathurst students should check specific dates and delivery location with:

**CCD: Denise Humphreys**, Faith Education Officer, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Sydney, Sutherland/St George Area. **P** (02) 9390 5122 or (02) 9524 6400  
**E** denise@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

**WOLLONGONG DIOCESE: Jean-Marie Morris**, Primary Religious Education Officer, Catholic Life, Education & Mission Team, Catholic Education: Diocese of Wollongong.  
**P** (02) 4253 0994 **E** morrisj01@dow.catholic.edu.au

**BATHURST DIOCESE: Amber Calleja** Catholic Education: Diocese of Bathurst Education Officer: Faith Formation and RE **P** (02) 6338 3000

### Eight judges have been selected for the exhibition and competition:

#### Judging Panel

**John Charadia**, Professional Officer: Gifted Education, Creativity and Critical Thinking

**Amanda McPaul**, Artist, Heart of the Mountains Art Studio, Blue Mountains NSW

**Carrie Williamson**, Catholic Education Office, Bathurst

**Jodie Micallef**, Education Officer Religious Education: Primary

**Archbishop's Choice Trophy: Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP** Archbishop of Sydney

**Executive Director's Award: Mr Tony Farley**, Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools

**Spirit of Christmas Trophy: Sally McDowell**, Marketer: Strategy, Policy and Governance of SCS

**Notre Dame Trophy: Teaching staff** from the University of Notre Dame Australia.

All successful exhibitors eligible for prizes will be notified through their schools.

Details of venues, opening ceremony and exhibition opening times will be included.



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

# The Christmas Story

## Art Exhibition and Competition 2021



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"The Journey Ahead" by Piper Terry, Year 6, St Charles Catholic Primary School, Ryde

## The Christmas Story Art Exhibition and Competition 2021

The Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney, Mr Anthony Farley, Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools and Mr Anthony Cleary, Director of Mission and Identity invite schools from the Archdiocese of Sydney, Dioceses of Wollongong and Bathurst and Catholic students in State schools, to take part in 'The Christmas Story Art Exhibition and Competition 2021' - a visual arts exhibition and competition for students in Years 5 and 6. This is an initiative to celebrate and explore children's creative, artistic and reflective ability in expressing understandings of the Christmas story.

This exhibition and competition provide the opportunity for teachers to select artworks from Years 5 and 6 to share with the wider educational and international community. They will help to create a greater awareness of the essential role of the arts in Religious Education. Children can develop a deeper appreciation for their talents and recognise the value of the arts in expressing understandings of our Catholic faith.

The subject matter is drawn from the Sydney Religious Education Curriculum and includes additional verses from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

### Year 5:

'Journey to Bethlehem' Luke 2: 3-5

'Prepare the Way' Isaiah 40: 3-5

'The Birth of Jesus and the Visit of the Shepherds' Luke 2: 9-14

'The Birth of Jesus and Visit of the Magi' Matthew 1: 18-25, Matthew 2: 9-12

### Year 6:

'Journey to Bethlehem' Luke 2: 3-5

'The Annunciation' Luke 1: 26-36

'The Flight to Egypt' Matthew 2: 13-15

'The Birth of Jesus and Visit of the Magi' Matthew 1: 18-25, Matthew 2: 9-12

A website, 'The Christmas Story Art Exhibition and Competition' will be available to guide and assist teachers and students. It will include instructional videos, pilgrimage photographs from the Holy Land, past exhibition images, PDF copies of exhibition booklets, and a link to the Schools Submission Form for Sydney Catholic Schools students. Schools will be notified when the website is updated.

**All artworks selected for the exhibition will be displayed during December 2021**

(Venue, Dates and Times TBA).

First, Second, and Third Prizes will be awarded for both Year 5 and Year 6.

**First Prize:** \$400 of artist's studio quality equipment and book prize.

**Second Prize:** \$200 of artist's studio quality equipment and book prize.

**Third Prize:** \$100 of artist's studio quality equipment and book prize.

A special **Archbishop's Choice Trophy** and Prize will be awarded as well as the **Executive Director's Trophy** and awards of High Commendation.

In addition, the **School Club Encouragement Award** will be presented by School Club Art Craft and Stationary, the **Journey Awards** for Years 5 and 6 will be presented for the artworks and writings that best portray the concept of journey.

The **Spirit of Christmas Trophy** and Prize will be awarded by the Catholic Education Office, Wollongong to the student whose artwork and writing best capture the essence of the goodwill message of Christmas.

The **Artistic Achievement Trophy** and Prize will be presented by the Catholic Education Office Bathurst.

The **Notre Dame Trophy** and Prize will be presented by The University of Notre Dame Australia.

The Communications team of Sydney Catholic Schools will present the **Student's Choice Award** and Prize. Voting cards will be issued to the successful exhibitors.

All exhibitors will receive the **Archbishop's and Executive Director's Certificate of Artistic Achievement**.

Artworks will be judged artistically based on Stage 3 Guidelines in 'Creative Arts Made Clear - the Quality Assessment Guide for Visual Arts K-6' (Sydney Catholic Schools, Sydney) as well as the student's original personal self-reflection on the chosen Scripture.

"We encourage students to include authentic imagery from the Holy Land reflecting on the historical and spiritual dimensions of the Christmas Story. Through their artworks and writings, our artistically and spiritually gifted students shine a light on the future possibilities for our world and our faith."

- John Charadia, Professional Officer: Gifted Education, Creativity and Critical Thinking

"A Blue Love" by Macy Hutchison, Year 5, St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Lithgow



"A Visit to Jesus" by Grace Madden, Year 5, St Aidan's Catholic Primary School, Maroubra Junction

