



The Whitlam Institute 2010 *What Matters?* Competition: It's Time To Write

ENTRY FORM

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What Matters? is a writing competition that gives year 5 – 12 students in NSW and the ACT a chance to say what matters to them in society today. What actions do you think should be taken to build a better society? What would you change if you could? What do you want other people to care about?

HOW TO ENTER Write a 400-600 word opinion piece on what matters to you and why. Entries must be typed on A4 paper and include a title and your name. Strictly one entry per student. All entries must be accompanied by this signed entry form.

JUDGING CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

Judging criteria and further information is available from your teacher or the Whitlam Institute website www.whitlam.org, where 2009 winning entries can also be viewed.

CLOSING DATE Friday 30 April 2010.

PRIZES Prizes are awarded in 4 categories: Years 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12.

- \$250 for each category winner and \$150 for each category runner-up. Winners and runners-up will receive their prize and a certificate signed by the Hon Gough Whitlam AC QC and competition patron Hugh Mackay, at an awards ceremony and 'Young Writers Forum' in June 2010.
- An overall competition winner, announced at the awards ceremony, will receive a laptop with software, donated by Officeworks.
- The Year 11/12 category winner will also be invited to contribute to the ActNow's Content Program (www.actnow.com.au), receiving training in writing and multi-media and the opportunity to be paid for their work.

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

All schools participating in the competition will go into the draw for a chance to win one of five Officeworks vouchers valued at \$1,000 each.

ENTRANT DETAILS

 Please tick one of the following categories:

Yr 5 Yr 6 Yr 7 Yr 8 Yr 9 Yr 10 Yr 11 Yr 12

Please print clearly as your participation certificate will be printed using this information.

Student Name

Entry Title

Number of Words

Teacher's Name

School Name

School Address

School Telephone Number

Parent/ Teacher/ Guardian Declaration: I am the parent/teacher/guardian (circle the correct description) of the student and confirm to the best of my knowledge the enclosed entry is the original work of the student and was prepared during 2010. By making a declaration in respect of this entry, I grant the Whitlam Institute a licence to edit, print and/or publish the whole or part of the entry online or in publication.

Name

Signature

Date

I am a teacher and would like to subscribe to the *What Matters?* mailing list.

Email

Send Entry Form To:

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