

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. Strictly one entry per student. All entries must be accompanied by a signed entry form. Entry forms are available from your teacher or can be downloaded at [www.whitlam.org/whatmatters](http://www.whitlam.org/whatmatters)

## JUDGING CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

Judging criteria and further information is available at [www.whitlam.org/whatmatters](http://www.whitlam.org/whatmatters), where you can also view the 2012 winning entries.

## CLOSING DATE

Friday 3 May 2013.

## STUDENT PRIZES

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

- \$350 for each category winner and \$200 for each category runner-up. Winners and runners-up will receive their prize at an awards ceremony, following their participation in a Young Writers Forum run by *The Writing Workshop*, on 29 July 2013 at the University of Western Sydney's Parramatta campus. Winning entries will be published in print and online.
- An overall competition winner, announced at the awards ceremony, will receive an iPad donated by Officeworks.
- The Years 5/6 and 7/8 category winners will each receive a full-day creative writing workshop donated by *The Writing Workshop*, conducted by award-winning author Bernard Cohen.
- The Year 9/10 category winner will be invited to spend a day at the Inspire Foundation, meeting the ReachOut.com Crew and receiving professional training. They will also be offered the opportunity to be paid \$200 to produce a feature article for the ReachOut.com website ([www.reachout.com](http://www.reachout.com)).
- The Year 11/12 category winner will receive a book voucher to the value of \$100.

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/whatmatterscomp](http://www.facebook.com/whatmatterscomp), and also make sure you check out the awesome TV program that was made by TVS about last year's competition at [www.whitlam.org/whatmatters](http://www.whitlam.org/whatmatters)

**For more information see your teacher or visit our website [www.whitlam.org](http://www.whitlam.org) or call 02 9685 9187**

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