



What Matters 2013

It's Time To Write

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. 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/whاتمatters

JUDGING CRITERIA AND INFORMATION

Judging criteria and further information is available at www.whitlam.org/whاتمatters, 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).
- 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/whاتمatterscomp, and also make sure you check out the awesome TV program that was made by TVS about last year's competition at www.youtube.com/whاتمamuvs

For more information see your teacher or visit our website www.whitlam.org or call 02 9685 9187

COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

ENTRANT DETAILS

 Please tick your year group:

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 2013. 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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