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CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

# BEYOND

Entries close 31st October, 2021

**Creative Writing  
Competition for  
high school  
students in the  
Sutherland  
Shire**

**\$1 000 in Prizes!**



# ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER , 2021

## THEME: BEYOND

# \$1000 IN PRIZES

### Juniors

(Years 7 to 9)

Submit 750 – 1000 words

1st Prize \$200 + certificate

2nd Prize \$100 + certificate

3rd Prize \$75 + certificate

Highly Commended

### Seniors

(Years 10 to 12)

Submit 1000 – 1500 words

1st Prize \$300 + certificate

2nd Prize \$200 + certificate

3rd Prize \$125 = certificate

Highly Commended

Prize winners will be  
announced in  
December 2021 and  
acknowledged at a  
ceremony Term 1,  
2022 at Tradies,  
GyMEA

Together with the Fellowship of Australian Writers, Sutherland Branch (FAW), we proudly present the fifth annual SPARK Sutherland Shire Creative Writing Competition for young writers in the Sutherland Shire. We created this competition to SPARK creativity and imagination as well as give young writers an opportunity to develop and showcase their creative writing skills. All Sutherland Shire high school students from years 7 to 12 are invited to enter.

#### THEME 'BEYOND.'

Each year we are looking to have a theme to SPARK the students' creativity. This year our theme is "BEYOND". Students have the choice of either integrating this theme into their story **OR** using Declan Blackall's photographic stimulus as displayed on the front of our posters and flyers.

#### HOW TO ENTER

Online entries will be open on Monday June 28th, 2021. All entries must be submitted by email to [sparkwritingcomp@gmail.com](mailto:sparkwritingcomp@gmail.com). To enter email a copy of your story as an attachment in PDF format, times new roman size 12, double spaced. Entrants must not include any personal identifying information on their submission attachment.

You will need to include the following information on your entry email:

- Contact name, email, phone and postal address
- School
- Author's name, age and gender
- Entry category (school year)
- Story title, number of pages, word count

#### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

By submitting their stories, students agree to the following competition terms and conditions:

- The competition is open to all high school students who attend high schools within the Sutherland Shire.
- The stories should be the sole work of the entrant.
- The work must be in prose, original and not have been published anywhere or submitted to any other competition.
- Teachers are able to submit multiple entries on behalf of their students via the teacher's email.
- The judging panel is made up of members of **The Fellowship of Australian Writers, Sutherland Branch.**
- Entries will be 'blind judged'. NO personal information will be recorded on the copies of the entries given to the judges.
- Entries will be judged on the level of originality and creativity in which they incorporate this year's theme of "BEYOND" **OR** the photographic stimulus, as well as the quality of their writing.
- Judges are looking for entries that create imagery within the story.
- The theme and photographic stimulus may be incorporated literally or metaphorically.
- Samantha Hill and Robyn De Mayo, English teachers at Caringbah and GyMEA Technology High Schools, will be acting as administrators of the competition. They will have no bearing on the judging or decision making process.
- Winning entrants give their permission for their work to be published online on the Spark website and in the 2021 Spark Anthology. The title and the author's name will always be acknowledged when used.

For any enquiries regarding entry please email Samantha Hill at  
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