

THE 2026 SOMERSET STORYFEST NATIONAL POETRY PRIZE

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- The Somerset Storyfest National Poetry Prize is open to ALL current secondary students who are Australian citizens or permanent residents attending school in Australia. Students receiving home schooling are eligible to enter. Entrants must be under 19 years of age as at date of close of entries on 5 December 2025.
- There are two categories:

Junior Secondary – Years 7 to 9

Senior Secondary – Years 10 to 12

- One winner will be selected from each category and at the discretion of the judges, up to five short-listed highly commended runners up will be selected.
- The winner in each category will receive \$300.
- The entry must be the student's original work of no more than 50 lines excluding the title, on any subject, and must be unpublished (also not published online) and not have won a prize previously.
- Each poem should be typed on one sided A4 size paper, font size 12 and pages should be numbered. Each entry must be submitted online preferably as a PDF. The student's name must not appear on the poem, but on the entry form only.
- Students may submit multiple entries although an entry fee of \$15.00 is payable for each poem. Entries will not be accepted without full payment.
- Entries mail or email will not be accepted.
- Entrants are advised to retain a copy for their records.
- The use of profanity and undesirable content is not permitted.
- All winning poems and short-listed poems will be published on the Storyfest website.
- Category winners will have the opportunity to attend Somerset Storyfest Writers' Festival, be billeted by families
 of Somerset College, and attend the events at Storyfest over the three days, where the national winners will be
 announced. This decision will be at the discretion of the competition organisers.
- The national winners will be listed on our website, <u>www.storyfest.com.au</u> after they have been personally notified.
- The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

OPENING DATE: MONDAY 21 JULY 2025

ENTRIES CLOSE: 5.00PM FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2025

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