

RESPECT STORIES FAQ

The Respect Stories competition is part of the Australian Government's *Stop it at the Start* campaign.

The purpose is to prompt school aged children to think deeply about respect and disrespect and what it means to them. The competition also acts as a conversation starter, giving adults a launchpad to discuss respect with the young people in their lives.

Please find further information about the competition below and if you have further questions, please email respect@dss.gov.au

FAQ	ANSWER
How do I enter?	<p>To enter please download and fill out the entry form via respect.gov.au/RespectStories. A parent or guardian signature is required on the entry form. Your entry will not be valid without this.</p> <p>Please send your poem, story, essay or drawing to respect@dss.gov.au along with your signed entry form.</p>
Who can enter the competition?	Any student enrolled in an Australian school aged 10-14 years-old (must be 14 or under as of their entry submission date).
What is the competition period?	The competition opens at 9:00am Tuesday 31 May 2022 and closes at 11:59pm AEST on Friday 22 July 2022.
When will the winners be announced?	Winners will be announced in August 2022.
What is the competition prize?	<p>There will be eight winning written entries and two winning illustration entries.</p> <p>Each winner will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• feature in a nation-wide Respect Stories book• receive a \$500 VISA gift card for themselves and a \$500 VISA gift card for their school library• receive two copies of the Respect Stories book, one for themselves and one for their school

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What is the word length?	The written work can be up to 1,000 words.
If I don't write a story, can I still enter?	Yes, you can also write a poem or essay. If writing isn't for you, we also encourage illustration entries. The two winning illustration entries selected will feature throughout the Respect Stories book – helping to illustrate the winning written work.
Do I need to submit a rationale along with a drawn/creative submission?	Yes, an artist statement of up to 200 words is required with an illustrated submission. This should describe how you have used drawing to show what respect means to you.
Can I enter without a parent or guardian signature?	No, a parent or guardian signature is required on the entry form. Your entry will not be valid without this.
How are the winners chosen?	Winners will be chosen based off a judging-criteria by the Judging Committee.
How many entries can I submit?	Only one entry is permitted per Eligible Entrant.
Is there a fee for entry?	No, it is free to enter.
What type of file should I send in my entry?	Please send your story as a PDF, or Word document. A scan or photograph of written work will also be accepted. You can share your drawing by scanning it and sharing as a PDF, JPEG, PNG or EPS along with your written artist's statement. Please attach these as well as your entry form to respect@dss.gov.au
What if I miss the submission date?	Late entries will not be accepted. Please ensure your entry is sent across by Friday 22 July 11:59pm AEST.
How can schools, education and community organisations get involved?	<p>We encourage schools, community groups and other organisations to promote the Respect Stories competition and motivate those in their community aged 10-14 years-old to enter.</p> <p>For further involvement, schools and other youth/education organisations could set the Respect Stories task as an in-class activity or as homework.</p> <p>Find competition resources at respect.gov.au/RespectStories.</p>

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