



Children Creative Writing and Art Competition Terms and Conditions

The Children Creative Writing and Art Competition (“**Competition**”) is promoted by Camden Council (ABN 31 117 341 764) of 70 Central Avenue, Oran Park NSW 2570 (“**Council**”).

BACKGROUND:

The Competition is conducted by Camden Council to promote creativity, community engagement, and participation among children within the Camden Local Government Area.

The purpose of the Competition is to provide an opportunity for children to express their ideas, experiences and perspectives through creative writing and artistic works, while encouraging connection to community themes and local identity.

Through this initiative, Council aims to support the development of creative skills, celebrate diversity in expression, and foster a sense of belonging and pride within the Camden community.

HOW TO ENTER:

Submission of Entries

1. To enter the Competition, entrants must select one category and one theme in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.
2. Each entrant must submit one writing piece or artwork based on the selected category and theme.
3. Entries may be submitted via one of the following methods:
 - (a) **Online Submission:** Entries may be submitted through the official Competition page on YourVoice Camden. Entrants must complete all required fields and upload their submission in an accepted file format.
 - (b) **In-person Submission:** Entries may be delivered in person to:
Camden Council Administration Building
70 Central Avenue
ORAN PARK NSW 2570
4. Entries must be submitted strictly in accordance with this clause. Any entry submitted by any other method, in any other format, or otherwise than as permitted under these Terms and Conditions will not be accepted by Council.

Competition Period

5. The Competition opens at 9:00am on Monday, 11 May 2026 and closes at 5:00pm on Monday, 25 May 2026. Entries received outside these dates and times will not be accepted.

CATEGORIES AND JUDGING CRITERIA:

Categories

1. Each entry must be submitted under one of the following categories:
 - (a) Hand Drawn category
 - (i) Entries must be created in any traditional medium, including but not limited to paint, pencil, watercolour or crayon;



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- (ii) Artwork must fit on one (1) A4 page (maximum)
- (b) Digital Artwork
- (i) Entries must be created using digital tools including but not limited to drawing tablets, illustration software, or graphic design programs.
 - (ii) The use of artificial intelligence (AI) models or systems is strongly discouraged unless expressly disclosed in accordance with clause (b)(iii) below;
 - (iii) If AI is used in any part of the process, entrants must provide a clear written explanation detailing how, where, and to what extent AI contributed to the final submission.
- (c) Written Work
- (i) Submissions may be handwritten or digital and must be in one of the following forms:
 - i. Short story ;
 - ii. Poem
 - (ii) The use of artificial intelligence (AI) models or systems is strongly discouraged unless expressly disclosed in accordance with clause (c)(iii) below;
 - (iii) If AI is used in any part of the process, entrants must provide a clear written explanation detailing how, where, and to what extent AI contributed to the final submission.

Theme

2. Entrants must select one of the following themes and create their work in one of the above categories:
 - (a) Option 1: What it means to be a Camden Kid.
 - (b) Option 2: Every family celebrates differently – this is ours.

Judging Criteria

3. Entries will be evaluated by Council staff appointed by Council for the purposes of the Competition.
4. Council reserves the right to disqualify any entry that does not adequately demonstrate suitability for the selected category or theme.
5. All decisions made by Council regarding the judging and awarding of prizes are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

ELIGIBILITY AND COMPLIANCE:

Eligibility Requirements

1. To be eligible to enter the Competition, an entrant must:
 - (a) Reside within the Camden Local Government Area;
 - (b) Entrants must be a child aged four (4) to fourteen (14) years as of Monday, 11 May 2026, and the entry must be submitted by their parent or legal guardian.



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- (c) The parent or legal guardian must acknowledge that by entering the Competition, they accept and are bound by these Terms and Conditions and the terms specified on the entry form;
- (d) Entrants must submit an original artwork, short story or poem for one of the selected themes.

Exclusions

- 2. The following persons are not eligible to enter the Competition:
 - (a) Camden Council employees, volunteers, contractors, consultants, and committee members; and
 - (b) Immediate family members or household members of any person listed in clause 2(a) above.

Compliance

- 3. Council reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to:
 - (a) determine whether an entry complies with these Terms and Conditions, including the requirements for the selected category;
 - (b) declare an entry invalid if it is incomplete, unclear, misleading, does not comply with these Terms and Conditions, or does not adequately demonstrate suitability for the chosen category; and
 - (c) request additional information or clarification from an entrant to determine eligibility.
 - (d) exclude or disqualify any submission that uses artificial intelligence (AI) in a manner inconsistent with the category requirements.

Number of Entries

- 4. A maximum of one (1) entry per child will be accepted. Subsequent entries for the same child will be deemed invalid.

Prizes:

- 5. Three (3) winners will each receive one (1) prize with a maximum value of \$50.00, which is not negotiable, exchangeable, transferable, or redeemable for cash.

- 1. Any updates to the Terms and Conditions will be published on Council's website (www.camden.nsw.gov.au).
- 2. The matters under Background, How to Enter, Categories and Judging Criteria, Eligibility and Compliance, and the Privacy Notification in this document form part of the Terms and Conditions.
- 3. The Competition opens at 9:00am on Monday, 11 May 2026 and closes at 5:00pm on Monday, 25 May 2026.
- 4. Entry into the Competition is free. No purchase or payment is required to enter or win.



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5. Council reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time. Any amendments will be published on Council's website.
6. If any prize is unavailable for any reason, Council reserves the right to substitute it with a prize of equal or greater value.
7. This is a Competition of skill and creativity and prizes will be awarded to three (3) entrants whose entries are judged by Council staff to best meet the Competition criteria.
8. To the fullest extent permitted by law, entrants (and their parent or legal guardian, if the entrant is under 18 years of age) agree to be bound by these Terms and Conditions and to release, indemnify and keep indemnified Council, its employees, agents, contractors and representatives from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, costs (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis) and claims arising out of or in connection with their entry into the Competition, including the creation, submission or use of any entry or related materials.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Council excludes all liability for any loss, damage or injury (including indirect or consequential loss) suffered by any entrant in connection with the Competition, except to the extent such liability cannot be excluded by law.

9. Nothing in these Terms and Conditions excludes, restricts or modifies any rights or remedies available under the Australian Consumer Law or any other applicable law that cannot be excluded, restricted or modified by agreement.
10. Winners will be notified by email to the address provided on their entry form within five (5) business days of the Competition closing date.
11. Council may require proof of identity, age, and residency within the Camden Local Government Area before confirming the winner. Failure to provide such proof may result in disqualification and the selection of an alternative winner.
12. Council will not accept entries that are received outside of the dates and times specified in these Terms and Conditions or that Council considers to be incomplete or incorrect.
13. Council reserves the right to disqualify any entrant or entry if, in its reasonable opinion, the entrant has breached these Terms and Conditions, provided false or misleading information, or acted unlawfully, inappropriately, or in a manner inconsistent with the spirit of the Competition.
14. Council reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel this Competition at any time. In the event of cancellation under this clause, Council may either select a winner from eligible entries received up to the time of cancellation or decide to not award any prize.



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15. Council will liaise with the winners to arrange prize collection. Prizes will be held for collection until Monday, 1 June 2026.
16. If a winner cannot be contacted by Council before 12:00pm on Friday, 12 June 2026, the prize will be forfeited, and Council may, as its discretion, select an alternative winner.
17. Council accepts no responsibility for technical issues, platform outages, privacy settings, tagging errors or any other factors that may affect the submission of entries.
18. Lost or stolen prizes will not be replaced.
19. Prizes are not negotiable, exchangeable, transferable, or redeemable for cash.
20. All decisions made by Council regarding any aspect of the Competition are final.
21. Entrants acknowledge and agree that Council will not be liable for any damage or claim of any kind arising from, or in any way connected to, the actions or omissions of any third party involved in this Competition, whether such involvement is direct or indirect.
22. By submitting an entry, each entrant grants Council a non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual, and irrevocable license to use, reproduce, edit, and publish their entry (including any video, image, or written content) for promotional, marketing, or any other purpose in any media, without further compensation.

Entrants warrant that their entry is original and does not infringe the rights of any third party and consent to any act or omission by Council that would otherwise infringe their moral rights under the *Copyright Act 1968* (Cth).
23. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of New South Wales, Australia. Any disputes arising in connection with the Competition or these Terms and Conditions will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of New South Wales.



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Privacy Notification:

The information that Council is collecting from you is personal information for the purposes of the [Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998](#) ('the PPIP Act') and Council's [Privacy Management Plan](#). This Privacy Notification outlines how Council collects, uses and protects your personal information.

Purposes of collection: The personal information you provide to Council is being collected for administering the Competition and for promotional use in connection with Camden Council's programs and activities.

Intended recipients: The personal information will be used by Council staff and may be shared publicly, with other media outlets for promotional purposes or as required by law.

Supply: The supply of your personal information is voluntary. If the information is not provided, Council will not be able to enter you into the Competition.

Access/Correction: You have the right to access your personal information held by Council and to request the correction of any inaccurate or incomplete personal information Council holds about you. Council will consider any such application in accordance with the PPIP Act and its Privacy Management Plan.

Relevant agency: Council is the agency that is collecting and holding your personal information. Council's address and other contact details are detailed on this form. You can contact Council at mail@camden.nsw.gov.au or using the contact methods on Council's website.