



Northland Secondary Schools Short Story Competition

Opens 1 June 2025, closes 31 August 2025

First Place \$100

Second place \$60

Third Place \$40

Judges: Sue Barker & Deborah Jowitt

Entry forms: Emailed entries only. Download entry forms at: <https://northlandauthors.co.nz/>

No entry fee and no limit to the number of entries a school/student can make. As our judges are not fluent in Te Reo Māori, all entries will need to be in English.

Word Limit: Up to 500 words.

Theme: Open.

Submissions: Writer's **name, story title, and word count** must go on the entry form along with **school/home school, class/teacher** details. Plain font, 1.5 spacing, and indented paragraphs.

Original work only; no AI content.

Stories must include a title **but must not include the writer's name** as entries will be judged anonymously. Writers should be guided with editing before submitting their story.

Email completed entry form and story as separate docx or rtf files to nzsanorthlandevents@gmail.com by **31 August 2025**.

Placegetters will be published in The Northern Advocate, with their photograph, and will be eligible for consideration for the Northland Young Writers' Award run annually by the Northland branch of NZSA.

All placed stories will be published on the Northland Branch NZSA website.

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