



# Northland Schools Year 7 & 8 Short Story Competition

Opens 1 June 2026, closes 31 August 2026

**First Place \$100**

**Second place \$60**

**Third Place \$40**

**Judges: Fraser Smith and Heather Whelan**

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

No entry fee. **Each student may enter up to two stories.** As our judges are not fluent in Te Reo Māori, all entries will need to be in English.

**Word Limit:** 50-300.

**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 as per instructions. 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 the completed entry form and each story as a separate docx or rtf file to [northlandauthorsevents@gmail.com](mailto:northlandauthorsevents@gmail.com) by **31 August 2026**. Please don't put all stories in one file.

The winning story will be published in The Northern Advocate.

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

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