



# Northland Secondary Schools Short Story Competition

Opens 1 June 2026, Closes ~~31 August 2026~~. **Now 6 September 2026**

**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. **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:** 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 each story as separate docx or rtf files to [nzsanorthlandevents@gmail.com](mailto:nzsanorthlandevents@gmail.com) by ~~31 August 2026~~. **Now 6 September 2026**

Placegetters will be published in The Northern Advocate 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 and by NZME/Northern Advocate.

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