



Northland Schools Year 7 & 8 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: 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 nzsanorthlandeevents@gmail.com by ~~31 August 2026~~. **Now 6 September 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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