

KILL YOUR DARLINGS

KYD School Writing Prize: Pre-Submission Checklist

- Print out a copy or save a copy in a different font – this makes it easier to proofread.
- Does your piece focus on the issue you decided on at the beginning? (make sure you haven't gone off topic)
- Have you checked spelling and grammar? (especially names of interviewees)
- Is the piece consistent?
 - This applies to both content and formatting.
 - Make sure your ideas don't contradict each other
 - Check that your spelling/use of words is the same throughout – so if you have said "ten" in the first half, make sure you don't suddenly switch to "10" in the second half
- Have you made sure you have followed all the submission requirements? (Is it within word count? Is it in the right font and file format? Does it include the relevant information about yourself and your school?)
- (For non-fiction) Have you included any references or links you might have used?

Submission requirements:

1. Submissions must be between 1350 and 1650 words. Entries outside this word limit will not be considered. Submissions must include a title, genre (fiction/non-fiction), word length and author's name and email address at the top of the submission.
2. Entries must be submitted as a single PDF or Word document. We prefer A4 double-spaced documents in 12 pt Times New Roman font with page numbers.
3. All submissions should include a brief biographical note (no more than 30 words) at the end of the document, including your school and year of study, who you are, where you live, anything you would like potential readers to know about you. (This should not be included in the final word count.)
4. Submissions must not have been previously published in a publicly circulated outlet (such as a magazine or website). Pieces published in personal or school capacity (such as personal blog or school website, newsletter or magazine) will be accepted.
5. Entries must be submitted using the *Kill Your Darlings* School Writing Prize Submission portal, found at killyourdarlings.submittable.com. Using this service requires the creation of a Submittable account. Visit submittable.help for more information on creating an account.
6. Only one entry per student will be accepted. There is no limit on the amount of entries per school, or teacher submitting on students' behalf.