

1. The *Kill Your Darlings* School Writing Prize 2021 Submission Guidelines

1. To be eligible to enter, you must be a student at an Australian secondary school (Years 7 to 12) that has a current *KYD* School Membership. To find out more about *KYD* School Memberships, [click here](#). (Students enrolled in Year 7 at a primary school, eg in South Australia, are not eligible.)
2. Submissions must be either a work of fiction (in any genre) or narrative non-fiction (such as memoir, commentary, opinion piece, etc), responding to a current social or political issue. Poetry, plays, video and comics are ineligible.
3. Submissions must be between 1000 and 1500 words. Entries outside this word limit will not be considered. Submissions must include a title, genre, word length and author's name and email address at the top of the submission.
4. All submissions should include a brief biographical note (no more than 30 words) at the end, including the student's school and their year of study. This biographical note should not be included in the final word count.
5. Submissions must not have been previously published in a publicly circulated outlet (such as a magazine or website). Pieces published in a personal or school capacity (such as personal blog or school website, newsletter or magazine) will be accepted.
6. Submissions open at **8am AEST Monday, 19 April 2021**. Entries submitted before this date will not be considered.
7. Submissions close at **5pm AEST Friday, 18 June 2021**. Entries submitted after the closing date will not be considered.
8. The winner and highly commended entries will be announced on the *Kill Your Darlings* website in July 2021.
9. Entries must be submitted using the *Kill Your Darlings* School Writing Prize Submission portal, found on the *Kill Your Darlings* [Submittable page](#). Using this service requires the creation of a separate Submittable account which is not affiliated to your *Kill Your Darlings* website login. Entries submitted by email (unless in exceptional circumstances and with prior written agreement from *Kill Your Darlings*) will not be considered.
10. Entries can be submitted either by the student individually or by a teacher on a student's behalf. If a teacher is submitting on a student's behalf, they must indicate this clearly in the submission.
11. 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.
12. 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.

13. If an entrant's work is the winner of any other prize, or is accepted for publication, or self-published before the announcement of the Award (or subsequent lists that the entrant may be selected for), the entrant must notify *Kill Your Darlings* in writing immediately, and their work will be ineligible for the award and withdrawn from the judging process.
14. The decision of the judges is final. The judges will not enter into any correspondence and no individual feedback will be given to entrants.
15. By submitting your entry you agree to the Award Terms and Conditions found below.

2. The *Kill Your Darlings* School Writing Prize 2021 Terms and Conditions

1. The Submission Guidelines form part of the Terms and Conditions.
2. By entering the *KYD* School Writing Prize you agree for your contact information to be included in Kill Your Darlings Pty Ltd ("Kill Your Darlings") marketing database and agree to receive enews, email and communication from Kill Your Darlings. You may remove your email from the database at anytime by selecting 'Unsubscribe' on any enews and following the prompts.
3. You warrant that your entry is your own original work and does not infringe any existing copyright or license any third party rights.
4. You warrant that your entry is not defamatory and that it does not invade any individual's right to privacy.
5. You warrant that all statements made in your entry purporting to be facts are true and able to be substantiated.
6. You warrant that your entry does not contain material in breach of any confidentiality agreements or any other law.
7. You warrant that a) you have full power to enter the *KYD* School Writing Prize (including permission from a parent or legal guardian); and b) you are the sole author and owner of all the copyright in your entry; and c) the material entered has not been previously licensed for exclusive use in any form in any territory.
8. The copyright in your entry shall remain your intellectual property, and your moral rights as a creator will be recognised and respected.
9. By entering, you grant *Kill Your Darlings* permission to use all or any part of your entry for the purpose of announcing or promoting you as either a shortlisted or winning entrant, or to promote the Award itself.

10. If your entry wins:
 - a. You grant Kill Your Darlings permission to publish your entry on the *Kill Your Darlings* website;
 - b. You agree to provide a biography and headshot to accompany the piece;
 - c. You agree to work with *Kill Your Darlings* to ensure the entry is of publishable standard.
 - d. You agree that that the Award prize money of \$500 is representative of the commercial fee/s for publication of these works, and that no further fee will be paid.
11. If the judges believe that there are two works of equal merit they reserve the right to divide the prize money equally.
12. The judges may decide not to award the Award if they do not believe any entries are of sufficient standard.