

News In My Neighbourhood

CHALLENGE CALENDAR

TERM 1 CHALLENGE | Jan 28 – Apr 4, 2025

PRIMARY

What's something fun that you've done lately? Tell us about your favourite events or activities by doing a drawing, artwork, or writing 20 – 100 words.

YEARS 7 – 9 | Reflective Essay Contest

In a 200-word reflective essay, tell us about a news or current affairs topic that's prominent in or having an impact on your community.

YEARS 10 – 12 | News Writing Contest

Create a 300-350-word news story about a topic, issue or event that's prominent in or having an impact on your community. Include quotes from one or two interviewed sources.

*Entries for **Term 1** must be submitted by **4 April 2025, 5:00pm (AEDT)**.*

TERM 2 CHALLENGE | Apr 21 – Jul 4, 2025

PRIMARY

Create a drawing or artwork or submit a short text of up to 100 words to tell us about someone who is important in your life.

YEARS 7 – 9 | Open Letter Writing Contest

Write an open letter (200 to 300 words) to an individual or group who you think can make a difference on an issue or topic that is important to you.

YEARS 10 – 12 | Video Production Contest

In a short video (no more than 3 minutes), reflect on what politics and democracy means to you as a young person. The video can be done as either a news piece or documentary. You can work individually or in a group of up to four.

*Entries for **Term 2** must be submitted by **4 July 2025, 5:00pm (AEST)**.*

TERM 3 CHALLENGE | Jul 14 – Sept 22, 2025

PRIMARY

Do a drawing, artwork, write no more than 100 words, or take two photographs to show us your favourite activity or topic.

YEARS 7 – 9 | Photo Essay OR Audio Production Contest

Create a photo essay (5-6 photographs) OR a radio news story up to two minutes long about a topic or issue that interests you and which you want to let other people know about. You can work individually or in a group of up to four.

YEARS 10 – 12 | Audio Production Contest

Create an original podcast or radio news story that is no more than 4 minutes long which informs or entertains listeners about any topic. You can work individually or in a group of up to four.

*Entries for **Term 3** must be submitted by **22 September 2025, 5:00pm (AEST)**.*

TERM 4 CHALLENGE | Oct 6 – Nov 23, 2025

PRIMARY

Tells us about the best thing that you learned this year using a format of your choice (photograph, illustration/drawing, short text of up to 100 words).

YEARS 7 – 12 | The Year in Review Multimedia Contest

Produce a creative response in any format (video, audio, illustration, news article, short essay, creative fiction, photography) about an experience, event, or topic that stood out to you in 2025. Video and audio submissions must be no longer than 4 minutes. Written submissions should be 200 – 300 words. No more than 5 photographs. You can work individually or in a group of up to four.

*Entries for **Term 4** must be submitted by **23 November 2025, 5:00pm (AEDT)**.*