

ABC Terms and Conditions

Schedule to the Terms and Conditions

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| Competition | ABC Education 'News In My Neighbourhood' 2026 Student Competition |
| Promoter | Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABN 52 429 278 345) of 700 Harris Street, Ultimo 2007, New South Wales, Australia. |
| Website (Clause 1) | ABC Education website |
| Entry Restrictions (Clause 4) | <p>Entry to the Competition is open to current Australian school students in years Foundation – 10.</p> <p>Entrants must be between 5 and 16 years of age.</p> |
| Competition Period (Clause 5) | <p>The ABC Education 'News In My Neighbourhood' Student Competition runs in tandem with the 2026 Australian school year (27 January – 18 December 2026). It includes four separate competitions ('challenges') and four associated competition periods.</p> <p>Term 1 Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Commences: 2 February 2026, 9:00am (AEDT)- Ends: 10 April 2026, 5:00pm (AEDT) <p>Term 2 Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Commences: 20 April 2026, 9:00am (AEST)- Ends: 3 July 2026, 5:00pm (AEST) <p>Term 3 Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Commences: 13 July 2026, 9:00am (AEST)- Ends: 25 September 2026, 5:00pm (AEST) <p>Term 4 Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Commences: 5 October 2026, 9:00am (AEDT)- Ends: 11 December 2026, 5:00pm (AEDT) |
| Entry Method (Clause 5) | <p>For each challenge, teachers will submit entries on students' behalf via an online entry form.</p> <p>To enter, each challenge has a unique prompt that students must respond to. There are different prompts for different year levels. Students must respond to the challenge prompt for their year level.</p> <p>Term 1 Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Primary: Students must either write an open letter (150-250 words) to an individual or group who they think can make a difference on a political or social issue that's important to them, or submit a drawing or artwork that shows a social issue that's important to them. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secondary: Write an open letter to an individual or group who you think can make a difference on a political or social issue that's important to you. Students must submit a written entry between 300-350 words. <p>Term 2 Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary: Students must submit either a podcast or radio news story (2-3 minutes), write 150-250 words, or do a drawing or artwork to tell us how different media and digital technologies are impacting their life at school, at home or in the community. - Secondary: Students must submit a podcast or radio news story (3-5 minutes) to tell us how different media and digital technologies are impacting their life at school, at home or in the community. <p>Term 3 Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary: Students must submit either a 2-minute video, write 150-250 words, or do a drawing or artwork to tell us about a community or culture they're a part of and something newsworthy about it. - Secondary: Students must submit either 4-5 photographs or a 4-minute video to tell us about a community or culture they're a part of and something newsworthy about it. <p>Term 4 Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Primary: Students can submit either a written entry (150-250 words), photography entry (2-3 photographs), audio story (2-3 minutes), video (no more than 2 minutes), or drawing/artwork to reflect on a news story or event that has had a big impact on them and their local community in 2026. - Secondary: Students can submit either a written entry (300-350 words), photo essay (4-5 photographs), audio story (no longer than 5 minutes), or video (no longer than 4 minutes) to reflect on a news story or event that has had a big impact on them and their local community in 2026. |
| Maximum Number of Entries (Clause 7) | <p>Students are limited to one entry per challenge.</p> <p>Students are able to work in groups of up to four for the Term 2, Term 3 and Term 4 challenges.</p> <p>When working in groups, students are still limited to one entry per challenge (cannot be named on multiple entries).</p> <p>Subject to the Additional Terms Applicable to this Competition in this Schedule, teachers can upload multiple student entries on behalf of entrants and make multiple submissions within each challenge period.</p> |
| Judging Details (Clause 8) | <p>For the Major Prize(s) and Runner- Up Prize(s):</p> <p>Judging by a representative of ABC Education will take place within two weeks of each challenge period closing.</p> <p>For the Additional Prize:</p> <p>Judging by a representative of ABC Children and Family (News Time podcast) will take place within two weeks of each challenge period closing.</p> <p>All prizes will be awarded to the most original and creative entry will be selected. Chance plays no part in determining the prize winners.</p> |
| Prize | Major Prize |

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| (Clause 9) | <p>There will be five major prize winners in each school level category for each challenge. Each major prize winner will win:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Featured publication of their submissions on the ABC Education website and social media pages. <p>Runner Up Prize</p> <p>There will be five runners up prize winners in each school level category for each challenge. Each runner-up prize winner will win:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their first name and submission title listed (alphabetically by submission title) on the ABC Education website under the winning submissions for each challenge. <p>Additional Prize</p> <p>In collaboration with the ABC Kids News Time podcast, one student (selected from either the primary or secondary school level category) will be offered the opportunity to feature in a News Time podcast episode (Additional Prize).</p> <p>The Additional Prize winner will be selected from the Major Prize and Runner-Up Prize winners and will be awarded at the discretion of the representative from ABC Children and Family.</p> |
| Prize Restrictions (Clauses 10 - 18) | See Terms and Conditions |
| Winner Notification (Clause 19) | Winners will be notified in writing via email between the following periods: Term 1 Challenge: 20 April – 1 May 2026 Term 2 Challenge: 13 July – 24 July 2026 Term 3 Challenge: 5 October – 16 October 2026 Term 4 Challenge: 14 December – 23 December 2026 |
| Rights in Your Entry (Clauses 20 - 24) | A non-exclusive licence for the ABC. |
| Additional Terms Applicable to this Competition | <p>By entering this competition on behalf of an entrant, you warrant that you have the authority to enter this competition on the entrant's behalf and that the entrant's parent or guardian has reviewed these Terms and Conditions and given their consent for entry.</p> <p>The entry must only include original material created by the entrant, or material which the entrant has permission to use, including, but not limited to, any use of footage, drawings, artworks, illustrations, audio, music, songs, photos, essays, articles, scripts.</p> <p>Generative AI tools must not be used in the preparation of the entry (for example the use of ChatGPT or ImageFX).</p> <p>Any reference in an entry to commercial goods or services or brand must be in accordance with the ABC Editorial Policies: https://www.abc.net.au/edpol/policies, and must not breach any law, including defamation, injurious falsehood, passing off or intellectual property infringement including trademark infringement.</p> <p>Winning entrants will be contacted prior to publication on the ABC Education website.</p> |

General Terms and Conditions

Introduction

1. By entering the Competition, you agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of the Competition. The Terms and Conditions governing the Competition include these General Terms and Conditions, the Schedule to these General Terms and Conditions and any instructions relating to the Competition on the Promoter's Website.
2. Any capitalised terms used in these General Terms and Conditions have the meaning given in the Schedule, unless stated otherwise. In the event of any inconsistency between the Schedule to the Terms and Conditions (**Schedule**) and these General Terms and Conditions, the Schedule will take precedence.
3. The Promoter may in its absolute discretion refuse to award any Prize to any entrant who fails to comply with these Terms and Conditions.

Entry Restrictions

4. Eligibility to enter the Competition is subject to the Entry Restrictions. An entrant of the Competition must be an individual and not a company or organisation. Directors, immediate family members, employees and contractors of the Promoter and any agencies, retailers and suppliers directly associated with the Competition, or with the provision of the Prize, are not eligible to enter.

Competition Period

5. The Competition will be conducted during the Competition Period. Any entry received after the expiry of the Competition Period will be deemed invalid. No responsibility is accepted for late, lost, delayed or misdirected entries.

Entry Method

6. To enter the Competition, entrants must enter the Competition in accordance with the Entry Method (and any other entry details provided by the Promoter on the Website) during the Competition Period.

Maximum Number of Entries

7. Entrants can enter the Competition up to the Maximum Number of Entries. Entries must be submitted separately and each entry must individually meet the requirements in the Schedule and are subject to the Entry Restrictions.

Judging Details

8. The entrant(s) whose entry is judged by the Promoter's judge(s) to be the most original and creative (and any judging criteria set out in Judging Details of the Schedule) will win the Prize. The Promoter and its judge(s) may, in their absolute discretion, decline to award any or all Prizes, including where the judge(s) determine that the entry is not of publication standard. Chance plays no part in determining the Prize winners. Decisions of the Promoter and its selected judge(s) are final and will be binding on each person who enters the Competition and no correspondence will be entered into.

Prize

9. The Prize will be awarded as specified in the Schedule. The Prize values are the recommended retail value as provided by the relevant supplier, are in Australian dollars and are correct as at the time of the commencement of the Competition Period. The Promoter accepts no responsibility for any variation in the Prize value.

Prize Restrictions

10. Unless otherwise specified in the Schedule, the Promoter will not be responsible for any additional costs associated with use of the Prize. The Prize winner (and, if applicable, their guest(s)) is responsible for all costs associated with using the Prize including (if applicable)

travel and/or transfer costs, expenses with respect to food and beverages, travel and medical insurance costs and spending money.

11. If a Prize is available in various locations, the Prize winner is only eligible to claim the Prize in their nearest capital city. If the Prize occurs in the Prize winner's home city, the Prize winner will not be eligible to receive any accommodation or airfares (which may otherwise have formed part of the Prize).
12. If the Prize is date specific, the Prize winner must be available to redeem the Prize on the dates stipulated by the Promoter. If the Prize winner is not able to redeem the Prize on that date, the Promoter may determine another Prize winner in its absolute discretion.
13. No component of the Prize can be transferred or redeemed for cash.
14. All Prizes are subject to availability. In the event that any of the Prizes or part of a Prize becomes unavailable due to circumstances beyond the Promoter's reasonable control, the Promoter reserves the right to provide a similar product to the same or greater value as the original prize, subject to any applicable laws or written directions made under applicable legislation.
15. It is a condition of accepting the Prize that the winner (and any guests participating in using the Prize) must comply with all the conditions of use of the Prize and Prize supplier's requirements.
16. If the Prize includes flights, entrants agree that:
 - (a) the Prize does not include transfers to and from the winner's place of residence to the departure point and transfers between the accommodation and airport (unless otherwise specified in the Schedule);
 - (b) the flights must be utilised at the same time, for the same travel dates, to and from the same destination;
 - (c) no frequent flyer (or equivalent rewards program) points will accrue to the Prize winner (and any guest participating in using the Prize) on the Prize flights or accommodation; and
 - (d) the booking time of the flights will be determined by the Promoter in its complete discretion and blackout periods may apply including all public holidays.
17. If the Prize includes accommodation, it is a condition of accepting the Prize that the Prize winner may be requested to present their credit card or a cash deposit upon arrival at any accommodation to cover all ancillary costs they may incur during their stay. For the avoidance of doubt, the Prize winner acknowledges that the accommodation part of the Prize includes room charges only (and no ancillary costs such as room service).
18. If the Prize involves tickets to an event, the Promoter is not responsible for any changes in times or dates, or cancellations or rescheduling of events that may prevent the Prize winner from redeeming the Prize or any part of it.

Winner Notification

19. Unless advertised differently, the Prize winner(s) will be notified in accordance with the Winner Notification details in the Schedule. Please allow at least twenty-eight (28) days from the date of notification for the delivery of the Prize.

Rights in Your Entry

20. Unless otherwise specified in the Schedule, all physical entries become the property of the Promoter and will not be returned to the entrants.
21. To be eligible for a Prize your entry must only include original material created by you or material which you have permission to use, which may be included in your entry.
22. By submitting your entry to the Promoter, you grant the Promoter and its licensees and assignees:

- (a) the Rights in Your Entry specified in the Schedule to exercise all rights in your entry, including without limitation, the right to reproduce and communicate your entry to the public in whole or in part, in perpetuity and throughout the world in any media; and
- (b) the right to publicise, broadcast and communicate to the public your name, character, likeness or voice for any promotion or matter incidental to the Competition with no compensation to you for such use.

23. You understand and agree that your entry may be edited or adapted at any time by the Promoter for legal, editorial or operational reasons.

24. As a condition of accepting the Prize, the winner must sign any legal documentation as and in the form required by the Promoter and/or Prize suppliers in their absolute discretion, including but not limited to a legal release and indemnity form.

ABC Material

25. If the method of entry instructs you to include any material owned by the Promoter (**ABC Material**) such as an ABC trade mark or logo, you agree that:

- (a) you must not use the ABC Material for any purpose other than for the purpose of including it in your entry in the Competition;
- (b) any use of the ABC Material by you will not give you or any other person (other than the Promoter) any right, title or interest in the ABC Material;
- (c) you must not carry on a business under a name which includes the ABC Material or any trade mark similar to the ABC Material; and
- (d) you must not apply to register a trade mark similar to ABC Material.

26. No other party may use the ABC Material without prior approval of the Promoter.

Privacy

27. The Promoter will collect your personal information for the purposes of conducting the Competition. In doing so, the Promoter may disclose your personal information to its contractors, agents, any partner or co-promoter and to State and Territory gaming departments. Prize winners' names may be published as set out in these Terms and Conditions. The Promoter may also use your personal information for any promotional, marketing and publicity purposes of the Promoter. Additional information about how personal information is collected, used and disclosed, and the privacy complaints process is available in the [ABC Privacy Policy](http://about.abc.net.au/abc-privacy-policy/) available at <http://about.abc.net.au/abc-privacy-policy/>. The ABC Privacy Policy does not form part of these terms and conditions.

General

28. Any attempt to interfere with the normal functioning of the Website or to otherwise undermine the legitimate operation of this Competition is prohibited and will render all entries submitted by that entrant invalid.

29. You warrant that:

- (a) your entry is your original work, and to the extent it is not, you have obtained the relevant permission;
- (b) all details provided with your entry are true and accurate;
- (c) you have all necessary rights to grant the Promoter the rights granted under these Terms and Conditions;
- (d) use of your entry by the Promoter, in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, will not infringe the rights of any third parties; and
- (e) your entry does not breach any law.

30. You agree to indemnify the Promoter against any loss or damage resulting from any breach of the warranties above and acknowledge that the Promoter may, in its absolute discretion, not award the Prize to you for breach of the warranties above.
31. You acknowledge that the Promoter is under no obligation to use your entry, and any reproduction and/or communication of your entry to the public by the Promoter (in accordance with these Terms and Conditions) is at the complete discretion of the Promoter.
32. You acknowledge this Competition is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, Facebook. Any questions, comments or complaints regarding this Competition must be directed to the ABC through the Website rather than to Facebook.
33. If there is any event that prevents or hinders the Promoter's conduct of the Competition or the Promoter's ability to deliver the Prize to the Prize winner(s), the Promoter may, in its discretion, cancel the Competition and recommence it at another time under the same conditions.
34. The Promoter is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, or for any failure of the equipment or programming associated with or utilised in the Competition, or for any technical error that may occur in the course of the administration of the Competition. The Promoter assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorised access to or alteration of entries.
35. To the full extent permitted by the law, the Promoter is not liable for any delay, death, injury, damages, expenses, or loss whatsoever (whether direct or consequential) to persons or property as a result of any person entering into the Competition or accepting or using any Prize, including without limitation non-receipt of any Prize or damage to any Prize in transit and the Prize winner's failure to comply with the terms and conditions (if any) specified by any third party.