



MLTAQ Sunshine Coast Branch Writing Competition 2023

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Choose your own adventure!

This year's own choice of topic allows students to showcase their own language achievements within their school's program, or based on their own interests.

Personal interest, homework or assignment work may be submitted, either as a handwritten or digital text.

Language used should be at the learner's own level, appropriate to their age and grade at school, based on national curriculum standards.

- **Entries due Thursday, 8th June 2023**
- **Please email entries to alaw106@eq.edu.au and request a read receipt to ensure your entries were delivered.**
- **Handwritten entries should be delivered no later than Thursday 8th June to**
Alison Law
Mountain Creek State School
PO Box 623
Buddina Q 4575

CATEGORIES

Entry Requirements for all categories:

- Entries to be age & grade appropriate and align with national curriculum
- Topics are of choice
- Asian language entries must all be in script
- Appropriate illustrations to support text types are recommended and should be of the student's own artistic creation.
- This is a writing competition – not a mixed media art competition – no entries to contain glitter, puff paint, oil pastels, lift the flap/3D effects or origami.
- Maximum paper size is A3

Category	Creative Text	Informational Text	Handwritten	Multi-media	Minimum requirements	Maximum requirement	Student Authentication of work
4	✓	✓	1 Page	PDF 1 page	4 varied patterns	10 sentences	Extremely complex sentences and paragraphs will be assumed to be copied from outside sources and not considered as student work
5	✓	✓	1 Page	PDF 1 page	5 varied patterns	12 sentences	
6	✓	✓	Up to 2 Page	PDF 2 up to pages	6 varied patterns	12 sentences	
7	✓	✓	Up to 2 Pages	PDF up to 2 pages	6 varied patterns	12 sentences	
8	✓	✓	No upper limit	PDF – no upper limit	8 varied patterns	NIL	
9	✓	✓	No upper limit	PDF – no upper limit	10 varied patterns	NIL	
10	✓	✓	No upper limit	PDF – no upper limit	15 varied patterns	NIL	
11	✓	✓	No upper limit	PDF – no upper limit	Wide range of complex grammar to communicate ideas and personal perspectives	NIL	
12	✓	✓	No upper limit	PDF – no upper limit	Wide range of complex grammar to communicate ideas and personal perspectives	NIL	

JUDGING CRITERIA

- accuracy and use of Language at the appropriate level
- adherence to rules
- originality - not copies of commercial material (or previous years' materials)
- creativity
- quality of presentation & visual impact

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entry is free and open to students in Grades 4 - 12 who study a Language on the Sunshine Coast.
2. **NOTE:** Teachers who enter students in the competition **MUST** be members of the Modern Language Teachers' Association of Queensland.
3. The entry is to be verified by the teacher of the language class, certifying that the entry is the original work of the student.
4. If handwritten entries are submitted, the **entry form** must be attached to the student's work (no paper clips). Please ensure all sections are completed. The MLTAQ cannot take responsibility for incomplete or incorrectly completed entry forms.
5. Digital entries do not require entry forms attached but file names must adhere to the conventions explained below, or prizes will not be awarded.
Digital entries file name format should be as follows:
SchoolNameLanguageYearLevelCategoryStudentName.pdf
Eg:BuderimSSJapaneseYear6DigitalJaneDoe.pdf

Handwritten entries can be scanned as submitted as a PDF file
Eg:SCGSFrenchYear10HandwrittenJohnDoe.pdf
6. Each entry must be the work of **ONE student** only.
7. **Entries must be written in the modern language which is currently being studied by the entrant.** When entries are judged, the number of years the student has been learning the language will be taken into account.
8. Entries will be judged on use of language appropriate to the number of years of study, quality of presentation, visual impact, creativity and originality. Entries should not be copies of commercial material or previous years' entries.
9. Judges' decisions will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. Entries by native speakers may be reclassified at the discretion of the judges and/or competition convenor. Digital entries without the specified file name will not be judged.
10. The MLTAQ Sunshine Coast branch reserves the right to withhold and/or reallocate awards if there are insufficient entries in any category or if the quality of entries is insufficient.
11. First, Second, Third and Highly Commended certificates may be awarded in all Year Level categories at the discretion of the judges.
12. Entries remain the property of the MLTAQ Sunshine Coast Branch. The MLTAQ Sunshine Coast branch will take all possible care with entries, but will not accept responsibility for any entries which become lost or damaged. The MLTAQ Sunshine Coast branch reserves the right to use any or all entries at a later date. Physical copies of student work will not be returned. Students and teachers are encouraged to copy entries **BEFORE** submission.
13. Teachers can enter one entry, per class, in each category. (eg; if your primary school has 3 classes of Year 5 French, you can submit three entries for Year 5 French).

**MLTAQ Sunshine Coast Branch 2023 Writing Competition
HANDWRITTEN CATEGORY ENTRY FORM**

Complete this form and submit it with your entry.

Entries must be received by 8th June, 2023.

Attention - Alison Law

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PLEASE PRINT:

NAME:

GRADE/YEAR LEVEL:

SCHOOL NAME:

LANGUAGE TEACHER'S NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS:

WHICH LANGUAGE ARE YOU STUDYING?

(This should be the language used in this entry.)

FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN STUDYING THIS LANGUAGE?

DO YOU SPEAK THIS LANGUAGE AT HOME? YES / NO

Teacher's signature