



2026 Parliamentary Education Cup Art Competition—competition guide

Competition overview

This guide provides information about participating in the annual Parliamentary Education Cup, which in 2026 is an Art Competition.

The Art Competition has two categories:

- **Junior**—student or group in Year 4 to Year 6.
- **Intermediate**—student or group in Year 7 to Year 9.
- **Senior**—student or group in Year 10 to Year 12.

One winner will be selected from each category from several finalists. A group can either be a class group or more than two students.

The competition is facilitated by the Parliamentary Education team at Queensland Parliament.

Entry is free.

Who can enter?

The 2026 Parliamentary Education Cup Art Competition is open to students who:

- are enrolled in Year 4 to Year 12,
- reside in Queensland,
- submit either as an individual or class-based entry.

Dates to remember

Art competition opens	Wednesday 1 April 2026
Register your interest opens	Wednesday 1 April 2026
Art competition closes	Friday 26 June 2026 5.00pm AEST
Winners announced	By Friday 14 August 2026

Prize

Finalists

Each finalist will receive:

- A certificate.
- An engraved plaque.

The artwork may also be displayed in the Queensland Parliament, and/or be highlighted in our social media channels, resources or website.

Winners

- Name engraved on our perpetual Parliamentary Education Cup trophy, with the cup residing at the Senior winner's school for the remainder of the 2026.
- A certificate.
- An engraved plaque.
- The artwork will be displayed in the Queensland Parliament Annexe, with the winner's name and artist statement being read by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, [the Hon Pat Weir MP](#), and recorded in the [Record of Proceedings \(Hansard\)](#).
- The artwork and/or submission materials will also feature in our education resources, website and/or social media channels.
- An art supply gift voucher (Junior: \$100 | Intermediate: \$200 | Senior: \$300)

Artwork specifications

Theme

The artwork must respond to the question—*What does democracy mean to me?*

The artwork might a place, figure, word, symbol or event that embodies our democracy. We have created stimulus on the concept of democracy to assist you, but it isn't mandatory for you to use.

Material and size specifications

- The artwork can be any orientation (portrait or landscape), with a maximum size of A0 (841 x 1189 mm).
- Must be flat, suitable for hanging.
- Artwork must be unframed.
- Any art materials may be used (e.g. paint, pencil, pastels, ink, collage, yarn etc.) on any surface (e.g. paper, board, canvas, fabric, Aida cloth).
- Digitally created artwork (including AI-generated art) or photography is not permitted.

Other conditions

(In addition to our other *Terms and Conditions*)

- Artwork needs to respond to the theme.
- Artwork must be created by the student(s) listed on the entry—no adult can provide assistance or support.
- Artwork must be something new that hasn't been entered into another competition—although it can be created in class in response to a task given by your teacher and shown at school.
- You can only enter once.

How to enter

Prior to entering the 2026 Art Competition read this document and any supporting documents.

To enter the competition, entrants must:

- be eligible to enter, and
- be the artist of the artwork, and
- have permission to enter the competition from your parent or legal guardian.
- comply with all entry instructions, information in this guide, competition terms and conditions and artwork specifications.

The artwork must be submitted via our *2026 Art Competition Entry Form* by Friday 26 June 2026, 5.00pm AEST. Late entries will be deemed ineligible.

1. Ask a teacher or staff member to complete our [2026 Art Competition Registration Form](#)—this will let us know you wish to enter and allows us to keep in touch with you throughout the competition if needed.
2. Create your artwork, write a statement (word limits apply) and create a video.
3. Ask a teacher or staff member to complete the *2026 Art Competition Entry Form*, which will ask you to:
 - Complete the required fields of the form.
 - Upload an image of your artwork (JPEG, PDF or PNG).
 - Supply a written artist statement.

Please note:

- A hardcopy of the artwork will only be requested if you are selected as a finalist.
- If you are selected as a winner or finalist you will be required to submit a maximum one-minute video of you explaining the artwork's key features, elements or inspiration.
- We will also seek photo consent from a parent or legal guardian for finalists.
- The Queensland Parliamentary Service accepts no responsibility for entries that are late, lost, misdirected, or not received by the deadline for any other reason.

For further information

Parliamentary Education team

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Other essential Terms and Conditions

Improper conduct

The Queensland Parliamentary Service reserves the right to disqualify any entrants for improper conduct such as:

- infringing a third party's intellectual property rights;
- content that is copied, wholly or partly, or rephrased from another source;
- content that does not identify or include sufficient information to identify any other people,
- content that is inappropriate, untruthful or unfit for publication (e.g. includes nudity, obscenity or hate speech); or
- breaching the Competition terms and conditions.

Intellectual property and licensing

- The student or class must be the sole creator for the artwork submitted and own the copyright.
- The artwork must be free from any encumbrances, licences, charges or other contractual obligations.
- Copyright remains with the student(s). By entering, entrants grant the Queensland Parliamentary Service a perpetual, royalty-free licence to use, reproduce and adapt the artwork for educational and promotional purposes.
- Each entrant assigns the Queensland Parliamentary Service all necessary consents to allow the adaptation of any part of the entrant's entry materials.
- If your artwork uses Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander designs, stories or symbols make sure you have the right permissions. [Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property \(ICIP\)](#) recognises that First Nations peoples have special rights over their cultural heritage.

Costs and expenses

- Entrants are responsible for any and all expenses that they incur in entering or winning the Competition.

Photo consent

- A Photo Consent Form will be supplied by the Queensland Parliamentary Service to any finalists.
- A Photo Consent Form must be completed for all students and staff whose face appears in materials submitted as part of the entry.
- For students under 18 years, the Photo Consent Form must be completed by a parent or legal guardian.

Privacy

- Personal information is collected by the Queensland Parliamentary Service in a matter that is compliant with the [Queensland Privacy Principles](#).
- Any personal information required for entry into the Competition will only be used for purposes related to the Competition.
- Winners first name and surname initial, year level and school will be announced publicly, with finalists only identified by first name, year level and school.
 - *For example—Kirsten M, Year 6, Parliament State School.*

- More information about how the Queensland Parliamentary Service upholds its commitment to protecting the privacy of personal information can be found in our [Privacy Policy](#).

Notification of winners

- Winners will be notified via the email address supplied.
- We will notify your school and local [Member of Parliament](#) and supply your name, telephone number or email address if you are selected as a finalist or winner.
- Winners will also be posted on Queensland Parliament's social media feeds and published on the Queensland Parliament website.
- By participating in this Competition, you agree that, if selected as a finalist or winner, the Queensland Parliamentary Service is permitted to publish your name, school name and all parts of your submission.

Interpretation of rules

Any decisions regarding the finalists, winners and interpretation of the terms and conditions is final and no correspondence will be entered into.