

# First Draft Festival Writing Competition

## Information and Guidelines

The inaugural Shalom writing festival “First Draft Festival” proudly presents its very own creative writing competition. This is an opportunity for all Shalom College students from years 7-9 and 10-12 to submit entries in two categories – **poetry** and **short story**. Prizes are kindly donated by Dymocks Bundaberg. Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the “First Draft Festival” on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

## Entry guidelines and submission form

1. Students will be judged in two separate groups: **year 7-9** and **year 10-12**
2. Within each group there will be two categories: **poetry** and **short story**
3. A winner will be announced from each group and each category
4. **Year 7-9** theme for both categories is “**Heroes and Villains**”
5. **Year 10-12** theme for both categories is “**Courage**”
6. Year 7-9 short story word limit is 400-800 words
7. Year 10-12 short story word limit is 80-1200 words
8. Students may enter as many times as they wish
9. Each entry must be accompanied with a separate entry form
10. No student names to be written on entry (apart from entry form)
11. Submissions must be received by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July (Term 3, Week 1) via hardcopy to the Beerarlem library
12. Entries will be judged by a panel of independent members of the community based on creativity and engagement with the theme

**Please print, complete and attach the submission form (below) to the front of your submission.**

**Entry forms will also be available from the Beerarlem Library.**