

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 9th 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 26th 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.