

'Democracy in WA'

To celebrate the fortieth Parliament of Western Australia, the Parliamentary Education Office is excited to announce the inaugural School Parliamentary Poetry Competition!

4 WEEKS TO GO!

Parliamentary Poetry Competition open to all secondary students throughout Western Australia!

- Do you love your state of Western Australia?
- Have you a way with words?
- Do you want to become a published poet?

The Theme:

'Democracy in WA'. Be as literal or creative as you wish. You could write about an important Act that has transformed our state, an individual politician such as Edith Cowan, or any other idea that captures the theme of Democracy in WA.

The Structure:

Choose whichever genre of poetry you wish - narrative, epic, dramatic, lyric, prose or free verse. Poems must be no more than 300 words.

The Prize:

If your poem is chosen as one of the top three, you and five of your guests will be invited to a Parliamentary reception in term 4, with your poem featured on the Parliament of Western Australia's website. The winning poem will be announced, and the award presented, at the reception.



**Student Parliamentary
Poetry Competition**

Get your HaSS teacher to visit the education page on the Parliament of WA website for further details!



Student Parliamentary Poetry Competition

School Instructions

All Western Australian secondary schools are eligible to nominate one poem per school. Individual schools are responsible for internally judging and selecting the poem that best encapsulates the theme: **Democracy in WA.**

The completed entry form, along with your school's nominated poem must to be emailed to education@parliament.wa.gov.au by COB 29/06/2018.

Emails are to be sent from the school's official email address.

Three overall winners will be announced in the term 4 POWA House Newsletter on Monday 15/10/2018. Individual school finalists will receive a Parliament of Western Australia commendation certificate that will be sent to the school. It is suggested that your school then makes contact with your local member to arrange presentation of the certificate at a school assembly.

The Structure:

The poem must be the student's own original work and no more than 300 words in length.

It must be submitted as an attachment in a PDF format.

Please note, students related to members or staff of the Parliament of Western Australia are ineligible to enter.

Entries that fail to attach a PDF of the poem will not be considered.

Finalists' Prize:

The authors of the top three poems, along with five of their guests*, will be invited to a parliamentary reception in Term 4 and their poems will be featured on the Parliament of Western Australia's website.

In entering the competition, the entrant agrees to have her/his photograph and poem appear on the Parliament of Western Australia's website and in any other associated educational and promotional activities.

* see terms and conditions.





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Entry Form

School: _____

School contact person: _____

Position of school contact person: _____

Telephone number and email of school contact person: _____

Name of student nominated: _____

Title of poem: _____

Yes, I have attached the poem in PDF format.

To the best of my knowledge this is the student's own original work.

