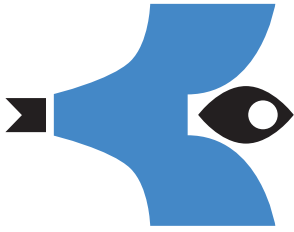


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Young Tasmanian Writers' Prize 2026

A short fiction competition open to Tasmanians enrolled in Years 7-12 at schools that are current members of TATE or who are home schooled

Sponsored by **FORTY SOUTH PUBLISHING** and the **TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH (TATE)** with prizes donated by the City of Hobart, Jane College and Fullers Bookshop

The winners to be announced by The Right Honorable, the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Councillor Anna Reynolds at an event hosted by the City of Hobart in late September 2026.

All finalists, judges, school representatives, and guests will be invited.

JUNIOR SECTION YEARS 7-9 STUDENTS *Length: 700-1000 words*

Choose a minimum of TWO of the following to reference anywhere in your story:

**The colour blue or black • The sound of a black cockatoo
The smell of lavender • The feel of water • The taste of blackberries**

SENIOR SECTION YEARS 10-12 STUDENTS *Length: 800-1500 words*

Incorporate a minimum of THREE of the following elements in your story:

**A place in Tasmania • References to fire, air, earth and/or water
The colours red, blue and/or green • A repeated image or phrase
An evocative smell or taste**

PRIZES

- The winning entry in each section will receive the Lord Mayor's Prize (\$300 in the Senior Section and \$200 in the Junior Section). These stories will also appear in the *Forty South Short Story Anthology 2026*.
- The Jane College Prose Award is awarded in the Senior Section (\$200) and Junior Section (\$100).
- Two runners-up in each section will each receive a \$35 Fullers Bookshop voucher.
- All finalists' stories will be published in *Up & Coming/26*, a paperback anthology co-sponsored by Forty South Publishing and the Tasmanian Association for the Teaching of English (TATE).
- Finalists' stories will also appear in the Young Tasmania section at fortysouth.com.au.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The Young Tasmanian Writers' Prize is a short fiction competition open to Tasmanians enrolled in Years 7-12 at schools that are current members of TATE or who are home schooled.
- The entries must conform to the word count and theme for the relevant section.
- There is a limit of two entries per student.
- The entry must be the student's original work and must not have used AI.
- The entry must be unpublished and not have won a prize previously.
- Stories must comply with the required word count to be considered for judging.
- The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

ENTRY

- Entries are to be uploaded to the Forty South Publishing website: fortysouth.com.au/young-tasmanian-writers-prize
- Word documents are preferred. The file name must be the title of the story.
- DO NOT include your name or any contact details in the document.
- DO include the word count.
- Entries will be accepted from Monday, May 18, 2026.
- Entries close at midnight on Monday, August 3, 2026.

PAYMENT (\$8.00 per story) may be made through the entrant's school or submitted by the entrant. Multiple entries can be paid in one transaction.

