

MACARTHUR NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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Entry guide for Primary Schools



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The Macarthur Councils are once again hosting the highly anticipated Macarthur Nature Photography Competition (MNPC) and encouraging our primary schools to engage their students in this competition.

We invite your students to enter their most striking, engaging and enticing images of local native flora, wildlife and natural scenery taken from within the Macarthur area, showcasing their artistic vision and impression of the natural environment to the wider community.

Moments captured have the ability to remind us that photography has the power to transport us to unseen worlds. At a time when we are presented with an abundance of images through social media and television, the challenge is to share an image that will cut through the clutter and reveal something in our world that is new to us.

We have a great prize pool on offer and primary school students have the unique opportunity to win the 2023 MNPC School Prize Package for their school.

Entry is easy

When students fill out their entry form, all they need to do is specify their age and parent's contact details to go in the running to win a prize for themselves in one of the three main categories.

Student should also enter their Schools information to ensure their entry is included in the Schools tally.



Cameras come in all shapes and forms these days. Encourage students to snap a shot on their smart phone, iPad or camera!

Curriculum links

The competition is a great way to engage primary school students in a range of syllabus content. The following details a number of learning outcomes (not exhaustive) that can be achieved through participation in this competition.

Creative Arts

Due to photography being the main medium of communication for this competition, there are a number of opportunities to engage creative art students.

Early Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
VAES1.2	VAS1.1	VAS2.1	VAS3.1
VAES1.4	VAS1.4	VAS2.2 VAS2.4	VAS3.2 VAS3.4

Science

The natural environment is at the core of this competition, encouraging students to explore and study their natural surroundings. This could be within the school grounds or the local reserve.

Early Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
STe-2VA STe-4WS	ST1-2VA	ST2-2VA	ST3-2VA

Geography

The competition encourages students to capture photos that encompass a range of themes and to describe these photos as part of their submission.

Early Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
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Competition themes

The three categories for the competition are:

1. Caring for Country: People helping the environment, Cultural Connection, Life, Waterways

2. Threatened Species: Our rare, endangered and vulnerable native plants and animals

3. Australian Native Plants, Animals and Pollinators: Lifecycles, Spring, Macro-invertebrates, New Growth, Seasonal Changes



Individual prizes

Primary school aged (5 to 12 years)

- \$100 Prepaid Gift Card and \$100 Narellan Town Centre voucher for first place in each theme
- \$75 Prepaid Gift Card for second place in each theme.

High school aged (13 to 18 years)

- \$150 Prepaid Gift Card and \$100 Narellan Town Centre voucher for first place in each theme.
- \$100 Prepaid Gift Card for second place in each theme.

Open section (18+ years)

- \$250 Prepaid Gift Card and \$100 Narellan Town Centre voucher for first place in each theme.
- \$150 Prepaid Gift Card for second place in each theme.

People's choice

- \$500 Prepaid Gift Card

Don't forget!

The People's Choice Award is back again this year with an amazing prize for the most popular photo, voted by YOU through our Narellan Town Centre display

Primary School Prize Package

Any photograph that has been entered by the individual with the name of their primary school and their age included on the entry form, has the potential to win the best overall image taken by a primary school student.

Announcement of winners

An online album of the winning entries in each age category will be developed by the Macarthur Councils. The winners images will be shared online via social media.

The winners in each age category will be notified in October 2023.



ONLINE ENTRIES ARE FREE

Please encourage students to include their school details, for the school to go in the running to win the School Prize Package.

How to enter

1. Carefully read all the competition rules.
2. Take some photos that relate to the competition categories within the Campbelltown, Camden or Wollondilly Local Government Area.
3. To enter your photos, visit campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/MNPC

Please note: Online entries are limited to three photos per entrant.



Competition Rules

1. For the purposes of this competition, the competition organisers are defined as nominated staff involved in the organisation and coordination of the completion form Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly Councils.
2. The subject matter of the photographs submitted must be from within the Macarthur region, defined as Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly Local Government Areas (LGAs) and must be obtained lawfully.
3. Images of fauna must not include flash photography and must meet ethical photography guidelines as specified on the council website, any images submitted with flash on fauna will not be judged and residents will be contacted about animal welfare/ethics.
4. Photographs may be black and white or colour.
5. Each entrant may enter a maximum of three photographs in the competition, only the first three photos submitted will be considered by the Judges.
6. The content of a photograph must not be changed or manipulated in any way: that is, no cloning, montaging, or digital manipulation other than cropping, toning, digital spotting, burning and dodging is permitted. No addition or removal of subject matter is accepted. Retouching is limited to removal of normal scratches and dust spots. Colour adjustment should be minimal.
7. Each photograph can only be entered into one theme.
8. Photographers who have made more than \$500 in photography sales in the 2022/2023 financial year will not be eligible to enter the competition.
9. A panel of judges representing photography, art and local biodiversity expertise, will select theme place winners, and will shortlist 10 additional images for the People's Choice display The judge's decision is final.
10. Respective Councillors, competition organisers, the judging panel and their immediate families are not eligible to enter the completion.
11. Entries must be submitted online.
12. Late entries will not be accepted.
13. Entrants in this completion give permission for their works to be reproduced by print and electronic media by the competition organisers for not-for-profit publications, advertising and promotional purposes. Entrants will be acknowledged if the image is reproduced.
14. All personal information gathered by the competition organisers will be used solely for the purposes of administering the Macarthur Nature Photography Competition.

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