



INVITATION TO ENTER

The Rotary Club of Richmond will again have the pleasure of partnering with Mark Slade to sponsor the 24th Annual Slade Literary Award. The Slade Award is named in honour of the late Henry Slade who founded the competition in 1993 and sponsored it until his death in 2005. This competition aims to encourage literary skills and offers the opportunity to showcase the creative talents of students in Years 9, 10 and 11, in State Schools, within the City of Yarra and neighbouring municipalities.

In 2017, participants are required to submit a piece of original prose or poetry up to 1,000 words on the topic **‘Making a Difference.’** This work will be read and evaluated by a panel of judges who are looking for creativity, originality, fluency, enthusiasm and appeal. The winning entries will be published in a small booklet to acknowledge the efforts of the winning students. They will also be posted on the RCR website.

The work must be original, that is, the work of the student. The judges also assess the submitted pieces for plagiarism. Any evidence of plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification. This is made known to all the students as part of the “Conditions of Entry,” below.

The **winning entry** will receive a **\$400 cheque**. The **runner up** will receive a **cheque for \$300**. A **third prize of \$100** is awarded and a **cheque for \$150** is awarded for the best entry from a student **who meets the EAL requirement**. All other finalists receive a certificate.

All entries are to be emailed to slade.rcr@gmail.com in PDF format **by Friday 23rd June 2017**.

The Slade Literary Award Presentation Night will be held on the **Monday 24th July at the Amora Hotel, Bridge Rd, Richmond**. We invite teachers and parents to attend the evening to support the finalists.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY and ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

1. The work must be original. Any evidence of plagiarism will result in immediate disqualification. Confidential or inappropriate essays should not be submitted. The decision of the judging panel will be final.
2. The Theme for 2017 is **‘Making a Difference’**. Only submissions relating to the theme will be judged, however ***each entrant should choose their own title on this subject.***
3. Entries are not to exceed 1,000 words (excluding the title). The total word count is to be noted at the foot of the entry, e.g. 975 words and each page must be numbered.
4. All entries need to be submitted in PDF format, font size 12 with 1½ line spacing.
5. The essay’s PDF file is to be Saved As the title chosen by the entrant for that specific work, which must match the title shown on its accompanying completed and scanned Entry Form.
6. The only items to be contained in the PDF essay file are: The entrant’s choice of title; the text itself; each page numbered; and the word count at the foot of the last page. Therefore the entrant’s name, age, gender, school or year level must not appear anywhere in the essay file. The essay will be identifiable by the title given to the story by its author which must match that shown on the completed Entry Form accompanying it when emailed.
7. All entries are to be emailed to slade.rcr@gmail.com accompanied by that entrant’s scanned completed Entry Form.
8. The closing date for entries is **Friday 23rd June 2017**.

FOR TEACHERS SUBMITTING ENTRIES

In an effort to remove bias, real or perceived, from the judging of the Slade Literary Competition 2017, all identification of the students is to be removed from the judges' access during the judging. Upon receipt of each entry it will be allocated an Entry Number. This means each entry will be submitted to the judges in total anonymity with names, schools' names, year levels, and gender withheld until the scoring is compared and winners have been decided at the Judges' Meeting.

With this in mind, please note the following:

1. It is expected that all essays submitted have been written specifically for the competition.
2. Please do not submit entries with the essay and the Entry Form combined in one file. Keep them in separate attachments to the covering email.
3. It is important that the English teacher indicates if the entrant qualifies as an EAL student.
4. Please ensure that the student's name and the teacher's name is written in BLOCK LETTERS under their signatures on the Entry Form.
5. If emails are being sent through a school scanner, it is important that we have the teacher's mobile number so you can be contacted for any matters requiring clarification. For this reason we have asked for the teacher's mobile number on the Entry Form. We have also asked for teachers' and students' email addresses this year, to enable us to contact you later, regarding finalists.

For any further information please contact Maria Makris at the contacts below.

We look forward to receiving your entries again this year.

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