



VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH

## 2024 VATE Writing Competition

Students and teachers are invited to write and submit a short story inspired by the theme 'A Story in Miniature'. There are **four** categories available in the competition and schools may submit up to **five** entries in each of the following categories:

**Years 7-8 students | Years 9-10 students | Years 11-12 students | Teachers**

Entries of 300 to 500 words are due by **4pm Friday 20 September 2024** and should be emailed to [writingcompetition@vate.org.au](mailto:writingcompetition@vate.org.au). The competition is open to all schools who have 2024 VATE membership. For all queries, email Kieran: [adminofficer@vate.org.au](mailto:adminofficer@vate.org.au).

### General details

Name	
School	
Year level	
Contact email	
Title of entry	

### Teacher endorsement (for student entries)

Name	
Email	
I confirm that the details of the student named above are correct and that the short story submitted is the student's own work.	
Signed:	Date:

### Permission

I understand that all stories submitted may be used by VATE in print and digital publications and distributed to VATE members and associated via the VATE website, marketing collateral and other social media platforms.	
Signed:	Date:



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## Conditions of entry

- Only Years 7-12 students and teachers from schools who have 2024 VATE membership are eligible to enter.
- Only one entry is permitted per student and/or teacher.
- Only five entries per category from each school are permitted.
- Each short story submitted must address the theme: 'A Story in Miniature'.
- There are four available categories: Years 7-8 students; Years 9-10 students; Years 11-12 students; Teachers. You may only submit an entry in the category that clearly corresponds to you. You may not submit an entry in more than one category and if you do, you will be automatically disqualified from the writing competition.
- Entries should be typed and formatted in 12pt Arial font with double line spacing.
- All entries must be accompanied by a fully completed entry form. Entries without a completed entry form will not be accepted.
- Entries will be accepted from **Friday 15 July 2024** until **4pm Friday 20 September 2024**. No late submissions will be accepted.
- All short story entries and entry forms should be emailed to [writingcompetition@vate.org.au](mailto:writingcompetition@vate.org.au).
- Entries must be your own original work. This means that your work must not be written by, or in conjunction with, your friends, family, teachers, parents, or with the assistance of artificial intelligence (AI).
- Plagiarism will not be tolerated. You will be automatically disqualified from the competition if any plagiarised work is submitted.
- Stories that are currently entered in other competitions are **not** eligible to be entered.
- Entries will be read and judged by the VATE Education staff.
- Judges decisions will be final and once the winners have been announced no correspondence will be entered into.
- A \$150 book voucher will be awarded to the winner in each category.
- Winners will be announced via VATE member eBulletin.
- Entrants may be asked to assist in media publicity in the form of comments, online interviews and/or photographs.
- Submitted material will not be returned, only selected records are kept.
- Copyright remains with the author, however, VATE reserves the right to have any entry published, reproduced or publicised for promotion purposes.