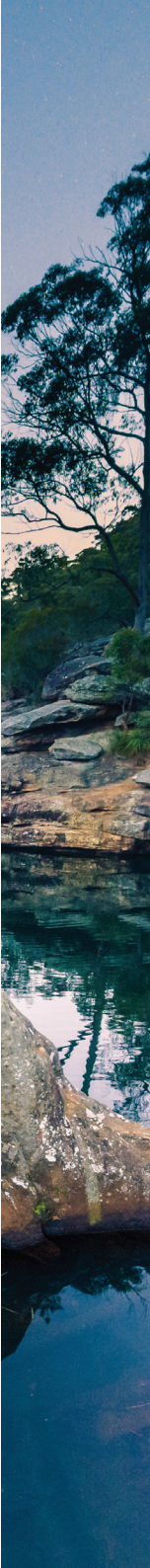


# MACARTHUR NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Entry guide for high schools

Entries: 16 September to 18 October 2019





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The Macarthur councils are once again hosting the highly anticipated Macarthur Nature Photography Competition (MNPC) and encouraging our high 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 high school students have the unique opportunity to win the 2019 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 school, age and parent's contact details. They will then not only be in the running to win a prize for themselves in one of the five main categories, but they will also have the chance to win their school the MNPC School Prize Package, if selected as the best photo from the high school entries.

So, the more students from your school that enter, the more chance your school has of winning the School Prize Package.

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 MNPC is a great way to engage high school students in a range of syllabus content. The following details just some of the many learning outcomes that can be achieved through participation in this competition.

## Creative Arts

Photography is the main medium of communication for the MNPC.

Visual Arts	Life Skills Outcomes and Content	Photographic and Digital Media
Conceptual Framework (4.2)	Conceptual Framework (LS.4)	Conceptual Framework (5.2)
Frames (4.3) Frames (LS.6)	Frames (5.3)	
Representation (4.4)	Conceptual Strength and Meaning (LS.8)	Representation (5.4)
Conceptual strength and meaning (4.5)	Conceptual strength and meaning (5.5)	
Conceptual Framework (4.8)	Resolution (LS.9)	Conceptual Framework (5.8)
Frames (4.9)		Frames (5.9)

## Science

The natural environment is the central theme of the MNPC, encouraging students to explore and study their natural surroundings. This could be within the school grounds or a local reserve.

Stage 4	Stage 5
SC4-1VA	SC5-1VA
SC4-2VA	SC5-2VA
SC4-6WS	SC5-6WS
SC4-14LW	SC5-14LW

## Geography

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

Stage 4	Stage 5
GE4-1	GE5-1
GE4-2	GE5-2
GE4-3	GE5-3
GE4-5	

## Competition themes

The five categories for the competition are:

**1. Flora:** Images that showcase the diverse array of native flora found within the Macarthur region (ie: plants, flowers, trees, leaves, bark).



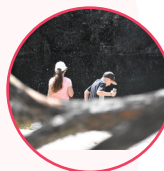
**2. Fauna:** Images that celebrate our unique native fauna found within the Macarthur region (ie: birds, mammals, invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians).



**3. Waterways:** Images reflecting an aspect of the lakes, rivers and creeks of the Macarthur region (i.e. Thirlmere Lakes, Georges River, Nepean River and their tributaries).



**4. Experience Nature:** Images that capture the best natural experiences the Macarthur has to offer. From bushwalking and swimming in secret waterholes, to your favourite lookouts. Images must predominantly showcase the natural environment and include at least one person.



**5. Landscapes of Macarthur:** Panoramic images of characteristic landscapes and views of the Macarthur highlighting the unique features of the region (i.e. sunsets/sunrises, local nature reserves, national parks).



## **Individual prizes**

### **Primary school aged (5 to 12 years)**

- \$100 cash and \$100 Narellan Town Centre voucher for first place in each theme\*
- \$75 cash for second place in each theme\*

### **High school aged (13 to 18 years)**

- \$150 cash and \$100 Narellan Town Centre voucher for first place in each theme\*
- \$100 cash for second place in each theme\*

### **Open section (18+ years)**

- \$250 cash and \$100 Narellan Town Centre voucher for first place in each theme\*
- \$150 cash for second place in each theme\*

### **Experience Nature and Landscapes of Macarthur**

- \$100 nature based experience voucher for each category (primary school - aged 5 to 12 years)
- \$150 nature based experience voucher for each category (high school - aged 13 to 18 years)
- \$200 nature based experience voucher for each category (open section - 18+ years).

\* Only for Flora, Fauna and Waterways themes

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### **Don't forget!**

The People's Choice Award is back again this year, with Macarthur Camera House providing an amazing prize for the most popular photo, voted by YOU on the awards night!



## **High School Prize Package**

Any photograph that has been entered by the individual with the name of their high school and their school year included on the entry form, has the potential to win the best overall image taken by a high school student, and therefore the High School Prize Package, which has kindly been provided by Woolegemai Environmental Education Centre.

## **Woolegemai Environmental Education Centre: National Parks or Native Animal Educational Experience**

The winning school will receive a valuable educational experience at the Woolegemai Environmental Education Centre.

The visit will include a full day of either a National Parks or Native Animal Educational Experience including a bushwalk, study of local bushland including native plants and animals and Aboriginal culture and heritage.

To find out more about the Woolegemai Environmental Education Centre, visit: [wooglemaieec.com.au](http://wooglemaieec.com.au)

This excursion must take place before the end of the 2019 school year.

## **Awards night**

The competition will culminate in an awards night, with all entrants and their families invited to come along and celebrate the amazing photography.

All images are displayed on the night for people to view. Catering is provided and an MC and guest speaker make the night more than just an awards announcement.

All entrants are invited to the night which will be held from 1 November at Camden Civic Centre, Camden.

## How to enter

1. Take some photos that relate to the competition categories within the Campbelltown, Camden or Wollondilly Local Government Area.
2. Carefully read all the competition rules.
3. **Online entries** – To enter your digital photos online, visit [campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/MNPC](http://campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/MNPC)
  - a. Please note: Online entries will incur an \$11 fee per image to cover the cost of printing and mounting the image/s, in line with the competition requirements.
  - b. If you want you and your school to go into the running to win the School Prize Package, be sure to include your school details and your year on the entry form.



## 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 competition from Campbelltown City, Camden and Wollondilly Shire councils.
2. The subject matter of the photographs submitted must be from within the Macarthur region, defined as Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly Local Government Area (LGA), and must be obtained lawfully.
3. Photographs may be black and white or colour.
4. Each entrant may enter a maximum of five photographs in the competition.
5. The content of a photograph must not be changed or manipulated in anyway; 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.
6. Each photograph can only be entered into one theme.
7. A panel of judges approved by the general managers of the three participating councils, representing photography, art and local biodiversity expertise, will select the theme place winners and shortlist 10 images for the People's Choice Award, the winner of which will be chosen on the awards night by the general public. The judges' decision is final.
8. Respective Councillors, competition organisers, the judging panel and their immediate families are not eligible to enter the competition.
9. Entries must be submitted online by 5pm, Friday 18 October 2019. Please note: this year we are trialing online entries only.
10. Late entries will not be accepted.
12. Any photos that have not been collected by February 2020 will be disposed of.
13. The competition organisers will not cover transport costs incurred in delivery or return of works.
14. Entrants must organise their own insurance cover against damage, loss by any means or theft. The competition organisers do not insure works in transit, storage or handling or on exhibition.



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