

2021 Mary Poppins Literary Competition

The annual Literary Awards competition for young writers and poets was established to commemorate the writer P.L. Travers (the creator of Mary Poppins) who was born in Maryborough. Over the years enthusiastic young writers from across our region have showcased their creative talents via this competition. 2021 marks our 21st writing competition and again we offer nearly \$2000 in prize money (table 1).



Competition rules and requirements:

- The competition is open to students residing in the Fraser Coast Region with only one entry per category.
- The story or poem must be an original work and have a fantasy theme. Entries should be typed where possible and should comply with word/line count requirements (table 2).
- Entry Forms should be completed and attached to all entries. Note - no name to be entered onto submitted story or poem itself.
- Entries must be received by the close of business on **Friday, 27th August 2021** and lodged at one of the places listed on the Entry Form.
- Prize winners will be notified by phone or email and prize presentations will be made on Saturday, 9th October 2021 at 10.30am at the Maryborough Library.
- All prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the judges and their decision will be final.

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PRIZE LIST

All winners will receive a cash prize and certificate

Student Year Groupings	Award	LITERARY PRIZE	POETRY PRIZE
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6	1st	\$150	\$65
	2nd	\$100	\$30
	3rd	\$75	\$20
Grades 7, 8 & 9	1st	\$200	\$65
	2nd	\$150	\$30
	3rd	\$100	\$20
Grades 10, 11 & 12	1st	\$300	\$65
	2nd	\$200	\$30
	3rd	\$150	\$20

Table 1

COMPETITION RULES & REQUIREMENTS

LEVEL	STORY	POEM
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6	250 words (approx. 1 A4 sheet)	12 lines
Grades 7, 8 & 9	500 words (approx. 2 A4 sheets)	16 lines
Grades 10, 11 & 12	1000 words (approx. 4 A4 sheets)	20 lines

Table 2



Entries to be dropped off at one of the following Fraser Coast Libraries:

Burrum Heads Library

22 Burrum Heads Road, Burrum Heads

Hervey Bay Library

161 Old Maryborough Road, Pialba

Howard Library

56 Steley Street, Howard

Maryborough Library

127-129 Bazaar Street, Maryborough

Tiaro Library

Lot 1 Forgan Terrace, Tiaro

Or posted to:

The Proud Mary's "2021 Literary & Poetry Competition",
P.O. Box 3025 Pallas Street Post Office,
Maryborough, 4650
by **Friday, 27th August 2021.**



ENTRY FORM

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

HOME PHONE.....EMAIL.....

SCHOOL ATTENDED.....GRADE.....

Please complete details of your entry:

Title of story.....

Title of poem.....

Please read and sign:

I understand and AGREE / NOT AGREE that my competition entry (story and/or poem) may be published following the competition by the Fraser Coast Library on their webpage or elsewhere.

Signed student or guardian.....