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JUNIOR SCHOOL WRITING COMPETITION

The Thomas Hassall Anglican College Prep – Year 6 House Writing Competition – 2026

Theme: “Discover”

What is it? A writing competition open to all students, Prep to 6. Students enter under their name, grade and house.

PREP-YEAR 2 – due Thursday May 8

Students will be given one or two lessons to work on their entry in class time. They may finish these at home. Prep – 2 students are allowed to write their task at home as well and submit this instead of their school task. Please view the guidelines below to see how much assistance can be given.

Submit these to your child’s class teacher.

YEAR 3-YEAR 6 – due Tuesday March 31

Students will complete the writing task at home. Parents – please see the guidelines below to see how much assistance can be given. These must be typed and saved.

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THEME: DISCOVER

This theme must be included. Students can write about a real event, an imagined event, or use it as a metaphor in their writing. It could be a physical discovery, an adventure, or a discovery about their family history or themselves.

SUBMISSIONS:

Students may submit a creative writing piece (narrative or poem). It needs to be handed in on A4 paper. There is a limit of three for each entry.

MUST HAVES:

Entries must be labelled with the student's first and last names, class and house.

Years 3-6 entries must be typed and spellchecked. P-2 may be handwritten or typed. Please save a copy of any typed works.

Students must submit their own work.

It must be original, and not previously awarded any prizes in other writing competitions.

PARENT GUIDELINES:

You may:

- - Look at images or videos and discuss what your child can hear, see and what they might feel.
- - Discuss story or poem ideas.
- - Help with editing so spelling, punctuation and grammar are correct.
- - Provide some feedback on how the story could be improved, e.g. "I think you have rushed into the action here. Slow it down by adding more description," or, "You have used the same sentence beginning for every sentence. How could you change this to make it more interesting?"

Please do not:

- - Write the story for your child.
- - Edit it heavily so it no longer resembles the original attempt.
- - Tell them what to write.

We want this to be fun celebration of each student's ideas.

A winning entry from each grade will receive a mystery book-related prize. They will be published in an online format later this year.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Mrs Alex Saville: asaville@thac.nsw.edu.au

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