

Looking through our window

Rural & remote schools photo competition

Purpose

'Looking through our window' is a photo story competition to celebrate the people, places and spaces of rural and remote education. The competition seeks to capture the unique perspectives of schools and their context. The Rural and Distance Education team intend to use the photo stories submitted in various forms of media to build understanding of the context and highlight the great things about rural and remote schools.

Theme

Rural and remote schools are great places to be. (#lookingthroughourwindow)

Process

1. Schools create a photo story containing a maximum of 10 photos. Photo stories are a sequence of photos that highlight the unique perspectives of your school and showcase the great things about rural and remote education.
2. Photo stories should address the criteria below as they will be used by the panel.
3. Schools can submit a maximum of 2 entries per school (must be approved by Principal).
4. Submit by Friday 11 September, 2020 - Term 3, Week 8 via email to ruralandpathways@det.nsw.edu.au.
In the subject field, include your school name, category and 'Looking through our window' photo competition.
5. Panel will convene to review entries in Term 3, Week 9, 2020.
6. Winners will be notified by Friday 25 September, 2020 – Term 3, Week 10.

Categories

- Teaching Principal schools (TP1/TP2)
- Central schools
- Primary schools (K-6)
- High schools (7-12)
- Other schools (EEC, SSP, SDE etc)

Please note: All photos submitted may be used by the Department of Education. If a photo is selected to be used, schools will be contacted seeking permission forms for publishing in line with Department requirements. Panel will consist of representatives from a range of stakeholders.

Prizes

Prize money will be awarded to the school with the intention to be used by the student council or student representative group on projects to improve their school environment e.g. vegetable garden or student selected furniture for a classroom learning space.

- 1st \$2500
- 2nd \$1500
- 3rd \$1000

All applications submitted must be endorsed by the Principal.

Selected schools will be asked to share how their prize money was spent to improve their classroom, outdoor learning space or environment.

Criteria

Photo stories should:

- reflect the context, challenges and/or diversity of rural and remote schools
- showcase the strengths of rural and remote schools
- celebrate unique or unusual features
- highlight your community through its people, places and spaces.

Your photo story of 10 photos could include, but is not restricted to:

1. Through your window: taken inside a room looking out (across playground/oval etc)
2. Your school: display your school name in some capacity
3. Your students
4. Your staff
5. Your playground
6. A classroom
7. Something that your school is proud of
8. Something unusual/unique about your school
9. Beyond the school boundary: looking outside your school gate
10. Your choice...

More information

Email ruralandpathways@det.nsw.edu.au to find out more information.

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