

# MACARTHUR NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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Entry guide for Primary Schools





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The Macarthur councils are once again hosting the highly anticipated Macarthur Nature Photography Competition (MNPC) and encouraging our primary 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 primary school students have the unique opportunity to win the 2021 MNPC School Prize Package for their school.

## Entry is easy

When students fill out their online entry form, all they need to do is specify their age and parent's contact details to go in the running to win a prize for themselves in one of the four main categories.



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 competition is a great way to engage primary school students in a range of syllabus content. The following details a number of learning outcomes (not exhaustive) that can be achieved through participation in this competition.

## Creative Arts

Due to photography being the main medium of communication for this competition, there are a number of opportunities to engage creative art students.

Early Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
VAES1.2	VAS1.1	VAS2.1	VAS3.1
VAES1.4	VAS1.4	VAS2.2 VAS2.4	VAS3.2 VAS3.4

## Science

The natural environment is at the core of this competition, encouraging students to explore and study their natural surroundings. This could be within the school grounds or the local reserve.

Early Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
STe-2VA STe-4WS	ST1-2VA	ST2-2VA	ST3-2VA

## Geography

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

Early Stage 1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Gee-1	GE1-1 GE1-2	GE2-1 GE2-2	GE3-1 GE3-2

## Competition themes

The four categories for the competition are:

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



**2. NATIVE 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. 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.

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### Don't forget!

The People's Choice Award is back again this year with an amazing prize for the most popular photo, voted by YOU through our online photo galley

## **Primary School Prize Package**

Any photograph that has been entered by the individual with the name of their primary school and their age included on the entry form, has the potential to win the best overall image taken by a primary school student.

### **Announcement of winners**

Due to COVID-19 there will not be an awards ceremony this year. Instead will be announce winners online and showcase their winning entries via the Macarthur Council's social media accounts.



## 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. To enter your photos, visit [campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/MNPC](http://campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/MNPC)

**Please note:** Online entries are free to enter up to four photos.



## 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 four 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 from 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 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 by 5pm, Friday 15 October 2021.
10. Late entries will not be accepted.
11. Any photos that have not been collected by February 2022 will be disposed of.
12. The competition organisers will not cover transport costs incurred in delivery or return of works.
13. All entrants have the option of nominating their entry for inclusion in the Campbelltown Hospital arts collection, which could see their image reproduced by South Western Sydney Local Health District for display within the hospital's new clinical services building or existing buildings. Reproduction could take a variety of forms, including permanent wall murals and/or rotating displays of framed/hung images. There will be no remuneration for use of nominated images, however, entrants will be acknowledged if their image is reproduced for this purpose.

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[campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/MNPC](http://campbelltown.nsw.gov.au/MNPC)

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