



SECONDARY SCHOOLS SCRIPTWRITING COMPETITION 2026

ASPIRE's annual secondary scriptwriting competition invites interested creatives to get writing and share their stories. There is no theme, and students can write about whatever they are interested in. Scripts must be PG rated and be between five and eight minutes in length, with a maximum of six performers.

Once entries close, shortlisted finalists will be sent feedback to consider from the judges, and asked to submit a second draft of their script for the competition evening. The winner of each category will be decided at a live staged reading performance in June where a guest panel will judge the scripts. There are two categories; Years 7-9 and Years 10 -12.

CRITERIA:

- Scripts must be between five and eight minutes long (read your entry out loud to ensure timings)
- Scripts must not be adaptations of existing stories
- While the play can have any number of characters, the script must be written for a maximum of six performers
- Scripts may be written by an individual or a writing team (all must be Catholic Schools students)
- Writers can include set, costume, props and special effects in their stage directions. However, be aware that the performance may not allow for any theatrical devices.
- Actors will perform with script in hand

HOW TO ENTER

1. Submit your script via the link below
File format: Word document (not PDF or a photo).

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The ASPIRE Scriptwriting Competition Entry is an online process, upload via the ASPIRE website form.



1. Follow the link or scan the QR code:
<https://forms.office.com/r/d76BKZkUnr>
2. FILL IN THE FORM TO ENTER AND UPLOAD YOUR FILE

ENTRIES CLOSE:

Thursday 23 April 2026

CONDITIONS:

Students are permitted to seek feedback from their teachers or tutors, but the final product must be their own work. Artificial Intelligence is not to be used in any aspect of the work submitted.