



# 2017 Tim Winton Award for Young Writers

## Frequently asked questions

### **Is there a theme for the award?**

The Tim Winton Award for Young Writers encourages innovation and creativity. The judges are looking for stories which show originality. The award does not ask students to adhere to a particular theme in order to encourage innovation and individual ideas.

### **Can I edit my student's story before entering it?**

All entries must be the sole work of the entrant. Stories should not be edited by parents or teachers. The judges will assess students on the quality of their writing

### **How should I submit my story?**

You can choose to submit either a physical or digital copy of your story.

If your story is handwritten you can submit the physical copy, together with your printed confirmation of entry to Subiaco Library in person or via post. If you have a digital copy of your story you can submit it online during the online entry process.

### **My class has completed a story-writing task. Can I enter all of their stories in the award?**

As long as the entry is the sole work of the student, and meets the entry requirements the story can be entered. However the judges discourage teachers from entering a class set of stories on the same topic or with similar prompts. The Tim Winton Award encourages innovation and creativity and the judges are looking for entries which show these qualities.

### **I am eighteen years old and in my first year of university. Can I enter the award?**

The award is open to Western Australian school students in years one to twelve. University students or high school graduates are not eligible to enter the award.

### **My child is in pre-primary. Can my child enter the award?**

The award is open to Western Australian school students in years one to twelve. Pre-primary students are not eligible to enter the award.

### **My child is home-schooled. Can my child enter the award?**

Yes, providing your child is in Western Australia and studying in years one to twelve they can enter the award.

### **Am I metropolitan or Regional?**

Metropolitan postcodes include 6000 to 6199. Regional postcodes include 6200 to 6999.

### **How can I get updates and reminders about the award?**

You can join the award e-newsletter to get up-to-date information about the award, entry reminders and updates on winners and finalists. Register your email at

[www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/timwintonaward](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/timwintonaward)

### **What details do I need to register my entry online?**

To register your entry online you will need the following information:

- author's name, age, gender and school year
- contact information (email, phone and postal address)
- title of the story and word count

### **Will I get my story back after I have submitted it?**

Due to the large number of entries received in the award each year entries cannot be returned. Entrants are encouraged to make a copy of their story before entering the award.

### **Who is Tim Winton?**

Tim Winton is a Western Australian author. For more information on Tim Winton and his publications, visit [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/timwintonwaward](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/timwintonwaward).

### **I need more information, who should I contact?**

For information about the Tim Winton Award contact Subiaco Library on 9237 9300 or email [award@subiaco.wa.gov.au](mailto:award@subiaco.wa.gov.au)