**SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL**

**SHORT STORY COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

Student Name: ..........................................................................................................

Year : ............................... Entry Number (staff will allocate): ………....…………..

Signature item/word: .................................................................................................

Title of Short Story: ...................................................................................................

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This competition aims to foster the development and love of creative writing and consequently further develop each student’s passion for reading. The competition is open to all students currently enrolled at Blaxland High School.

Entries Close: **Friday 19 November 2022**

Fee: **$1.00**

**CATEGORIES:**

**Year 7 and 8 (stage 4)** Signature word is **Growth**

**Year 9 and 10 (stage 5)** Signature word is **Encounters**

Signature word: the signature word is a guide to the theme of the short story and must appear somewhere in the story. It can play a major role or be a small feature of your story.

**Attach this entry form to your manuscript.**

Contact staff:

Ms C Costello (Teacher Librarian)

**Seven Hills High School**

**Short Story Competition**

**First prize in both Categories valued at $50:00**

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**Terms and Conditions:**

1. The judge’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into (Judges are Ms Costello and ……)
2. The marking criteria is available for all competitors from the library or can be downloaded from: https://www.virtuallibrary.info/short-story-writing-competition.html
3. All entrants must be currently enrolled and attending SHHS.
4. Entries must not exceed
	1. 600 words for Year 7 & 8
	2. 800 words for Year 9 & 10
5. Entries must be typed or neatly hand written on A4 paper (one side only). Use both 1.5 line spacing and standard font size (size 12).
6. Signature words: **Growth** for Year 7 and 8

 **Encounters** for Year 9 and 10

1. The **signature word** must be featured somewhere in the story. It can play a major role or be a small feature in your story.
2. One entry per student.
3. **Student’s names must not appear on the manuscript, only as part of the entry form.** Each entry will be allocated an entry number by library staff on receipt of entry.
4. Entries are to be received no later than the advertised closing date **Friday 19 November 2022.** No late entries.
5. Co-written entries will be disqualified.
6. Copying an existing story is plagiarism and is against the Law. If plagiarism occurs the entrant will be disqualified and their parents notified. This applies to plot as well as content.
7. Copyright remains with the author.
8. The author’s name and year group must appear on a separate cover sheet with each entry.
9. Page numbers must be applied in the following way e.g. 1/2, 2/2 etc.
10. No responsibility will be accepted for any misplaced work.
11. The winning short stories will be published in the school newsletter and on the school webpage.
12. The winners will receive their awards at a Formal Assembly.
13. Prizes may vary each year and may be in the form of books, vouchers or DVDs.