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SMH ESSAY COMPETITION

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Dymocks Teams Up with Fairfax Media to Launch New Essay Prize for Young Writers

Attention budding writers! Dymocks Books and Dymocks Tutoring, in collaboration with The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, and Brisbane Times, introduce an exclusive annual essay competition. An unmatched opportunity to voice your unique ideas and perspectives, winners will be featured on these renowned platforms.

Perks & Prizes:

- A share in cash rewards worth \$12,000, provided by Dymocks Books & Gifts and Dymocks Tutoring.
- A year-long digital subscription to The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, and Brisbane Times.
- An exclusive chance to pitch up to four opinion articles over the next year.

Star-Studded Judging Panel:

The competition will be judged by a talented panel including award-winning authors Tara June Winch (NSW), Maxine Beneba Clarke (Victoria), and Ellen van Neerven (Queensland), alongside senior editors from our Fairfax media partners.

Dymocks Books & Gifts and Dymocks Tutoring are proud sponsors

The competition is a natural fit for Dymocks Books & Gifts and Dymocks Tutoring says Mark Buckland, Dymocks Group director:

"For almost 150 years Dymocks through Dymocks Books and Dymocks Tutoring has been committed to the written word and the impact it can have on society. We're incredibly proud to support The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age and Brisbane Times in this inaugural essay competition. We hope that the competition amplifies the voices of today's young writers and encourages them to share through the written word their aspirations and vision for the future."

Participation Details:

- Age brackets: 14-18 and 19-24 years.
- Submissions judged based on uniqueness, writing finesse, engaging tone, compelling arguments, and topical relevance. Originality and creativity earn bonus points!
- Deadline: October 2. Shortlisted names will be unveiled in mid-November, with winners and runners-up announced by the month-end.

Dive into this exciting opportunity that stands alongside Nine Publishing's other esteemed awards such as The Dymocks Beyond Words Creative Writing Competition, The Sydney Morning Herald Best Young Australian Novelist Award and The Age Book of the Year Award.

Ready to make a mark? Submit your entries via this [Google Form](#).

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ABOUT DYMOCKS TUTORING

Owned by the Dymocks Group, one of Australia's oldest family companies, Dymocks Tutoring is a leading provider of educational services, offering personalised, one-on-one and small group tutoring to students of all ages and abilities. The company's experienced tutors specialise in a wide range of subjects, including English, mathematics, science, and HSIE. With locations across Sydney, Dymocks Tutoring is committed to helping students achieve their full potential and empowering parents with the tools they need to support their child's education.

ABOUT DYMOCKS BOOKS & GIFTS

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