

MACARTHUR NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

9 SEPTEMBER - 7 OCTOBER 2022

Entry guide for High Schools





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The Macarthur councils are once again hosting the highly anticipated Macarthur Nature Photography Competition (MNPC) and encouraging our high schools to engage their students in this competition.

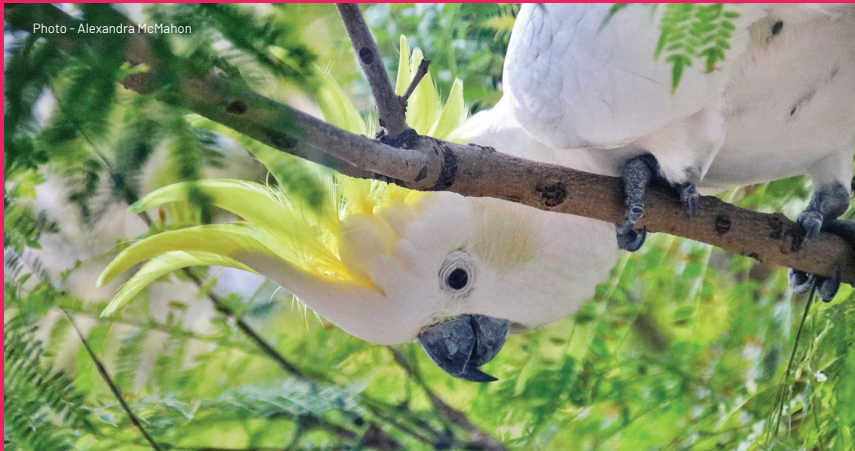
We invite your students to enter their most striking, engaging and enticing images of local native flora, wildlife and natural scenery taken from within the Macarthur area, showcasing their artistic vision and impression of the natural environment to the wider community.

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 high school students have the unique opportunity to win the 2022 MNPC School Prize Package for their school.

Entry is easy

When students fill out their 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 MNPC is a great way to engage high school students in a range of syllabus content. The following details just some of the many learning outcomes that can be achieved through participation in this competition.

Creative Arts

Photography is the main medium of communication for the MNPC.

Visual Arts	Life Skills Outcomes and Content	Photographic and Digital Media
Conceptual Framework (4.2)	Conceptual Framework (LS.4)	Conceptual Framework (5.2)
Frames (4.3) Frames (LS.6)	Frames (5.3)	
Representation (4.4)	Conceptual Strength and Meaning (LS.8)	Representation (5.4)
Conceptual strength and meaning (4.5)	Conceptual strength and meaning (5.5)	
Conceptual Framework (4.8)	Resolution (LS.9)	Conceptual Framework (5.8)
Frames (4.9)		Frames (5.9)

Science

The natural environment is the central theme of the MNPC, encouraging students to explore and study their natural surroundings. This could be within the school grounds or a local reserve.

Stage 4	Stage 5
SC4-1VA	SC5-1VA
SC4-2VA	SC5-2VA
SC4-6WS	SC5-6WS
SC4-14LW	SC5-14LW

Geography

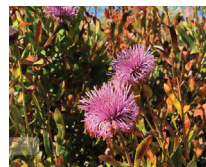
MNPC encourages students to capture photos that encompass a range of themes and to describe these photos as part of their submission.

Stage 4	Stage 5
GE4-1	GE5-1
GE4-2	GE5-2
GE4-3	GE5-3
GE4-5	

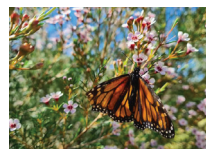
Competition themes

The four categories for the competition are:

1. AUSTRALIAN PLANTS: Photograph the naturally Australian plants that are found in the Macarthur region. This includes the leaves, branches, flowers, seeds, lichen, bark and fungi that make up the Australian plant community.



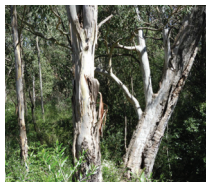
2. AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS: Photograph the animals that call Australia home and are found in the Macarthur region. This includes the furry, scaly, slippery, feathery, and crawly beings that are uniquely Australian wildlife.



3. WATER IN LANDSCAPE: Photograph the presence of water naturally occurring in the Macarthur landscape. This includes creeks, rivers, lakes, ponds, and wetlands.



4. PEOPLE HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT: Photograph the positive impacts, actions and behaviours of people helping the Macarthur environment. This can include picking up litter, nest boxes, wildlife rescue, habitat gardens, and weeding.



Individual prizes

Primary school aged (5 to 12 years)

- \$100 Prepaid Gift Card and \$100 Narellan Town Centre voucher for first place in each theme
- \$75 Prepaid Gift Card for second place in each theme.

High school aged (13 to 18 years)

- \$150 Prepaid Gift Card and \$100 Narellan Town Centre voucher for first place in each theme.
- \$100 Prepaid Gift Card for second place in each theme.

Open section (18+ years)

- \$250 Prepaid Gift Card and \$100 Narellan Town Centre voucher for first place in each theme.
- \$150 Prepaid Gift Card for second place in each theme.

People's choice

- \$500 Prepaid Gift Card

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 Narellan Town Centre Display

Announcement of winners

An online album of each age category winner will be developed by the Macarthur Councils

This winners will be shared online via social media, with the winners being contacted ahead of time during the month of October 2022.



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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

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

Photo - Andrew Lake



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 approved by the general managers of 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 7 October 2022.
10. Late entries will not be accepted.
11. Any photos that have not been collected by February 2023 will be disposed of.
12. The competition organisers will not cover transport costs incurred in delivery or return of works.

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