



Culture in Colour: Mayor's Art Competition

FAQs

What is the Mayor's Art Competition?

The competition is a chance for children to create art that celebrates the cultural days that mean the most to them. The winning designs will be used in Council's marketing and promotion of cultural days of significance across the coming year.

What are cultural days of significance?

Children can choose any celebratory day or time of year that is important to their family or cultural background. Some cultural days that the Georges River Mayor would love to recognise are:

- Christmas
- Australia Day
- Lunar New Year*
- Ramadan
- Easter
- Eid
- Passover
- ANZAC Day
- Orthodox Easter
- NAIDOC Week
- Yom Kippur
- Dashain
- Diwali
- Others suggested by children

*Council is looking for artwork that can be used into 2025, so Lunar New Year will be Year of the Snake.

Who can enter the competition?

Children currently enrolled in Years K to 6 in any school in the Georges River Council local government area can enter the competition. You can check the borders of Georges River on Council's website: [Georges River Council - Neighbourhood Maps \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.georgesrivercouncil.nsw.gov.au/Neighbourhood-Maps)

Using the competition entry form provided, children can create their art through drawing, painting or collage. Competition entry forms also need to be signed by the child's parent or guardian to be eligible.

When will the Mayor's Art Competition be held?

Students can create their artwork during Term 1 2024. Artwork must be submitted by 12 April 2024. The Mayor of Georges River Council will lead the promotion of the competition to schools during February 2024.

Submissions from all days of significance will be received and judged at the same time.



How do children enter the competition?

Entry forms will be given to schools in the Georges River area for teachers to include the competition in their Term 1 teaching plan. Entry forms will also be available at Council's libraries and at the Hurstville Museum & Gallery.

Schools or individuals need to mail or drop off a physical copy of their artwork and entry form to Georges River Council.

You can mail entries to:

Mayor's Art Competition
Georges River Council
PO BOX 205, Hurstville BC NSW 1481

Or drop off entries to Council's Customer Service Centre:

Georges River Civic Centre
Corner MacMahon and Dora Streets, Hurstville NSW

After the winners have been decided, artwork will be returned to schools.

How will the competition winners be decided?

The Mayor of Georges River Council will decide the winning artwork for each of the cultural days of significance. Council will contact the winners once they have been decided.

Why is Georges River Council holding the competition?

The competition will provide an opportunity for the cultural and artistic expression of children to be experienced throughout the community.

Culture unites us through shared heritage and stories, connecting us to a specific place and time. Our diverse cultural traditions create a vibrant community that celebrates history and fosters well-being. A thriving and culturally rich community relies on a robust art and culture scene, which is built on strong community involvement. A strong relationship between Council and our community is important to maintain this participation.

How will Georges River Council use the winning artworks?

The winning designs will be used in Council's marketing and promotion of cultural days of significance throughout the coming year. Use of the artwork for marketing and promotion will include printed material (such as posters, banners and reports) and digital material (such as social media campaigns, Council's website and Council's digital screens). Winning artists will be acknowledged by first name and year level whenever their artwork is used.

Winners will also receive a certificate signed by the Mayor of Georges River Council, and a prize of art supplies to continue their artistic endeavors.



How can the Mayor's Art Competition meet syllabus outcomes?

The Mayor's Art Competition provides an opportunity for students to create artworks about personal experiences and events that occur at home, at school or in the local community.

Participating in the art competition will fulfil several of the NSW K-6 Visual Art Education Syllabus indicators, including:

- (VAS1.2) using forms to make artwork according to varying requirements.
- (VAS1.3) Acknowledge that artists make artworks for different reasons and various interpretations are possible.
- (VAS3.1) Investigate subject matter to represent likenesses of things in the world.

The theme of this competition provides students with the opportunity to experiment with a range of different artmaking techniques and materials to communicate ideas, experiences and beliefs that are important to them.

When making art, students may think about different cultures, beliefs, and traditions. These learning experiences can also be linked across the curriculum and be connected to the HSIE syllabus, by teaching students how to use art to show what they have learnt from a social or cultural event. Participating in the competition will help students to see how their own art can become a special part of their community's culture.

