Local Student Art Prize 2027

16 April to 13 June 2027

Conditions of Entry

Presented by
Caloundra Regional Gallery

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Presented by the Sunshine Coast Council and Caloundra Regional Gallery, the ***Local Student Art Prize 2027*** will be held on **Friday 16 April to Sunday 13 June 2027** in the Artroom at the Caloundra Regional Gallery.

Children aged five and up are encouraged to participate in this exciting opportunity by entering a two-dimensional artwork that celebrates their local region.

There is a total prize pool of $1500. Art supplies vouchers will be awarded across a range of categories to winning entrants and their schools.

Thirty finalists will be displayed in the Artroom at the Caloundra Regional Gallery.

Key Dates

- Entries open: Monday 9 November 2026
- Entries close: Sunday 7 February 2027
- Artworks and completed entry forms are to be delivered from Tuesday 10 November 2026 through to Sunday 7 February 2027 between the hours of 10am – 4pm Tuesday to Friday or Saturday and Sunday 10am – 2pm (excluding Public Holidays) to Caloundra Regional Gallery, 22 Omrah Avenue, Caloundra (adj. Caloundra Library).
- Finalists announced by Friday 19 February 2027
- The winners will be announced on Saturday 17 April 2027 between 11.30am and 12.30pm
- Exhibition dates: Friday 16 April to Sunday 13 June 2027
- Return of artworks: Collect Wednesday 16 – Sunday 20 June 2027, between the hours of 10am – 4pm Tuesday to Friday or Saturday and Sunday 10am – 2pm (excluding Public Holidays), from Caloundra Regional Gallery. All finalists work must be collected no later than Sunday 11 July 2027 after which time they will be disposed off.

Instructions and Conditions

How to Enter

- There is no entry fee. To be considered for selection, entrants must comply with all entry instructions and conditions. Please ensure your artwork does not exceed the size requirements.
- Bring the completed entry form along with the artwork to Caloundra Regional Gallery from Tuesday 10 November 2026 through to Sunday 7 February 2027 between the hours of 10am – 4pm Tuesday to Friday or Saturday and Sunday 10am – 2pm (excluding public holidays).
- **Maximum one entry per student.**

Eligibility

Local Student Art Prize 2027 is open to school-aged children from within the Sunshine Coast and Noosa Council regions that are 18 years and under at time of entry.

Eligible schools include: Private schools, state schools, independent schools, home school groups

There are three categories:

8 Years and Under

- Individual winner: $200 art supplies voucher
- School of winner entry: $200 art supplies voucher
- Highly commended: $50 art supplies voucher

9 – 13 Years

- Individual: $200 art supplies voucher
- School of winner entry: $200 art supplies voucher
- Highly commended: $50 art supplies voucher

14 – 18 Years

- Individual winner: $200 art supplies voucher
- School of winner entry: $200 art supplies voucher
- Highly commended: $50 art supplies voucher

Judge's Encouragement Award: $150 art supplies voucher

The Artwork

- Must be a depiction of something about the Sunshine Coast region/area.
- Must be on paper (NOT board)
- Must be unmounted and unframed.
- Paper must be no smaller than A4 (210 × 297 mm) and no larger than A3 (420 × 297 mm)
- Can be either portrait or landscape.
- Any art materials may be used (eg. paint, pencil, pastels, collage, etc.) but the artwork must be two-dimensional.
- Must be original and not infringe the copyright, moral rights, or other rights of any third party.
- Must be recent work created in 2026 – 2027.
- Must be the original work and not a copy of the original work unless otherwise agreed.
- AI generated artwork will not be accepted

Preparing the entry

- The work must be accompanied by a printout of the completed entry form.
- Clearly label the back of the artwork: name, age, address, and contact details. Make sure this doesn't show through to the front.
- Do NOT roll or fold the artwork. We suggest placing it between two pieces of A3 cardboard for delivery to protect it and keep it flat.
- Delivery must be made in-person. Deliveries will not be accepted via Australia Post.
- Deliver entries to: Caloundra Regional Gallery, 22 Omrah Avenue, Caloundra (opposite Caloundra Library) from Tuesday 10 November 2026 – Sunday 7 February 2027 between the hours of 10am – 4pm Tuesday to Friday or Saturday and Sunday 10am – 2pm (excluding Public Holidays) to Caloundra Regional Gallery, 22 Omrah Avenue, Caloundra (adj. Caloundra Library).
- Entries will only be accepted during the specified delivery period.

Selection of Finalists

- A maximum of thirty finalists, ten from each of the three categories, will be selected for exhibition in the Artroom at the Caloundra Regional Gallery. Finalists will be chosen by a selection panel nominated by Friends Caloundra Regional Gallery Inc. and Sunshine Coast Council.
- The selection panel's decision is final and no further correspondence shall be entered into.
- Finalists will be notified as per Key Dates.

Judging

- The judge's decision will be final and no subsequent discussion will be entered into.
- Three winning entries and three highly commended entries for the ***Local Student Award 2027*** (one representing each age category) will be selected by the independent judge from the finalists. There will also be one overall Judge's Encouragement Award.
- Prize winners and their schools will be notified prior to the official opening.

Prizes

- No cash prizes will be given. The amount of $1500 in prize vouchers for art supplies will be awarded.
- The schools of the three winning entries will be awarded a prize voucher to the value of $200 for each age category. In the case of there being no direct school associated with the winning entry of a school-aged child, the awarding of the school prize will be at the discretion of Caloundra Regional Gallery and Sunshine Coast Council.

Exhibiting the artwork

- Sunshine Coast Council and Caloundra Regional Gallery reserves the right to determine the most appropriate method for displaying works and to refuse to display any works deemed inappropriate or unsafe.
- All students grant Sunshine Coast Council permission to display the work in the Artroom at the Caloundra Regional Gallery (see Key Dates).
- All artworks must remain on display until after the exhibition finishes on Sunday 13 June 2027. The display will be open to the public from Friday 16 April 2027.
- Collecting the artwork – work will be available for pickup from Caloundra Regional Gallery from Wednesday 16 – Sunday 20 June 2027, between the hours of 10am – 4pm Tuesday to Friday or Saturday and Sunday 10am – 2pm (excluding Public Holidays), from Caloundra Regional Gallery (see Key Dates). All finalists work must be collected no later than Sunday 11 July 2027 after which time they will be disposed off.
- Students/schools are responsible for organising the collection of their work during the time period specified (see Key Dates).
- There will be no returns by Australia Post.
- Sunshine Coast Council will not pay for any costs incurred in the collection or transfer of artwork entries.
- Any artworks not collected by **2pm Sunday 21 July 2027** from Caloundra Regional Gallery become the property of Sunshine Coast Council and will be disposed of as they deem suitable unless other arrangements have been made directly to the Gallery.

Care and Responsibilty

Sunshine Coast Council will exercise all reasonable care with the artworks submitted for ***Local Student Art Prize 2027***. However, it does not insure them against damage or theft, this is the responsibility of the artist.

Copyright

The student must be the sole author and owner of the copyright of artwork entered.

The Sunshine Coast Council, Caloundra Regional Gallery reserve the right to photograph/scan all artworks entered in the ***Local Student Art Prize 2027*** for the purpose of documentation and promotion.

The winners grant a non-exclusive licence to Sunshine Coast Council, Caloundra Regional Gallery, and Friends Regional Gallery Caloundra Inc. to reproduce the work either in full or in detail, in material form, to photograph, publish and/or communicate it to the public for prize-related purposes and anything incidental to such purposes. This licence includes marketing, publicity, educational and publication uses for the gallery, the prize, and its exhibition in all media, including—but not limited to—electronic/digital, broadcasting and print media, in perpetuity.

Interpretation of Rules

In the event of a dispute regarding the interpretation of the rules and conditions, the decision of Sunshine Coast Council shall be binding on all parties.

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