



Local Student Art Prize 2026

27 March to 17 May 2026

Conditions of Entry

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Caloundra Regional Gallery**

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Initiated by Marie Pigott, past President of the Friends, the **Local Student Art Prize 2026** is sponsored by Friends Regional Gallery Inc. and supported by the Sunshine Coast Council and Caloundra Regional Gallery. The **Local Student Art Prize 2026** exhibition will be held on **Friday 27 March to Sunday 17 April 2026** 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.

A total prize pool of \$1500 has been generously donated by Friends Regional Gallery Caloundra Inc. and Marie Pigott. 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: Tuesday 4 November 2025
- Entries close: Sunday 18 January 2026
- Artworks and completed entry forms are to be delivered from Tuesday 4 November 2025 through to Sunday 18 January 2026 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: Friday 20 February 2026
- The winners will be announced on Saturday 16 May 2026
- Exhibition dates: Friday 27 March to Sunday 17 May 2026
- Return of artworks: Collect Wednesday 20 – Sunday 23 May 2026, between the hours of 10am – 4pm Tuesday to Friday or Saturday and Sunday 10am – 2pm (excluding Public Holidays), from Caloundra Regional Gallery

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 4 November 2025 through to Sunday 18 January 2026 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 2026 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 and home-schooled children.

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 2025 – 2026.
- Must be the original work and not a copy of the original work unless otherwise agreed.

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 4 November 2025 – Sunday 18 January 2026 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 2026** (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 courtesy of Friends Regional Gallery Caloundra Inc. and sponsor Marie Pigott.
- 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 Friends Regional Gallery Caloundra Inc., 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 17 May 2026. The display will be open to the public from Friday 27 March 2026.
- Collecting the artwork – work will be available for pickup from Caloundra Regional Gallery from Wednesday 20 – Sunday 24 May 2026, 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).
- 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 24 May 2026** 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 Responsibility

Sunshine Coast Council will exercise all reasonable care with the artworks submitted for **Local Student Art Prize 2026**. 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, and Friends Regional Gallery Caloundra Inc. reserve the right to photograph/scan all artworks entered in the **Local Student Art Prize 2026** 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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