

SGCNZ/ DAWN SANDERS SHAKESPEARE COSTUME **DESIGN COMPETITION 2026**

Chances to win money and the exciting opportunity to have your Design constructed and exhibited in New Zealand and at Shakespe

Your work can count towards NCEA if applicable.



Design a costume for a character from any Shakespeare play

Sketch your costume design on A3 paper – laminate where possible

Write an accompanying rationale of approximately 300 words describing:

- for which character the costume is designed
- why you consider your design is appropriate for the character
- why you chose your particular style

21 Provide one page of research and the development process of the design

and include instructions on how the costume should be constructed

🚮 Include a draft budget for materials amounting to no more than \$200

• as well as reasons for choices of fabrics and samples of them

Send with the attached entry form to each design by 27th March 2026

To:

Costume Design Competition

PO Box 17 215 Wellington 6147 or courier to:

Toi Poneke Arts Centre reception SGCNZ Office 2, Level 1, 61-69 Abel Smith Street Wellington 6011

Enclose a prepaid envelope or tube with a courier sticker and return-to-sender address for returning the original of your entry

CRITERIA

Designs must contain eg contemporary and/or cultural elements, making it original rather than simply period influenced

We encourage choice of a lesser known character and possibly from a lesser known play

Remember that this is a costume for a play which will be seen guite close and up to 20m away, depending on the venue

It needs to be able to be moved in easily when interacting with other actors on stage

Be aware that a costume is a guide to establishing the character for the audience

Consideration must be given to having the other characters costumed empathetically

Costume size needs to be a minimum of size 10 and for a range of heights and physiques

All spelling must be accurate

Entrants must be a Friend of SGCNZ either through their school, home school cluster OR community groups, OR individually

PRIZES

Two entrants will be awarded third place NB: The value of the prizes may vary depending on the entries and the judges decisions. Prize winners will be announced at SGCNZ's



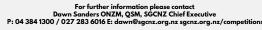
Prize winners will be announced at SGCNZ's VUW Shakespeare Festival Award Ceremony at 7.00pm, 31 May 2026 at the St James Theatre in Wellington.

The finalists will have a chance to attend workshops at SGCNZ VUW National Festival free of-charge on Friday 29 May in Wellington.

The winning designs might be displayed at the National Festival and might then be displayed in Shakespeare's Globe Exhibition, London for 6 weeks and in other locations in NZ.

The four winning designs will be constructed and modelled at the Award Ceremony The Supreme Winner, or if not available, another winner will be offered the position of Student Costumier at SGCNZ's VUW National Shakespeare Schools Production, 26 September- 4 October 2026 in Wellington and also be considered for selection as a member of the SGCNZ YSC 2027 travelling to the Globe in London.

(Standard fees for these will apply)



SGCNZ reserves the right to retain and discuss with the designer, future use of the winning designs



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Due 27 March 2026 Name: Postal address: Postcode: School: Home School Cluster/Community Group: Date of Birth: Student in Year: **Ethnicity:** Mobile: **Female** Male (**Diverse** Email: Play: Entrants may enter under their school's/home school cluster/community group's Friend's Membership or personal Membership. Please tick applicable box: My School/Home School Cluster Group is a financial Friend of SGCNZ Enclosed please find my School's Friend's Fee \$225/Home School Cluster/Community Group Friend's Fee \$120 (please circle one)* I am a Student Friend of SGCNZ Enclosed please find my Student Friend Fee \$50 I enclosed a prepaid envelope or courier sticker for the return of my designs All amounts include GST. This must be paid electronically via the Membership Form on our website. *If necessary, please discuss reductions to the Friends' Membership Fees with the Chief Executive. I agree to my designs and constructed costume (if applicable) being exhibited in NZ and at Shakespeare's Globe, and photos of them to appear in the media, SGCNZ Accent on Shakespeare SGCNZ News, on websites, in magazines, and sent to other sponsors. Student's signature Date I verify that this work is that of the student named above. Teacher's name(if applicable): Mobile/landline: Email: Teacher's signature (if applicable) Parent's/Caregiver's name(if applicable): Mobile/landline:



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Email: