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VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON
TE HERENGA WAKA

SGCNZ/Ida Gaskin Shakespeare Essay Competition ~ with English at THW—VUW 2027

SGCNZ / IDA GASKIN SHAKESPEARE ESSAY COMPETITION ~ WITH ENGLISH AT VUW 2027

Chances to win money and be published in SGCNZ Accent on Shakespeare Magazine

Your work can count towards NCEA if applicable.

1 Choose ONE of the following categories:

Category 1 Analytical

Write an essay on obedience, contradiction or rebellion in **one** of Shakespeare's plays.

Length 750-1250 words.

Category 2 Analytical

Write an essay on "Shakespeare's relevance hinges on giving a voice to the powerless" discussing **two** or **three** plays.

Length 750-1250 words.

Category 3 Creative

a: Write a script for an original scene (a speech, a dialogue or a multi-character scene) that draws togeather characters from at least two Shapespeare plays.

b: Write and illustrate a short graphic novel incorporating at least 15 phrases from Shakespeare's plays or poems.

Length 750-1250 words.

2 Tick appropriate box on Entry Form

3 Send with the attached entry form by 31st March 2027

To: sarah.ross@vuw.ac.nz **CC:** sam@vuw.ac.nz

CRITERIA

Categories 1 and 2 are directed to Year 13 students in 2026 and Year 11-13 students in 2027 (younger ones may enter); Category 3 is for only Year 7-10s.

Readers will be looking for well-written essays which show evidence of independent thought and originality

Spelling must be accurate.

No Artificial Intelligence is to be used.

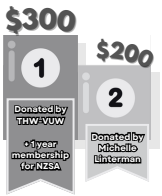
Essays will be read "blind"; please do not identify your name or your school/homeschool group/community group in the essay itself

Ensure that you scan and email your attached form with your entry

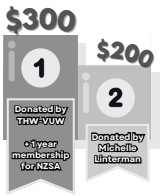
Entrants must be a Friend of SGCNZ either through their school/ home school cluster/community group or individually.

PRIZES

Analytical Category 1



Analytical Category 2



Creative Category 3



NB: The value of the prizes may vary depending on the entries and the judges' decisions.
Prizes donated by THW-VUW, Mary-Annette Hay Bequest, Michelle Linterman, the Gaskin Family and New Zealand Society of Authors.
Prize winners will be announced at the SGCNZ National Shakespeare Festival Award Ceremony at 7.00pm, 6 June 2027 at the St James Theatre in Wellington.

The finalists will have a chance to attend workshops at the SGCNZ National Shakespeare Festival free of-charge on 4 June 2027 in Wellington.

For further information please contact
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P: 04 384 1300 / 027 283 6016 E: dawn@sgcnz.org.nz sgcnz.org.nz/competitions

The Judges' decisions shall be final and no correspondence entered into.

SGCNZ reserves the right to retain and discuss with the author any future use of the winning essays.

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Due 31 March 2027

Name:

Postal address:*

Town/City: **Postcode:**

School:

Home School Cluster/Community Group:

Student in Year: **Date of Birth:**

Mobile: **Ethnicity:**

Email: **Male** **Female** **Diverse**

Essay Category: **Category 1** **Category 2** **Category 3 a or 3 b**

***School postal addresses must be a PO Box or Private Bag address**

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

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 essay being sent to Shakespeare's Globe Archive & Research Department and extracts of my essay being reproduced in SGCNZ's Accent on Shakespeare-SGCNZ News, and media releases, on our website and in educational material. For other use, separate permission will be sought from the author.

Student's signature

Date

I verify that this work is that of the student named above.

Teacher's name(if applicable): **Mobile/landline:**

Teacher's signature (if applicable): **Email:**

Parent's/Caregiver's name(if applicable): **Mobile/landline:**

Parent's/Caregiver's signature: **Email:**

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