

Information for personal entries

Personal entries are submitted by the student from his/her home address.

They are completed at home under parental supervision.

A school is not involved in the organisation or completion of the entry.

Look out for a copy of the current *Information and entry flyer* in February/March.

The *information and entry flyer* can be found in the following places:

- on the CBCA WA website <https://wa.cbca.org.au/myosb>
- school librarian or teacher
- local library.

Promotion:

- share information with other friends who may be interested.
- read and discuss the *Information and entry flyer* to ensure you understand the guidelines.

Closing date:

- plan an early closing date (at least one week **earlier** than the closing date specified on the *Information and entry flyer*)
- ensure the closing date allows time to cope with unforeseen glitches
- allow adequate time to mail your entry to the collection point so it arrives on or before the official closing date.

Completing the entry form:

Cut the entry form from the flyer.

- tick the 'PERSONAL ENTRY' box

- circle your school year level

2023 ENTRY FORM (Tape form to inside FRONT cover of entry)

Please tick as appropriate: School Entry Personal Entry

NAME(s): _____

I/WE are in YEAR (circle): PP 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

SCHOOL NAME AND ADDRESS (school entries ONLY):

HOME ADDRESS (personal entries only): _____

_____ POSTCODE: _____

SCHOOL PHONE (school entries): _____ HOME PHONE: _____

TEACHER'S NAME (school entries): _____

DECLARATION: WE declare that this entry complies with MYOSB entry requirements.

SIGNED: TEACHER/PARENT _____

SIGNED: AUTHOR(S)/ILLUSTRATOR(S) _____

CLEARLY print:

- your name
- your home address

- home phone number
- read and sign the declaration

Ask your parent to print his/her name and sign.

DO NOT include any school information (apart from your year level).

Before you start:

- visit the school or local library to review picture books, chapter books and short novels
- examine the parts of books, locating the blurb, author profile, end papers
- examine the layouts, font styles, illustration options in books
- think about your focus audience. What age group do you want to read your story? This information can be included in the blurb
- research book publishing ideas or use the information included in *Make a book ideas* on the CBCA WA website to decide how you will present your book
- watch the Sean Avery videos on the MYOSB page on the CBCA WA website.

Ready to write?

- watch the Sean Avery videos on the MYOSB page on the CBCA WA website
- create a timeline or list to help you stay organised and on task. A timeline will help you pace yourself, ensure that you remember to include everything and that each task is finished before the due date
- plan your story using words, illustrations and anything else you think is useful
- print, write or type a draft of your story
- ask someone to read your entry and give you feedback to ensure it makes sense
- break your story text into pages and (if relevant) plan where your illustrations will appear
- plan where your text will appear on each page and how you will present it, eg print, write, type, font style
- complete each part of your book, eg print or type text onto each page, cover, illustrations, author profile, blurb, page numbering, end pages, dedication
- a photograph may be included in your 'author profile'.

Now your book is finished:

- hold a celebration to acknowledge your effort
- read and share with others
- ask someone to take a photograph of you with your book
- share the completion of your book with family and friends
- thank everyone for their cooperation and support.

Submission:

- check that all details on the entry form are correct and that it is **TAPED FIRMLY** to the **INSIDE FRONT COVER** of the book
- mail or deliver your book and a **stamped, self addressed envelope** to the collection point shown on the *Information and entry flyer*.

Please address the return envelope to the **book author**.

Winners

Winners are informed by phone.

Details of the Awards ceremony are emailed after the winners have been contacted.

After the Make Your Own Story Book Awards Ceremony:

- celebrate and share your good news with others
- contact your Community Newspaper, Home school publications officer (if relevant) and supply them with a short article and photograph and a request to publish. Please give them my details if requested.
- NOTE: photographs will be taken by a CBCA WA photographer at the Awards Ceremony and sent to all winners.