



Anthology Info Pack

Important Term 3 Details



In Term 3 at Story Studios, young writers have the opportunity to submit stories to our annual anthology, *House of Stories*. This year, we'll begin brainstorming story ideas in the final session of Term 2, before the winter school holidays.

All young writers enrolled for the full Semester Two (Terms 3 and 4) are eligible to submit work for inclusion in the print publication. Submission is strongly encouraged, but entirely optional.

Young writers who join after Week 1 of Term 3 will be eligible to submit to a special digital volume.



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Submission Guidelines

The submission guidelines provide all the information you and your young writer need to write an eligible story and submit it successfully.

This year there will be a **\$50 publication fee** payable at the time of submission. This was a carefully considered decision in response to rising publication costs and will help us continue offering this opportunity without significantly increasing enrolment fees or compromising the quality of the anthology.

All young writers whose stories are included in the print anthology will receive a complimentary copy, and additional copies can be pre-ordered as gifts for family, teachers and friends.

Stories must be submitted from home under parent or guardian supervision and cannot be submitted during session time.



Submission Guideline Spotlights

- Stories must be maximum 800 words
- Stories should not contain themes that are too dark, gory or violent - keep it for all ages
- No incomplete stories e.g. no excerpts or 'to be continued'

[YOU CAN READ THE FULL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES HERE](#)





Mentors will work with young writers towards completing a first draft of their story by Week 7 of Term 3. This allows time for mentors to provide feedback on a finished draft during writing sessions before the story is submitted.

Important dates

Submissions will open on **Monday 17 August, 2026**

Submissions close on **Saturday 19 September (last day of Term 3) at 11:59pm.**

STORY FESTIVAL AND BOOK LAUNCH

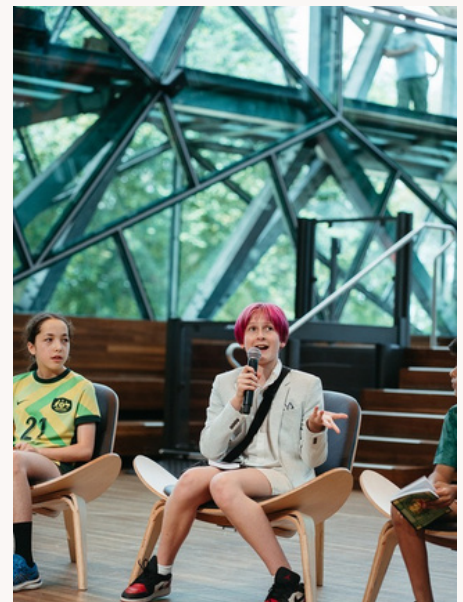
🎉 Save the Date: Book Launch & Story Festival

📅 Saturday 12 December 2026

📍 The Edge, Fed Square

BOOK ORDERING AND COLLECTION

- To collect your complimentary copy and any purchased books at the Book Launch and Story Festival, select "Pickup in Store" at checkout when pre-ordering Online.
- If you cannot attend, books can be collected from the Carlton Studio (subject to availability) or shipped to you. Availability will depend on production and delivery timelines.
- Any additional copies purchased will be shipped together with the complimentary copy in the same delivery.
- Printing and production take place during Term 4, with books expected to arrive in mid to late December.



TIPS FOR PARENTS

In-person young writers are encouraged to bring a tablet or laptop to type up their stories, though we strongly recommend handwriting first drafts where possible.

Online young writers should work in the Google Doc provided so that mentors can review their progress and provide feedback during weekly sessions. We encourage you to check in with your young writer throughout Term 3 to see how they are progressing. Some young writers may benefit from additional support at home to help them complete their story in time.

Please check your emails regularly for anthology updates, including important submission information and submission codes.



Explore previous year's books!

BUY COPIES OR READ THE DIGITAL EDITION

Looking for inspiration? [Visit our website](#) to explore *House of Stories* Volumes 1 and 2.

Print copies of previous anthologies are still available to purchase, and you can also read the [digital editions](#) featuring stories from young writers who joined later in the year.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS DURING THIS EXCITING TIME OF YEAR, PLEASE
DON'T HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH.
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE PROUD SMILES ON YOUNG WRITERS' FACES WHEN
THEY SEE THEIR STORIES AND NAMES IN PRINT.