

24th Annual Photographic Competition

Open to students attending Year 7 to Year 12
at Australian schools or colleges

Closing date: Friday 30th August 2024

The Australian National Botanic Gardens in Canberra is one of the world's most precious collections of Australian plants, which is valuable for the community and for scientific research. This competition is an excellent opportunity for students to become aware of the value and beauty of the Australian National Botanic Gardens and, by exercising their photographic skills, to share that beauty with other visitors.

Entries will be on display in the Banksia Garden of the Australian National Botanic Gardens
Saturday 28 September to Sunday 27 October 2024.

Presentation of prizes will be at 12 noon, Saturday 28 September 2024

Your support for this project, by displaying the attached material and entry form, and encouraging your students to participate, would be very much appreciated. Individual entries from students will be accepted.

Information concerning the 2024 Photographic Competition and winning entries from earlier competitions can be viewed on our web site: https://www.friendsanbg.org.au/activities_schoolsphotocomp

For further information please email: schoolphoto@friendsanbg.org.au

Please note that bookings are essential for group excursions to the ANBG. No charges apply. Bookings are made using this link: [For schools | Australian National Botanic Gardens](#)

Please ensure that all students understand and adhere to the following **Visitor Code**.

- Keep to the paths
- Take rubbish home with you
- Do not pick living material
- Do not feed wildlife
- Do not climb rocks, trees or walls
- No ball games, frisbees or kites

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All entries must be photographs taken within the Australian National Botanic Gardens in Canberra, and feature some aspect of the gardens, such as plants, wildlife, or scenery.

Photographs should not include a person who is recognisable from the image.

CATEGORIES:

- **Monochrome**
- **Colour**
- **Altered Reality:** creative alteration of an image or combining more than one original images or artworks to display obvious changes in natural colour, form or shape.

Cropping, straightening, exposure adjustment and minor technical adjustments are permitted in all categories.

Each student is allowed **one** entry per category (a maximum of three entries overall).

CASH PRIZES will be awarded in each category:

- **First : \$250**
- **Second : \$150**
- **Third : \$100**

Certificates may also be presented.

- **\$200 will be awarded to the School or College of each First prize**
- **\$100 will be awarded to the School or College of each Second prize**
- **\$50 will be awarded to the School or College of each Third prize**

Schools with prize winners will also receive celebratory plants.

HOW TO ENTER

Entries must be lodged using the online entry form at www.friendsanbg.org.au/schoolscomp2024, which will be available only during the competition period between 1 July and 30 August 2024.

Closing date for entries: Photographs must be received before 5pm Friday 30 August 2024.

Prizes will be presented: at 12 noon, Saturday 28 September, at the Gardens.

Selected photographs will be exhibited at A3 size.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entrants must complete the online entry form, providing the following information:

- Their name
- Their year in school or college
- An email address (*see under 'Privacy' below*)
- The name of their school or college, and an email address and phone number to contact there
- A brief title for each photograph entered.

The photographs entered must be uploaded as digital image files via the online form. The files should be in **jpeg** format. They should have sufficient resolution (number of pixels) to present well to the judges and to allow entries to be exhibited at A3 size. The judges will make no concessions for poor quality files.

The competition organisers may limit the maximum size of entries, for example to 3MB, to manage the impact on available IT resources. The maximum size will be announced before entries open on 1 July.

Entries must be received by the competition organisers before 5pm Friday 30 August 2024. The organisers will accept no responsibility for late, lost or misdirected entries, or entries not received by the organisers for any reason whatsoever.

Entrants will be required to declare that they accept the following conditions:

- a. The original photographs were taken at the Australian National Botanic Gardens in Canberra between 30 August 2023 and 30 August 2024
- b. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- c. The Australian National Botanic Gardens and the Friends of the ANBG will have the right to use any submitted photographs in its newsletter, website, display and/or promotional material. All published images will be credited.
- d. The restrictions of the Australian National Botanic Gardens as set out in the Visitor Code were respected.
- e. There are no recognisable people in the photos entered.

Privacy

An email address is required so the competition organisers can contact entrants about their entry if necessary. The email address can belong to a parent, carer or other responsible person. The address will not be used for any other purpose, will be kept confidential, and will not be passed on to anyone who is not involved in running the competition.