



Tuesday 16 June - Thursday 18 June 2026

CHILDREN'S HANDWRITING – SECTION 15



NOMINATION DETAILS

Steward	Lena Saunders
Applications to enter close:	No later than 4pm Wednesday 10th June
Entry Fee:	No Entry Fee
Delivery of Exhibits:	Monday 8th June to Wednesday 10th June between 9.00am to 2.00pm Mackay Show Office
Judging:	Saturday 13th June Pavilion 3, Mackay Showgrounds
Collection of Exhibits & Prizes	Friday 19 th June 10.00am - 4.00pm Pavilion 3 or Monday 22 nd June between 9.00am – 3.00pm Mackay Show Office
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Open to all children in Years 1 through to 6 who attend primary school

Regulations:

1. The Judge's decision is final.
2. Participants must include their details (name, date of birth, grade, and school) on a small white sticker affixed to the back of their entry.
3. Submissions must be on exercise book-sized pages; Foolscap or A4 paper is not permitted. A ruled margin is optional.
4. Write only once.
5. No coloured cards or laminated paper are allowed.
6. Only one page is permitted.
7. Each school may submit the best two entries for boys and the best two entries for girls per year level.
8. All entries from the same school should be included on a single-entry form.
9. Prizes will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place in each grade for both girls and boys.
10. Entries must be the original work of the student, completed in lead pencil (not traced).
11. Handwriting for Grades 1 and 2 should follow the Queensland Beginners Alphabet.
12. Handwriting for Grades 3 to 6 should adhere to Queensland Modern Cursive.
13. Any written content deemed inappropriate by the judges will lead to disqualification.
14. While all precautions will be taken, the Mackay Show Association accepts no responsibility for any damage to exhibits.
15. Entries should be submitted on a single page (not a pad) and must not be framed.
16. The school's name, phone number, class, and a description should be clearly labelled on the back of the exhibit.

***Handwriting for Year 1-2 is to be
Queensland Beginners Alphabet***

***Handwriting for Years 3-6 is to be
Queensland Modern Cursive***

Dear Teachers,

Thank you for entering your students in the “Handwriting” section of the 2026 Mackay Show.

Please find below judging criteria:

1. Year One and Year Two entries must be written in the Queensland Beginners Alphabet, as indicated in the schedule.
2. Entries for Years Three to Seven are to be completed in Queensland Modern Cursive, following the schedule guidelines.
3. Judging criteria will focus on the size, shape, and slope of the letters, as well as the proper usage of entries, exits, and joins. It is important to note that smudges, erasures, and the use of dull pencils can impact the judge's evaluation. The specific lines to be used are outlined in the schedule. After inquiries from various schools, it has been agreed that Year Five entries may be written on faint blue lined paper without affecting the judging criteria. Generally, entries written on Year 3/4 lines tend to be more consistent in shape and size.
4. The title should be placed within the red and blue lines, ensuring it does not extend above the top red/blue line.
5. Please write the title in the correct script, utilizing both upper and lower case letters.
6. Remember, capital letters should never connect with lower case letters, and numerals should be positioned between the two blue lines.
7. Lower case letters should not begin on a line.
8. Year One letter ‘e’ starts on the dotted line.
9. From Year Two the letter ‘e’ does not start on a line.
10. n, m, r, and x have rounded entries.
11. i, j, p, u, v, w and y have pointed entries.
12. Letters with ‘descenders’ or ‘tails’ (y, j, g, z) should finish on the line and not be hooked.
13. Letters which finish on the left (g, j, y, z, b, s) do not join to the following letter.
14. Letters which finish at the top (o, w, v) and join to the top of the body of the following letter have horizontal joins.
15. Some letters that finish at the top (o, w) join to ascenders.
16. ‘e’ joins to and from most letters, but does not join after o, r, v or w.
17. a, c, d, g and q can be dropped on (the exit is extended and the next letter is dropped on without a retracing or covering stroke).
18. At the beginning of a word, the letters ‘s’ and ‘f’ are written like this: s, f, however when they occur in the middle or at the end of a word they may be modified.

Classes

17001. Grade 1 Girl

On Year One red and blue lined paper (175mm x 225mm), write the sentence.

'I cannot wait to see my beautiful handwriting at the Mackay Show in 2026.'

17002. Grade 1 Boy

On Year One red and blue lined paper (175mm x 225mm), write the sentence.

'I cannot wait to see my beautiful handwriting at the Mackay Show in 2026.'

17003. Grade 2 Girl

On Year Two red and blue lined paper (175 x 225mm) write the sentence.

'The grand parade, ring events, pavilions and side show alley are sure to impress everyone at the Mackay Show in 2026.'

17004. Grade 2 Boy

On Year Two red and blue lined paper (175 x 225mm) write the sentence

'The grand parade, ring events, pavilions and side show alley are sure to impress everyone at the Mackay Show in 2026.'

17005. Grade 3 Girl

On Year 3/4 red and blue lined paper (175mm x 225mm) write the sentences

'Come to the "Just for Kids" pavilion at the Mackay Show in 2026. You will see amazing arts and crafts, fabulous paintings and my beautiful handwriting.'

17006. Grade 3 Boy

On Year 3/4 red and blue lined paper (175mm x 225mm) write the sentences

'Come to the "Just for Kids" pavilion at the Mackay Show in 2026. You will see amazing arts and crafts, fabulous paintings and my beautiful handwriting.'

17007. Grade 4 Girl

On Year 3/4 red and blue lined paper (175mm x 225mm)

'Write the title and first verse of the Australian Anthem "Advance Australia Fair".'

17008. Grade 4 Boy

On Year 3/4 red and blue lined paper (175mm x 225mm)

'Write the title and first verse of the Australian Anthem "Advance Australia Fair".'

17009. Grade 5 Girl

On blue feint ruled paper (175mm x 225mm)

'Write the title and first verse of the Australian Anthem "Advance Australia Fair".'

17010. Grade 5 Boy

On blue feint ruled paper (175mm x 225mm)

'Write the title and first verse of the Australian Anthem "Advance Australia Fair".'

17011. Grade 6 Girl

On blue feint ruled paper (175mm x 225mm)

'Write the title and first verse of the Australian Anthem "Advance Australia Fair".'

17012. Grade 6 Boy

On blue feint ruled paper (175mm x 225mm)

'Write the title and first verse of the Australian Anthem "Advance Australia Fair".'

Overall, Champion Boy

Mackay Show Association Sash

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