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Triennial Secondary School Students' Essay Competition 2023

Entries now open | Entries close Sunday, 9 July 2023

Topic: "What are the important elements of a successful democracy in New Zealand? Why are they important, does New Zealand currently meet them, and can they be improved?"

Eligibility

Open to Year 12 and Year 13 secondary students

Prize

$1,000 cash prize plus a trip to Parliament including:

- A parliamentary tour
- Seeing MPs in action in the Debating Chamber and in a Select Committee
- A visit to the Parliamentary Library
- Meeting MPs including the Speaker and former MPs

Note: Winner will be invited to be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the trip to Parliament.

The Triennial Secondary School Students' Essay Competition is sponsored by the Association of Former Members of Parliament of New Zealand. The purpose of the competition is to increase young people's understanding of how New Zealand's democracy works by gaining knowledge about the structure of government, the legislative process involving Parliament and the Executive and the effects of these on citizens.

Criteria

- Up to 1500 words
- Essays will be judged on originality, creativity and substance by an independent judging panel
- Essays should be accompanied by a cover sheet listing:
  - Name of student
  - Year group
  - Contact details (phone/email)
  - Name & address of school

For more information

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Email entries to: **former.members.nz@gmail.com** by Sunday, 9 July 2023