International Women’s Day Essay Competition

*Competition Guidelines*

**Background**

In light of the 2016 International Women’s Day, the Office of Fiona Richardson MP is organising an essay competition open to female years 9 to 12 students in the electorate of Northcote. The following represents guidelines for the competition for staff and student use. You will also find attached a promotion poster for the competition.

**Essay question**

Q: *Will Australia ever have another woman prime minister?*

**Essay length**

Up to 500 words

**Essay submission process**

All essays should be submitted electronically to [fiona.richardson@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:fiona.richardson@parliament.vic.gov.au), preferably in a Microsoft Word or PDF document.

***Students should ensure that their full name and school is stated on their essay.***

**Competition prize**

A prize winner will be chosen from each school by Fiona Richardson MP.

The winning students and their classmates will be invited to an awards function that will be hosted by the Minister for Women and Member for Northcote, Fiona Richardson MP, and a special guest (TBA).

Prize winners will be announced at this function where they will be presented with a book voucher and an awards certificate.

**Competition key dates**

* Competition opens: March 8th
* Competition closes: May 6th at 5pm. No essays will be accepted after this date.
* Schools notified of competition winners: May 27th
* Competition winners function will be held on a date at a location TBA

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