

Port Stephens Youth Battle of the Arts 2025 – Youth Week

Terms & Conditions

1. General

- 1.1 The competition is run by Port Stephens Council (ABN16 744 377 876), 116 Adelaide Street, Raymond Terrace NSW 2324.
- 1.2 The competition offers an equal opportunity for all diverse performing arts members to participate in and entry is free.
- 1.3 Information on how to enter and prizes detail form part of these Terms and Conditions.
- 1.4 Participation in this competition is deemed acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
- 1.5 Entries must comply with the Terms and Conditions to be considered valid.
- 1.6 This competition and its terms are governed by the laws of NSW.

2. Eligibility: Open to individuals under 12 - 18 years of age who reside within the Port Stephens Local Government Area (LGA).

3. Competition dates: Applications will be open from 14th February to 16th March 2025. The event will be held during Youth Week 2025, on 17 April 2025.

4. Competition Area: All applicants must reside in Port Stephens LGA or be schooled within the Port Stephens LGA.

5. Entry Types:

Music – including bands, solo artist and instrumental;
Dance – including solo or groups (max 10 per group); and
Drama – including solo, group, poets and storytellers

6. Requirements and Submission: To enter, participants must register by submitting a video of themselves performing the chosen entry type via the SmartyGrants portal.

Video Requirement:

You will need to submit the video via link, which must be a video URL. We recommend that you upload the video to an external service (such as Youtube, Vimeo, Onedrink and Tiktok) and send the link via SmartyGrants.

Music requirement:

As a requirement of performing music you will be asked in your application to list the song name and artist, due to copyright.

Photo requirement:

You will be required to submit two still images of yourself and your group. Port Stephens Council reserves the right to use all submitted photographs on the Port Stephens Council website and socials for promotions etc.

7. Eligibility

The contest is open to all Port Stephens LGA Residents between the ages of 12 and 18. Those Applicants under 18 must have the full written consent of a parent or legal guardian.

8. Prizes:

Battle of the Arts participants will have the opportunity to win prizes for their performance including the major prize of \$500. A panel is formed by independent creatives from the local community. The panel is present at the event and makes their assessment of the performances, ultimately deciding upon the winner.

9. Compliance:

All participants and contractors must follow Australian law and make all efforts to uphold the safety of themselves and others.

10. Exclusions:

Videos or music that does not meet the submission guidelines will be disqualified.

11. Conditions of entry:

i)All contestants must release from, and indemnify Port Stephens Council, against all liability, cost, loss or expense arising out of acceptance of any prize(s) or participation in the competition including (but not limited to) loss of income, personal injury and damage to property and whether direct or consequential, foreseeable, due to some negligent act or omission or otherwise. Furthermore, as condition of competition entry Port Stephens Council accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage, accident, death or injury resulting from participation in the competition.

ii) The Judging Panel will be appointed by Council. The Panel and Council's decision/s relating to the contest are final. No further correspondence will be entered into once the winners have been decided.

iii) In making an application, the Applicant is agreeing to allow Council to use, display and upload to its websites all photographs and videos. The Applicant gives Council a fee free non-exclusive perpetual license. Council is entitled to use these images for any purpose including marketing. Where Applicants are under 18 years old, the written consent of parents and or guardians is required on the Application Form.

12. Rights of Usage and Privacy:

By entering this completion, entrants over 18, or the parents/ guardians of entrants under 18 confirm that they:

- i) Consent to having the entrant's first name published and their entry displayed on Council's website and other digital and print mediums, and printed or reproduced by Council, without further notice or compensation.
- ii) The intended recipient on the entry information is Council, and the panel appointed by Council to judge the competition.
- iii) While the supply of this information is voluntary, an entry will not be a valid one, without the provision of this information.
- iv) Personal Information will be saved in Council's records management system, and will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998(NSW), Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009(NSW) and the Local Government Act 1993 (NSW).
- v) The entrant and or their parent and or guardian will be entitled to make an application for access to this information, or to make an application to amend the personal information held by Council.