

Film by...



Information Package

2022

KEY INFORMATION - at a glance

Welcome

Film by was established in 2010 by a group of teachers to recognise and showcase the stories and creativity of students told through digital film media. **Film by** promotes the teaching of visual literacy and film making to support outcomes from the NSW English, Creative Arts and PDHPE Syllabuses.

FESTIVALS and Competitions for 2022

Film by Online Festival Series Films up to 3:30mins due Monday, October 17. Showcased online from November 21 until end of term 4, 2022.

- **Local Film by Festivals** – please check website for these festivals for local contact people

ONLINE SUBMISSION FORM

<https://forms.gle/Q3BzG1wJsLsjm6oJ8>

General Reminder

- All films for local festivals 3:30mins or less - including credits, unless otherwise stated
- Preferred .mp4 format, landscape (1920 x 1080), 25fps
- All films must be copyright free. Copyright pertains to all print and online media as well as music. All sourced materials must be acknowledged in credits.
- Only first names used for students in credits
- G rated; no weapons, inappropriate themes or content unless otherwise stated
- All participants must complete a Participation & Consent Form which will be archived at the submitting school
- All film submissions have the approval of the school principal
- All films submitted via the Google Forms online application <https://forms.gle/Q3BzG1wJsLsjm6oJ8>

[Go to our website for all information and submission links](#)

Important Contacts

To assist schools effectively, please direct your enquiries to the relevant contact person as shown below or, alternatively please visit our website <https://filmby.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Area of Enquiry	Contact Person	Contact Email
General Enquiries (Any questions concerning the policies and procedures of the <i>Film by</i> Festival and the <i>Film by</i> Festival Committee)	Film by Project Officers Glen Carter Karen Beutler	glen.carter@det.nsw.edu.au karen.beutler@det.nsw.edu.au

Festival Guidelines

NSW Public Schools are invited to participate in the *Film by...* Festival or competitions. All Film by events are a celebration of student achievement in visual literacy and aims, not only to showcase the talents of our students, but also to raise the profile of public education across the state. The festival is renowned for its excellence in both students and teachers.

Participation

The festival is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 12. Schools can participate in the festival as a class entry or submit films created by individual students or groups of students. There is no fee to participate in any Film by Festival or competition. Schools are eligible to submit multiple films.

Film Submitting Protocols

All films should be .mp4 format, 1040x1920, 25fps and submitted via the online [submission form](#). Sound levels in films need to maintain a consistent level. Films with sound levels that are distorted or are disturbing to an audience cannot be accepted. This includes children screaming and poorly recorded speech that is difficult to understand.

Selection of Films

Many festivals are not competitions and films may be selected to reflect the greater participation of submitting schools. Judges' selections will include variety and originality among other considerations and all judges' decisions are final.

G Rating

All submitted films must adhere to the G rating (unless otherwise stated). Literature Classification. Information about classification is available [here](#)

Participation and Consent Deed

A Participation and Consent Deed must be completed by every participant and returned to the school for archiving before a film can be submitted to a Film by festival, competition or event.

All films submitted should:

- be three and a half minutes duration or less, including credits (unless otherwise stated).
- be age appropriate and conform to a G rating (unless otherwise stated).
- be appropriate to the skill level of the participating students.
- only include students' first names in credits.
- be original works created in accordance with copyright laws – see below.
- not contain inappropriate language or statements that promote hatred towards an individual or community, such as sexism, racism, homophobia and other forms of prejudice.
- be created by NSW Department of Education teachers and/or students currently enrolled at NSW public schools (unless stated).

Copyright

- Copyright pertains to all print and online media as well as music - this includes books and illustrations, online sources and digital images. If you haven't created it, you probably don't own the rights to it.
- There are many online sites that offer **Royalty Free and Copyright Free** music and images. Please check the licence agreement carefully before using these sources. Many sites, such as Bensound (www.bensound.com), have music that is royalty and copyright free but they also offer licences to use their artistic creations for a nominal fee. It is always preferable to pay a licence as this not only allows you to use the intellectual property but provides compensation for the creators and allows for the creation of more resources for everyone to use. See the Creative Commons website for a list of providers and further explanation of [copyright](#).
- All sourced materials must be acknowledged in credits. Copyright owners will usually specify how they want their intellectual property acknowledged. If there are no set instructions, always acknowledge the owner(s)/creator(s), the title and the website.
- If any commercial material has been used (images, books, music etc), then permission must be obtained. This also pertains to story books and illustrations. See the following for [copyright limitations](#).

Remember:

- Care should be taken to ensure the music and lyrics are appropriate to the concept/intent or theme of the work.
- Songs with inappropriate lyrics or intent will not be accepted.

Please complete and return to your child's school

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Print name of Festival or competition

Participation and Consent Deed

Parents and carers and students under 18 must complete this form:

Name of film

I, (Name).....

Of (School).....

1. agree to appear in the film project;
2. agree that any recording made by you of any performance of mine in connection with the production of the Project is an authorised use of my performance and any use you shall make of the recording shall be an authorised use by you;
3. agree that my participation in the Project may be edited at your sole discretion;
4. consent to the use of my name, photographs of me, likenesses, voice and other sound effects made by you and biographical details in the Project and in connection with the exhibition, distribution, advertising and exploitation of the Project and for any other purposes arising out of the production of the Project for the duration of the copyright in the Recording throughout the world by any means and by any medium whether now known or subsequently invented or devised;
5. agree that if applicable my voice may be dubbed;
6. acknowledge that you are not obliged to include me in the Project or to complete and exploit in the Project;
7. acknowledge that I have no rights in the copyright in the Recording or in any cinematograph film or record (as those terms are defined in the Copyright Act 1968) in which Recording or any part of it may be incorporated;
8. release you from any claim by me or anyone on my behalf arising out of the Project and/or my appearance in the Project and indemnify you against any such claim;
9. agree that I shall not be entitled to any monetary payment for my appearance in the Project and for the matters referred to above; and
10. Acknowledge the Project will be submitted to the NSW Department of Education's FILM BY ... project and extend my consents in (4) to the NSW Department of Education to screen, broadcast and promote the Project as it may freely choose to do.

Dated day of..... 202.....

AGE Signed

If participant is under 18 years, Parent / Legal Guardian
signature

Name..... Contact Phone
Please print

