

QHTA 2026

HISTORICAL WRITING COMPETITION

Winners 2026



QUEENSLAND COUNCIL
FOR
CIVIL LIBERTIES



The Russell Cowie Award

Sienna Wilkinson – Somerville House

The R D Milns Award

Lachlan Hawkett – MacKillop Catholic College, Mount Peter

Australian First Nations

Mia Grossman – Sunshine Coast Grammar School

Beryl Holmes Award Yrs 11–12:

Ella Harrison – Albany Creek SHS

Beryl Holmes Award Yrs 7–10:

Amelie Guerin – St Monica's College, Cairns

Year 12 Ancient History

1st: Lachlan Hawkett – MacKillop Catholic College, Mount Peter

2nd: Aashin Sony – MacKillop Catholic College, Mount Peter

3rd: Henry Xiang – Brisbane Grammar School and Nick Hinchy – Brisbane Grammar School

Highly Commended:

Ruby Watt – St Patrick's College, Mackay

Caitlin Stock – Rivermount College

Lauren Dwyer – The Gap SHS

Year 12 Modern History

1st: Sienna Wilkinson – Somerville House

2nd: Ziran Lekha – Rockhampton Grammar School

3rd: Ella Wingrove – Albany Creek SHS

Highly Commended:

Sienna Hodgen – The Gap SHS

Ella Harrison – Albany Creek SHS

Year 12 Ancient History

Independent Source Investigation

1st: Darcy Malone – Rockhampton Grammar School

2nd: Emily Gaskain – Rivermount College and Nick Walker – Brisbane Grammar School

3rd: Emily Gardner – Brisbane Girls Grammar School and Edward Lilley – Brisbane Grammar School

Highly Commended:

Lachlan Hawkett – MacKillop Catholic College, Mount Peter

Year 12 Modern History

Independent Source Investigation

1st: Salote Bamford – The Gap SHS

2nd: Lauren Dwyer – The Gap SHS

3rd: Isaac Cheng – Anglican Church Grammar School

Highly Commended: Hamish Ellerman – Brisbane Grammar School

Year 11 Modern History

1st: Georgia Hill – Albany Creek SHS

2nd: Larkin Cooper – St Hilda's School

3rd: Chloe Corben-Brown – Southport SHS

Highly Commended:

Fred Barrett – Brisbane Grammar School

Sophie Clarke – Albany Creek SHS

Year 11 Ancient History

1st: Hallie Nash – Mt St Michael's College

2nd: Emily Anderson – MacKillop Catholic College, Mount Peter

3rd: Hugo Haug – Brisbane Grammar School

Highly Commended:

Isobel Cooper – Brisbane Girls Grammar School

Year 10 History

1st: Alex Carson – Anglican Church Grammar School

2nd: Grace Lauder – Mount Alvernia College

3rd: Erin Maher – St Monica's College, Cairns

Highly Commended:

Elsie Harvey – Stuartholme School

Year 9 History

1st: Christina Waldmann-Fry – St Hilda's School

2nd: Amelie Guerin – St Monica's College

3rd: Marilyn Nguyen – Runcorn SHS

Highly Commended:

Mia Chow – St Hilda's School

Year 11 Modern History Independent Source Investigation

1st: Olivia Giacom – Smithfield SHS

2nd: Fred Barrett – Brisbane Grammar School

3rd: Curtis Yeh – Citipointe Christian College

Highly Commended:

Nicholas Blanch – Brisbane Grammar School

Cassandra Barrett – St Hilda's School

Larkin Cooper – St Hilda's School

Year 11 Ancient History Independent Source Investigation

1st: Emily Anderson – MacKillop Catholic College, Mount Peter

2nd: Madeleine James – Cannon Hill Anglican College

3rd: Annabelle Grantham – The Gap SHS

Highly Commended:

Abby McCormack – Cannon Hill Anglican College

Year 8 History

1st: Ivy Liu – Stuartholme School

2nd: Vir Vasant – Brisbane Grammar School

3rd: Annabelle Wiemers – Cannon Hill Anglican College

Highly Commended:

Saskia Londeman – Stuartholme School

Year 7 History

1st: Leo Li – Brisbane Grammar School

2nd: Molly O'Connell – Palm Beach Currumbin SHS

3rd: Vivian Hong – Runcorn SHS

Highly Commended:

Kate Thurston – Cannon Hill Anglican College