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COMPETITION

**2026 Preview Schedule:
Schools and Youth Competition**

Bring your *creative talents* to life at the 2026 Melbourne Royal Art, Craft & Cookery Competition



The next generation of Victorian makers and creators are encouraged to begin preparing for the Melbourne Royal Art, Craft & Cookery Competition.

Whether it be design technology, ceramics, photography or cooking – this competition has something for every young creator. Young makers and artists can explore their passion with brand new classes and challenges in 2026.



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ENTRY TERMS

All entries must abide by the Melbourne Royal General Regulations, and the Melbourne Royal Art, Craft and Cookery Special Regulations.

These can both be found online at melbourneroyal.com.au/art-craft-cookery/competition-info.





How to use the Preview Schedule

Welcome to the Schools and Youth Preview Schedule for the 2026 Melbourne Royal Art, Craft, and Cookery Competition. This guide is designed to help you prepare and submit your entry or entries successfully. Please read all instructions carefully to ensure your work meets the competition guidelines and can be judged and displayed.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Each entry must adhere to specific requirements, including size limitations, mounting instructions, recipes, and materials. These details are outlined within the relevant sections of this schedule.

Entries that do not comply with the stated guidelines may not be judged or displayed.

LEGAL RIGHTS AND PERMISSIONS

By completing the entry form, the exhibitor declares they have the legal rights to present the work and its content.

For privacy reasons, any photograph depicting a person must have that person's permission. Proof of permission may be required.

SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

Entries for the competition will open in June 2026. A full schedule of categories will be released at that time.

A school entry template will also be available on the Art, Craft and Cookery website once entries open.

Further information will be provided closer to the date.

TERMINOLOGY

Exhibit – The item you wish to enter i.e. a painting, a cake, etc.

Exhibitor – You! As the person who is entering an exhibit, you are the exhibitor.

Class – The category you wish to enter your exhibit into., i.e. if you are in Grade 2 and entering a painting, your class would be JNR5.

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Preview Schedule

ENTRY FEES: \$9.00 MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

Overall

JNR1S – JANICE GRAY MEMORIAL AWARD FOR MOST SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL EXHIBITOR

Eligible Classes: JNR4–JNR16, JNR18–JNR26, JNR28–JNR32, JNR34–JNR42, JNR45–JNR47, JNR49–JNR51, JNR53–JNR57, JNR59–JNR65, JNR67–JNR77, JNR79–JNR82, JNR84, JNR85, JNR87–JNR107, JNR109–JNR116, JNR118–JNR123

Art

Exhibits can be presented on card but not mounted. Name, year level, age of student and school represented must appear on the back of each exhibit.

Exhibits may be signed on the front by the artist. No frames or mounts. Max size: A3, oversized exhibits will not be displayed.

JNR2S – BEST IN SHOW SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ART

Eligible Classes: JNR3S, JNR17S, JNR27S

PRIMARY

JNR3S – BEST SCHOOLS AND YOUTH PRIMARY ART EXHIBIT

Eligible Classes: JNR4 – JNR16

PAINTING

Water colour, acrylic or gouache. Figurative, landscape, still life or abstract.

JNR4 – PAINTING PREP–GRADE 2

JNR5 – PAINTING GRADE 3 & 4

JNR6 – PAINTING GRADE 5 & 6

JNR7 – PAINTING COLOUR CHALLENGE PREP–GRADE 6

Any painted art piece using only shades of red.

DRAWING

Pencil, ink, pastel, crayon, graphite, marker or combination of stated media. Figurative, landscape, still life or abstract. Work must be sprayed with fixative.

JNR8 – DRAWING PREP–GRADE 2

JNR9 – DRAWING GRADE 3 & 4

JNR10 – DRAWING GRADE 5 & 6



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PRINT MAKING

May include screen print, etching, lino print, woodblock, lithography, or mono print. Hand or pressed. Excludes fabric print or batik work.

JNR11 – PRINT MAKING PREP–GRADE 2

JNR12 – PRINT MAKING GRADE 3 & 4

JNR13 – PRINT MAKING GRADE 5 & 6

COLLAGE

Work must be on cardboard or similar weight surface.

JNR14 – COLLAGE PREP–GRADE 2

JNR15 – COLLAGE GRADE 3 & 4

JNR16 – COLLAGE GRADE 5 & 6

SECONDARY

JNR17S – BEST SCHOOLS AND YOUTH SECONDARY ART EXHIBIT

Eligible Classes: JNR18 – JNR26

PAINTING

Water colour, acrylic or gouache. Figurative, landscape, still life or abstract.

JNR18 – PAINTING YEAR 7 & 8

JNR19 – PAINTING YEAR 9–12

JNR20 – PAINTING COLOUR CHALLENGE YEAR 7–12

Any painted art piece using only shades of red.

DRAWING

Pencil, ink, pastel, crayon, graphite, marker or combination of stated media. Figurative, landscape, still life or abstract. Work must be sprayed with fixative.

JNR21 – DRAWING YEAR 7 & 8

JNR22 – DRAWING YEAR 9–12

PRINT MAKING

May include screen print, etching, lino print, woodblock, lithography or mono print. Hand or pressed. Excludes fabric print or batik work.

JNR23 – PRINT MAKING YEAR 7 & 8

JNR24 – PRINT MAKING YEAR 9–12

COLLAGE

Work must be on cardboard or similar weight surface.

JNR25 – COLLAGE YEAR 7 & 8

JNR26 – COLLAGE YEAR 9–12



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Sculpture and 3D form

JNR27S – BEST SCHOOLS AND YOUTH SCULPTURE AND 3D FORM EXHIBIT

Eligible Classes: JNR28 – JNR32

PRIMARY

SCULPTURE AND 3D FORM

Entries to be three-dimensional and free-standing. Not to exceed more than 35cm in any direction, including supports.

JNR28 – SCULPTURE AND 3D FORM PREP–GRADE 2

JNR29 – SCULPTURE AND 3D FORM GRADE 3 & 4

JNR30 – SCULPTURE AND 3D FORM GRADE 5 & 6

SECONDARY

SCULPTURE AND 3D FORM

Entries to be three-dimensional and free-standing. Not to exceed more than 35cm in any direction, including supports.

JNR31 – SCULPTURE AND 3D FORM YEAR 7 & 8

JNR32 – SCULPTURE AND 3D FORM YEAR 9–12

Photography

Photographs must be mounted on mountboard or similar weight cardboard. Black mount board preferred. Prints may be in colour or black and white. Not to exceed 34cm x 42cm including mount.

JNR33S – BEST IN SHOW SCHOOLS AND YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY

Eligible Classes: JNR34 – JNR42

PRIMARY

PHOTOGRAPHY

Encouraging young photographers to explore their creativity through any style of photography.

JNR34 – PHOTOGRAPHY PREP–GRADE 2

JNR35 – PHOTOGRAPHY GRADE 3 & 4

JNR36 – PHOTOGRAPHY GRADE 5 & 6

SECONDARY

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY

Capture a single central subject, whether human or animal, highlighting their essence and personality through the art of portrait photography.

JNR37 – PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY YEAR 7 & 8

JNR38 – PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY YEAR 9–12

LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY

Explore natural or urban environments. Submissions may feature landscapes or architectural elements as key components.

JNR39 – LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY YEAR 7 & 8

JNR40 – LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY YEAR 9–12

EXPERIMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Use unconventional methods and materials to create unique and striking images that challenge the viewer's perceptions.

JNR41 – EXPERIMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY YEAR 7 & 8

JNR42 – EXPERIMENTAL PHOTOGRAPHY YEAR 9–12



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Craft

JNR43S – BEST IN SHOW SCHOOLS AND YOUTH CRAFT

Eligible Classes: JNR44S, JNR48S, JNR52S, JNR58S, JNR66S, JNR78S, JNR83S

CERAMICS

JNR44S – BEST SCHOOLS AND YOUTH CERAMICS EXHIBIT

Eligible Classes: JNR45 – JNR47

PRIMARY

CERAMICS

Exhibits may be any technique including hand crafted, wheel thrown, slip cast or sculptural. Not to exceed 35cm in any direction.

JNR45 – CERAMICS PREP–GRADE 6

SECONDARY

CERAMICS

Exhibits may be any technique including hand crafted, wheel thrown, slip cast or sculptural. Not to exceed 35cm in any direction.

JNR46 – CERAMICS YEAR 7 & 8

JNR47 – CERAMICS YEAR 9–12

EMBROIDERY AND HAND STITCHING

JNR48S – BEST SCHOOLS AND YOUTH EMBROIDERY & HAND STITCHING EXHIBIT

Eligible Classes: JNR49 – JNR51

PRIMARY

DRAWING WITH THREAD

Create or embellish items using hand stitching with embroidery or wool threads. Examples include clothing, cushions, postcards, homewares, fashion accessories, bags, jewellery, toys or artwork. Kits are permitted. Size: Must not exceed 35cm in any direction.

JNR49 – DRAWING WITH THREAD PREP–GRADE 4

JNR50 – DRAWING WITH THREAD GRADE 5 & 6

SECONDARY

DRAWING WITH THREAD

Create or embellish items using hand stitching with embroidery or wool threads. Examples include clothing, cushions, postcards, homewares, fashion accessories, bags, jewellery, toys or artwork. Kits are permitted. Size: Must not exceed 35cm in any direction.

JNR51 – DRAWING WITH THREAD YEAR 7–12

FIBRE CRAFT

JNR52S – BEST SCHOOLS AND YOUTH FIBRE CRAFT EXHIBIT

Eligible Classes: JNR53 – JNR57

PRIMARY

FIBRE, FABRIC, YARN

Create an item using any type of textile technique such as knitting, crochet, spinning, weaving, embroidery, felting, collage, pom poms, tassels or fringes using any fibre, fabric or yarn as the basis. Entries can be made by one student or by a small group of 2 to 4 students. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity and use of colour. Not to exceed 35cm in any direction.

JNR53 – FIBRE, FABRIC, YARN PREP–GRADE 2

JNR54 – FIBRE, FABRIC, YARN GRADE 3 & 4

JNR55 – FIBRE, FABRIC, YARN GRADE 5 & 6



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SECONDARY

FIBRE, FABRIC, YARN

Create an item using any type of textile technique such as knitting, crochet, spinning, weaving, embroidery, felting, collage, pom poms, tassels or fringes using any fibre, fabric or yarn as the basis. Entries can be made by one student or by a small group of 2 to 4 students. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity and use of colour. Not to exceed 35cm in any direction.

JNR56 – FIBRE, FABRIC, YARN YEAR 7 & 8

JNR57 – FIBRE, FABRIC, YARN YEAR 9–12

TECHNOLOGY

JNR58S – BEST SCHOOLS AND YOUTH TECHNOLOGY EXHIBIT

Eligible Classes: JNR59 – JNR65

PRIMARY

DIGITAL ART

Submit as a digital piece via email, or printed piece. Can include digital painting, illustration, 3D renderings and other forms of visual expression or combinations that are created entirely within digital software. Please send online link or file share to artcraftcooking@melbournroyal.com.au in preparation for judging. Include the artist's name per their entry and entry number in the email subject line.

JNR59 – DIGITAL ART: PREP–GRADE 4

JNR60 – DIGITAL ART: GRADE 5 & 6

SECONDARY

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Use an emerging technology such as 3D printing, laser/vinyl cutting or computer numerical control technology to produce an original design object. Drawings, designs and/or description setting out the intention of the object, must accompany the model or exhibit. Not to exceed 25cm in any direction.

JNR61 – EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES YEAR 7 & 8

JNR62 – EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES YEAR 9–12

JNR63 – DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY COLOUR CHALLENGE YEAR 7–12

Create an object with practical use, in various shades of red.

DIGITAL ART

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JNR64 – DIGITAL ART YEAR 7 & 8

JNR65 – DIGITAL ART YEAR 9–12

TEXTILE DESIGN

JNR66S – BEST SCHOOLS AND YOUTH TEXTILE DESIGN EXHIBIT

Eligible Classes: JNR67 – JNR77

PRIMARY

CASUAL, FORMAL WEAR OR COSTUME

JNR67 – CASUAL, FORMAL WEAR OR COSTUME PREP–GRADE 6

SECONDARY

DECORATIVE CUSHION OR HOUSEHOLD PRODUCT

Create a household product and include at least one decorative process, for example patchwork, appliqué or screen printing. Not to exceed 45cm x 45cm including trim.

JNR68 – DECORATIVE CUSHION OR HOUSEHOLD PRODUCT YEAR 7 & 8

JNR69 – DECORATIVE CUSHION OR HOUSEHOLD PRODUCT YEAR 9–12

TEXTILE PRODUCT

Create a product using either recycled or repurposed materials. Be innovative in your design and use of materials. Not to exceed 45cm in any direction.

JNR70 – TEXTILE PRODUCT YEAR 7 & 8

JNR71 – TEXTILE PRODUCT YEAR 9–12



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CASUAL WEAR

May include sleep wear.

JNR72 – CASUAL WEAR YEAR 7 & 8

JNR73 – CASUAL WEAR YEAR 9–12

FORMAL WEAR OR COSTUME

JNR74 – FORMAL WEAR OR COSTUME YEAR 7 & 8

JNR75 – FORMAL WEAR OR COSTUME YEAR 9–12

CONTEMPORARY FASHION ACCESSORY

Create a contemporary fashion accessory using material of any description. Examples of accessories include, but are not limited to, bags, jewellery, millinery or scarves. Item will be judged on creativity, innovation and wearability.

JNR76 – CONTEMPORARY FASHION ACCESSORY YEAR 7 & 8

JNR77 – CONTEMPORARY FASHION ACCESSORY YEAR 9–12

TOY MAKING

JNR78S – BEST SCHOOLS AND YOUTH TOY MAKING EXHIBIT

Eligible Classes: JNR79 – JNR82

PRIMARY

SOFT TOY

Create a soft toy suitable for a young child. Toy will need to be safe and age appropriate. Any medium. Not to exceed 40cm in any direction.

JNR79 – SOFT TOY PREP–GRADE 6

JNR80 – DRESS UP CHALLENGE PREP–GRADE 6

Design and make an outfit for a doll or teddy. Doll or Teddy can be purchased but outfit and accessories must be hand made. Doll or Teddy not to exceed 40cm in any direction

SECONDARY

SOFT TOY

Create a soft toy suitable for a young child. Toy will need to be safe and age appropriate. Any medium. Not to exceed 40cm in any direction.

JNR81 – SOFT TOY YEAR 7–12

JNR82 – DRESS UP CHALLENGE YEAR 7–12

Design and make an outfit for a doll or teddy. Doll or Teddy can be purchased but outfit and accessories must be hand made. Doll or Teddy not to exceed 40cm in any direction

WOODCRAFT **NEW!**

JNR83S – BEST SCHOOLS AND YOUTH WOODCRAFT EXHIBIT

Eligible Classes: JNR84, JNR85

SECONDARY

WOODCRAFT

Create an article of woodcraft. Entries will be judged on creativity, quality of construction, accuracy, and overall presentation.

JNR84 – WOODCRAFT YEAR 7 & 8

JNR85 – WOODCRAFT YEAR 9–12



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Cookery

JNR86S – BEST IN SHOW SCHOOLS AND YOUTH COOKERY

Eligible Classes: JNR87 – JNR107

PRIMARY

ANZAC BISCUITS

Batch of four (4). Using traditional recipe.

JNR87 – ANZAC BISCUITS PREP–GRADE 4

JNR88 – ANZAC BISCUITS GRADE 5 & 6

GINGERBREAD PERSON

Batch of two (2). Decorated. Not to exceed 15cm. May be submitted by an individual or pair of students in the same year level.

JNR89 – GINGERBREAD PERSON PREP–GRADE 2

JNR90 – GINGERBREAD PERSON GRADE 3 & 4

JNR91 – GINGERBREAD PERSON GRADE 5 & 6

SCONES **NEW!**

Batch of four (4). Approximately 5-6cm each. Judged on texture, flavour and consistency.

JNR92 – SCONES – PREP–GRADE 6

WHOLEMEAL OR WHOLEGRAIN BREAD LOAF

One wholemeal or wholegrain loaf of bread using a leavening agent such as yeast or sourdough starter.

JNR93 – WHOLEMEAL OR WHOLEGRAIN BREAD LOAF PREP -GRADE 6

PROTEIN/BLISS BALLS

Batch of four (4) protein/bliss balls using at least one (1) fruit and/or nut, one (1) seed and minimal use of sweetener. Should be approximately 3-4 cm in diameter and suitable to be placed in a child lunchbox. Ingredients must be stated on exhibit ticket.

JNR94 – PROTEIN/BLISS BALLS PREP–GRADE 6

GRANOLA

Create a baked granola using at least three (3) different wholegrains/seeds, at least two (2) dried fruits/nuts and minimal use of sweetener such as honey, maple/coconut syrup, agave nectar, etc. No added white, raw or brown sugar. Granola should be suitable for a healthy breakfast. Must be presented in glass jar and labelled with ingredients and flavour.

JNR95 – GRANOLA PREP–GRADE 6

SECONDARY

WHOLEGRAIN LOAF OF BREAD OR ROLLS

One (1) wholegrain loaf of bread or four (4) bread rolls using a leavening agent such as yeast or sourdough starter. Must include at least three different types of grains or seeds. Include label with ingredient list.

JNR96 – WHOLEGRAIN LOAF OF BREAD OR ROLLS YEAR 7-12

DECORATED FOCCACCIA

One homemade focaccia decorated using at least three different vegetables or herbs.

JNR97 – DECORATED FOCCACCIA YEAR 7-12

FRUIT LEATHER **NEW!**

Batch of two (2). Using at least one type of fruit and one spice. Sweetener can be added if desired. Present two pieces, rolled or cut into strips about 2-3 cm wide. Include list of ingredients.

JNR98 – FRUIT LEATHER YEAR 7 & 8

JNR99 – FRUIT LEATHER YEAR 9-12

GINGERBREAD PERSON

Batch of two (2). Decorated. Not to exceed 15cm.

JNR100 – GINGERBREAD PERSON YEAR 7 & 8

JNR101 – GINGERBREAD PERSON YEAR 9-12



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GRANOLA

Create a baked granola using at least three (3) different wholegrains/seeds, at least two (2) dried fruits/nuts and minimal use of sweetener such as honey, maple/coconut syrup, agave nectar, etc. No added white, raw or brown sugar. Granola should be suitable for a healthy breakfast. Must be presented in glass jar and labelled with ingredients and flavour.

JNR102 – GRANOLA YEAR 7–12

HEALTHY BREAKFAST MUFFIN

Batch of four (4) muffins using at least two (2) vegetables, one (1) wholegrain and one (1) seed suitable to be placed in a child's lunchbox. Ingredients must be stated on exhibit ticket.

JNR103 – HEALTHY BREAKFAST MUFFIN YEAR 7–12

MUESLI BAR **NEW!**

One (1) muesli bar. Using at least two different grains/cereals and a mix of colours from ingredients like dried fruit, seeds, and/or nuts. The muesli bar should be about 5–7 cm long and 2–3 cm wide. Ingredients must be stated on exhibit ticket.

JNR104 – MUESLI BAR YEAR 7 & 8

JNR105 – MUESLI BAR YEAR 9–12

PROTEIN/BLISS BALLS

Batch of four (4) protein/bliss balls using at least one (1) fruit and/or nut, one (1) seed and minimal use of sweetener. Should be approximately 3–4 cm in diameter and suitable to be placed in a child lunchbox. Ingredients must be stated on exhibit ticket.

JNR106 – PROTEIN/BLISS BALLS YEAR 7–12

RED BISCUIT CHALLENGE **NEW!**

Batch of four (4) original biscuits inspired by the colour red!

JNR107 – RED BISCUIT CHALLENGE YEAR 7–12

Preserves

JNR108S – BEST IN SHOW SCHOOLS AND YOUTH PRESERVES

Eligible Classes: JNR109 – JNR116

PRIMARY

FLAVOURED VINEGAR

One (1) plain glass bottle, approximately 500mL of vinegar flavoured with herbs. Include label that specify ingredients used.

JNR109 – FLAVOURED VINEGAR PREP–GRADE 6

SECONDARY

PICKLED VEGETABLES

One (1) bottle/jar containing 350g of pickled vegetables. Can be single vegetables or mixed vegetables. Include label with ingredients.

JNR110 – PICKLED VEGETABLES YEAR 7 & 8

JNR111 – PICKLED VEGETABLES YEAR 9–12

SPICED FERMENTED VEGETABLES

Including but not limited to curtido, kimchi and achar. Using a fermentation process, create one (1) plain glass bottle or jar with a minimum 350g. Use at least three (3) vegetables. Include label with ingredients

JNR112 – SPICED FERMENTED VEGETABLES YEAR 7 & 8

JNR113 – SPICED FERMENTED VEGETABLES YEAR 9–12

SPICED CHUTNEY

One (1) bottle/jar containing 350g of spiced chutney that includes at least two (2) vegetables, one (1) fruit, one (1) herb, and one (1) spice. Include label of ingredients.

JNR114 – SPICED CHUTNEY YEAR 7 & 8

JNR115 – SPICED CHUTNEY YEAR 9–12

OTHER PRESERVE

One (1) bottle/jar containing 350g of any other preserve. Include label that specify ingredients used.

JNR116 – OTHER PRESERVE YEAR 7–12



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Decorated cakes

Exhibits will be judged on creativity and appearance and therefore will not be tasted. Free-standing cakes must have a common base board, not exceeding 40cm in any direction. Elevated tiers must not overlap the base board. No wires must penetrate icing or cake. Ribbon, tulle, wire, non-synthetic stamens, edible colouring, edible glitter (minimum amount), cachous, piping gel, coconut, posy picks and manufactured pillars may be used. Raffia and cord are permitted in presentation. No manufactured ornaments, diamantes, dry gyp, lace or inedible glitter allowed.

JNR117S – BEST IN SHOW SCHOOLS AND YOUTH DECORATED CAKE

Eligible Classes: JNR118 – JNR123

PRIMARY

DECORATED CAKE

Dummy cakes are permitted if the same shape can be constructed in cake.

JNR118 – DECORATED CAKE PREP–GRADE 6

DECORATED CUP CAKES

Batch of four (4). Decorated, with decorations suitable to size of cake. Baked and presented in paper/foil cases and placed on a disposable cake board or plate. Cake must be made by exhibitor.

JNR119 – DECORATED CUP CAKES PREP–GRADE 6

SECONDARY

DECORATED CAKE

Dummy cakes are permitted if the same shape can be constructed in cake.

JNR120 – DECORATED CAKE YEAR 7 & 8

JNR121 – DECORATED CAKE YEAR 9–12

DECORATED CUP CAKES

Batch of four (4). Decorated, with decorations suitable to size of cake. Baked and presented in paper/foil cases and placed on a disposable cake board or plate. Cake must be made by exhibitor.

JNR122 – DECORATED CUP CAKES YEAR 7-8

JNR123 – DECORATED CUP CAKES YEAR 9–12

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Schools and youth with disabilities

Melbourne Royal encourages disability pride and offers the option to print maker's disabilities along with their entry on display at the Melbourne Royal Show if they choose.

JNR124S – BEST IN SHOW SCHOOLS AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITY

Eligible Classes: JNR125 – JNR130

PRIMARY

2D ARTWORK

Painting, drawing, printmaking or collage. Figurative, landscape, still life or abstract. Max. A4. No mounts.

JNR125 – 2D ARTWORK PREP–GRADE 6

GET CRAFTY

Any miscellaneous craft article. For example: knitting, embroidery, textiles, toys, emerging technologies etc. Not to exceed 40cm in any direction.

JNR126 – GET CRAFTY PREP–GRADE 6

DECORATED CUP CAKES

Exhibits will be judged on creativity and appearance and therefore will not be tasted. Batch of four (4). Decorated, with decorations suitable to size of cake. Baked and presented in paper/foil cases and placed on a disposable cake board or plate. Cake must be made by exhibitor.

JNR127 – DECORATED CUP CAKES PREP–GRADE 6

SECONDARY

2D ARTWORK

Painting, drawing, printmaking or collage. Figurative, landscape, still life or abstract. Max. A4. No mounts.

JNR128 – 2D ARTWORK YEAR 7–12

GET CRAFTY

Any miscellaneous craft article. For example: knitting, embroidery, textiles, toys, emerging technologies etc. Not to exceed 40cm in any direction.

JNR129 – GET CRAFTY YEAR 7–12

DECORATED CUP CAKES

Exhibits will be judged on creativity and appearance and therefore will not be tasted. Batch of four (4). Decorated, with decorations suitable to size of cake. Baked and presented in paper/foil cases and placed on a disposable cake board or plate. Cake must be made by exhibitor.

JNR130 – DECORATED CUP CAKES YEAR 7–12



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