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2017 SCHOOLS RECONCILIATION CHALLENGE WEBSITE LAUNCH



The NSW Reconciliation Council is proud to launch our new **Schools Reconciliation Challenge website**. This year, for the first time in the history of the competition, the Schools Reconciliation Challenge is available online! The website includes online registration, teaching resources, activities for students and a portal for submissions of the artworks and stories that students create.

The **Schools Reconciliation Challenge** is the NSW Reconciliation Council's annual competition for school students in NSW. The Challenge aims to use art and writing as vehicles to engage students in the reconciliation process, assist educators in teaching their students about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies and foster respectful relationships between schools and local Aboriginal communities.

The new website is proudly sponsored by Lendlease and has been developed by NSW Reconciliation Council in partnership with Principle Co.

The **theme** for the 2017 Schools Reconciliation Challenge is ***Where's Your Country?*** and encourages students to develop their understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander connections to Country. Students are supported to learn about their local Aboriginal Nation's histories, languages and cultures and see how each of these have been shaped through a deep connection to Country. The Schools Reconciliation Challenge aligns with the current NSW primary and secondary school syllabuses for Stages 3 and 4.

The competition is open until 22 September 2017. Further details, can be found on our new website: www.schoolsreconciliationchallenge.org.au

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