



Dante Original Poetry and Discorso in Lingua Italiana Competitions Guidelines and Conditions of Entry

All Competitions

1. Individual student entries will be accepted for the following Year Levels:
 - a. **Original Poetry:** Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12
 - b. **Discorso in Lingua Italiana:** Year 11 & 12
 - i. Pairs of students may also enter the Discorso Competition
 - c. Students are entered into the Original Poetry and Discorso in Lingua Italiana competitions according to Year Level and Category.
2. Student entries will be accepted in the following categories:
 - a. **Madre Lingua:** Those students recently arrived in Australia and/or were born and educated (for a number of years) in Italy.
 - b. **Italian-Australian:** Students of Italian heritage. They may or may not speak or hear Italian spoken at home by parents or relatives. This is a category also for students who have one parent who is of Italian birth or heritage (including if they have an Italian background but were born in Australia); the students may or may not have an Italian surname. Students in this category have an advantage over Non-Italian heritage students. They may have some other regular contact with the Italian culture and language additional to their tuition received at school.
 - c. **Non-Italian:** Reserved for students who have NO knowledge of the Italian language or links to the Italian culture. Their exposure to the Italian language and culture is solely through lessons received at school. This category is for students who have another nationality or heritage which is not ITALIAN.
3. Entries for both competitions close on **Friday 23 September 2022**.
4. An entry fee of \$10 per student/entry must be paid via EFT or cheque at the time of enrolment.
 - a. Cancellation of student attendance/participation does not entitle students, teachers or schools to a refund.
 - b. Entry fees are due on the same date the competition closes: 23 September 2022. Failure to secure payment by this date will compromise students' entry in the competition.
 - c. The entry fee is not transferable between students.
 - d. When payment is made via EFT a copy of the Remittance Form must be sent to the Society's Administrator at dante.alighieri.melbourne@gmail.com
 - e. When payment is made via cheque, the cheque should be made payable to "Dante Alighieri Society" and crossed not negotiable. The cheque and Remittance Form must be posted to the Society's office.
5. All entrants must be listed by the teacher on the **forms provided** in the following manner:
 - a. Separated by **Year level** and **Category** (i.e. Year 9 Non-Italian; Year 9 Italian-Australian)



- b. Each group of students (i.e. Year 9 Non-Italian) must be listed in alphabetical order **by surname** (preferred format is first name, surname, i.e. Jack Nguyen NOT Nguyen, Jack)
 - c. Do not use CAPSLOCK when typing students' names
 - d. One document containing all student names is to be submitted per school, per competition (i.e. if your school is entering students in both the Recitation and Original Poem competitions, two separate entry forms, containing student names and divided by Year Level and Section should be submitted).
 - e. **ALL entry forms must be typed and emailed** to the Competitions Coordinator no later Friday 23 September 2022.
 - f. Please check spelling of name and surname before submitting the lists as there will be no other opportunity for corrections before certificates are distributed to schools.
 - g. If you need to change an entry form after submitting it, you must re-send the amended list in its entirety. The coordinator will not change your entry forms for you.
 - h. **Email all Entry Forms to:** danteliterarycomp@gmail.com
6. Teachers are advised that the judge's decision for the competition is final and no communication will be entered into regarding adjudication.

Original Poetry Competition

1. There is no set topic for the Original Poetry Competition for 2022. Students are encouraged to write on topics of interest to them, or relevance to their studies.
2. Students entering the Original Poetry Competition **are not required to read their poem**. All poems are to be sent via email.
3. Students' work should be submitted in the following manner:
 - a. All Original Poems from your school should be submitted in **one Word Document**
 - b. One poem per page
 - c. The student's **Name, School, Year Level, and Category** should be included **above** the poem (see website for an example of appropriate formatting)
 - d. Work should be typed in 12pt Arial, Calibri, or similar font and size.
4. Students **must** produce their own work. Teachers are encouraged to proofread entries with students to correct spelling and grammar.
5. Plagiarised work will result in immediate disqualification. This includes any work produced with the assistance of AI technologies. Teachers are requested to monitor that all work is the students' own and is appropriate to their year level of language ability and fluency. **The work should be completed in class time to authenticate the originality of the student's work and ability.**
6. All student work will be adjudicated by a panel and awarded the following certificates: First, Second and Third; Participation, Merit, Honourable Mention, High Distinction.



Discorso in Lingua Italiana Competition

1. There is no set topic for the Discorso in Lingua Italiana for 2022. Students are encouraged to write on topics of interest to them, or relevance to their studies.
2. Students entering the Discorso Competition are not required to read their work aloud to a judge. Student work will be assessed by a panel of judges in students' absence.
3. Student work should be submitted in the following manner:
 - a. All Discorso from your school should be submitted in **one Word Document**
 - b. The student/s' Name/s, School, Year Level, and Category should be included **above** the Discorso
 - c. You must indicate whether the Discorso is an Individual or Pair entry
 - d. Work should be typed in 12pt Arial, Calibri, or similar
4. Individual students or pairs of students **must** produce their own work. Teachers are encouraged to proofread entries with students to correct spelling and grammar.
5. Plagiarised work will result in immediate disqualification. This includes any work produced with the assistance of AI technologies. Teachers are requested to monitor that all work is the students' own and is appropriate to their year level of language ability and fluency. **The work should be completed in class time to authenticate the originality of the student's work and ability.**
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