

2025 Blacktown City Young Artist Prize

Information Sheet

The 2025 Blacktown City Young Artist Prize is an environment-themed art prize and exhibition aimed at children and young people aged 3 to 14 years in Blacktown City.

Presented alongside the 2025 Blacktown City Art Prize, the Young Artist Prize invites children and young people to create a drawing, painting, print or collage responding to the theme **Sharing our Skies**.

Artworks are exhibited in the Young Artist Prize exhibition alongside the Blacktown City Art Prize, open from Saturday 11 January to Friday 28 March 2025 at The Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre.

Entry is free and exciting prizes are on offer! Every entrant receives a participation certificate.

The winning artwork from each of the following categories will be awarded a visual arts package:

- Most creative interpretation of the theme: Sharing our Skies
- Most expressive use of colour
- Best expression of Blacktown City
- Most creative depiction of renewable energy
- Most creative use of recycled and natural materials *presented by Blacktown City Council's Environmental Services Unit*

Theme

Sharing our Skies - Visualising the power of our skies and all things that fly

The sky is full of powerful things like the wind, clouds and the sun. For example, the wind is a great transporter of seeds and the sun provides light and warmth for them to grow. Wind turbines and solar panels are examples of how we harvest the powers of the wind and sun to create electricity.

Many creatures such as birds, bats and bugs, use the earth's weather patterns to navigate through our skies. As wingless beings, we humans use objects such as kites, hot air balloons and planes in a similar way.

Climate and weather patterns are changing and the ways in which animals, plants and humans interact with our skies change too.

The colour of the sky can be affected by things like light, weather, pollution, and changes to the earth's atmosphere. Aurora Australis is an example of solar wind high up the earth's atmosphere allowing us to see bright lights in certain parts of the sky.

Instructions

Step 1 - Create your Artwork

Choose a place in your neighbourhood where you can see the sky.
This could be your home, street, school, or a park.

Using coloured pencils, pastels, crayons, paint, scrap paper, and/or other materials, create a unique artwork that responds to one or more of the following questions:

- What can you see, smell and hear in the air around you?
- What powers does the sky have? You might like to consider how the wind carries seeds, birds, and kites, or how the clouds deliver rain, snow and lightning, or the ways in which we harvest energy from the wind and sun.
- How does the sky change?
- What travels through the sky above you? Where are they going and how are they getting there?
- How do weather systems and changes to the earth's atmosphere affect the air and sky?
- Think about the colours, textures, shapes and words that best show care, understanding, and comfort for your chosen place. This artwork can be as abstract or realistic as you wish. You can create a 2D painting, drawing, print, or collage.

Step 2 – Submit your Entry Online

Please make sure to complete the [online entry form](#) by Wednesday 11 December 2024.

Step 3 – Deliver your Artwork

Deliver your artwork to The Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre on Friday 13 or Saturday 14 December 2024 between 10 am and 5 pm.

Key dates

Entries close

Wednesday 11 December 2024 at 5pm

Artwork delivery

Friday 13 or Saturday 14 December 2024 between 10 am and 5 pm

Exhibition

Saturday 11 January to Friday 28 March 2025

Awards and prize giving

Saturday 11 January 2025 at 11 am

Artwork collection

Saturday 29 March or Monday 31 March 2025, 10 am to 5 pm

Terms and Conditions

Artwork delivery and collection

- Artworks must be delivered on Friday 13 or Saturday 14 December 2024 between 10 am and 5 pm to The Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre, 78 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown, NSW 2148
- Parking is available at The Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre carpark, accessible via Campbell Street
- Plan your visit [here](#).

Artist eligibility

- Each young artist must submit an entry form before dropping off their artwork
- Each young artist is limited to 1 entry
- Each entry must be the original work of the entrant and must have been completed in the last 12 months
- Entrants must be aged 3 to 14 years old as of Wednesday 11 December 2024
- Entrants must live or attend school within the Blacktown Local Government Area. We also accept artworks from entrants who have attended workshops at The Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre in 2024.

Artwork eligibility

- Materials accepted include drawing, painting, print and collage
- Entrants are encouraged to address the environmental theme in their work
- Maximum size of works accepted:
- Two-dimensional works – A3 size (30cm x 42cm), not including frame
- Three-dimensional works – 30cm x 30cm x 30cm must include a mount and be able to be hung on the wall
- For two-dimensional works, entrants are strongly encouraged to frame submitted work. This will allow professional presentation in the exhibition
Blacktown Arts staff reserve the right to attach hanging devices where necessary.

Sale and display of artworks

- Artworks will be available for sale to Young Artists' Prize sponsors. Artists will receive \$80 if their artwork is sold. Please indicate in the application form if you do not wish for your work to be available for sale
- Blacktown Arts on behalf of Blacktown City Council reserves the right to limit the display up to approximately 200 works according to space availability. As a result, Blacktown Arts cannot guarantee all entrants opportunity for display
- The decisions of the Judges and Blacktown Arts on behalf of Council in all conditions of entry, display and judging will be final and no correspondence will be entered into

- Artworks that are not collected will be held for 1 week after the arranged pick-up date, but will thereafter be disposed of without further notice.

Marketing and publicity

- Blacktown Arts, Blacktown City Council and/or the media (with Council's permission) reserve the right to use images of submitted artworks to promote the exhibition and future exhibitions in signage, websites, social media, catalogues and promotional material.

Enquiries

For further information contact Blacktown Arts at artscentre@blacktown.nsw.gov.au or 9839 6558.

The 2025 Blacktown City Young Artist Prize is proudly supported by Blacktown City Council Environment Section and Kids Early Learning, in association with Blacktown Arts.