

To Year 9 Coordinators, School Chaplains, and English Teachers:



## NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION INVITATION 2018

Four years ago members of Australian Church Women Inc. launched a National Essay Writing Competition for Year 9 schoolgirls. As a result of this launch, it was determined for 2014 that school girls in Year 9 at Aranmore Catholic College in WA be invited to submit a 600-800 word essay entitled '*A Christian Woman Who Has Inspired Me*'.

A good number of entries were received and judged. Cash prizes of \$150 for the winner and \$50 for the runner up were awarded, and certificates presented. A booklet containing the two winning entries and 10 additional essays was produced by ACW Inc.

In 2015 and 2016 Torrens Valley Christian School in South Australia and Moreton Bay Christian School, Queensland, along with Aranmore Catholic College, also trialled the essay competition. In 2017, several more schools also took up this essay writing challenge.

The purpose of this letter is to invite your school/college to participate in the 2018 National Essay Writing Competition. We believe the essay topic will fit within the curriculum guidelines for Year 9 students and therefore the competition is open to both girls and boys. If it will work within the topics covered in your school, it may well be part of the course work attempted by your students. Alternatively, you may like to encourage your students to enter without it being part of the school curriculum.

The essay topic to be addressed continues to be '*A Christian Woman Who Has Inspired Me*'. Most students, to date, have written about a Christian woman known to them personally, but entries have also focused on Christian women who are well known nationally or internationally. Information on these women can be gathered from a variety of sources.

Please advise me if you believe that your school would like to participate in this competition, and I will ensure that you receive full details early in the 2018 school year.

Further details of our organisation and the National Essay Competition can be found at [acw.org.au](http://acw.org.au)

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