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Student wins 2009 Henry Lawson Writing Competition

Roseville College Year 9 student Sejung Park, of Gordon, has penned a winning 1,000 word story for the 2009 Grenfell Henry Lawson Festival of Arts short story competition.

A promising author, Sejung was excited to learn that her entry, "The Candle", had gained equal first place. Last year, after winning the Roseville College short story competition, she became inspired to practise her creative abilities by participating in established writing competitions.

"I am fascinated by family dynamics, which influence my story and character development; I'd like to be a doctor and am interested in human psychology," explains Sejung. "Fiction gives me freedom to explore themes inspired by my observations of family life, especially when those observations differ significantly from my own experiences."

"Sejung has enthusiastic support from the School and her parents who are delighted that her perseverance was rewarded in the Henry Lawson inspired Festival," adds Head of English at Roseville College, Mrs Kate Quinane.

"I'm confident Sejung will continue to impress us with her innovative writing, and I look forward to one day seeing copies of her published works in Roseville's library collection!"

Each year, young writers from around Australia enter the competition, which has been held since 1958 to promote and attain recognition for aspiring authors in verse, short story and other creative disciplines.

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Photographs: *top* Roseville College Year 9 students enjoy highlights from Sejung Park's (left) winning story "The Candle"

Further details: Sejung Park's short story, The Candle, can be obtained by contacting Kaje Brodersen, Media Relations, at Roseville College on 02 9884 1126.



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