

MEDIA INFORMER

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Four Roseville College Students Top Forestville's Young Writer's Competition

Budding author and Roseville College Year 9 student Gloria Giang and her sister Alcina, in Year 6, are among four students from the school to receive top awards in the recent Forestville Young Writer's Competition coordinated by Forestville Library.

In addition to sharing the limelight with sister Alcina, who won the Year 6 section with a story titled "Guilty", Gloria was delighted to share equal second place in the Year 9 section with her fellow student and friend Sasha Landis. The judges were unable to judge between their stories, "The Rise of Hope" and "One Night on the Beach", respectively. Year 7 student, Madeleine Thomas, of Cromer, won the Year 7 section with her story "Mum's Library".



"When they rang to invite the girls to the Young Writer's finalist evening, Gloria picked up the phone. They asked her to come along and said, 'please bring your sister as well'..." says mother Mrs Hue Giang. "They did not mention that either was receiving a prize, so it was a complete surprise on the night that they had done so well. We are very proud of them. Of course, Gloria was excited to attend and especially happy that Alcina and fellow Roseville students Sasha and Madeleine also won prizes on the night."

Roseville College's Head of English, Mrs Kate Quinane, says the school has a long tradition of fostering a love of literature and writing among its students. Earlier this year, fellow Year 9 student, Sejung Park, won the Henry Lawson Festival Writing Competition. The College also hosts annual writing competitions at the school and seeks to inspire students through writing clubs and involving Writers in Residence in the students' learning experiences.

Judges and local writers, Ms Lindy Batchelor and Ms Laurine Croasdale, instigated the awards to encourage and inspire young writers. Winners received personal encouragement and feedback on their stories from the judges, as well as a book voucher from Lindfield Book Shop and book prizes.

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Photographs: *top* (L-R) Forestville Young Writer's Competition Year 7 section winner Madeleine Thomas, Year 6 section winner Alcina Giang beside sister Year 9 student Gloria Giang, who won equal second place in the Year 9 section with fellow student Sasha Landis.

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