What Matters? is a writing competition that gives Year 5–12 students in Tasmanian Government schools a chance to say what matters to them in society today. What actions do you think should be taken to build a better society? What would you change if you could? What do you want other people to care about?

**HOW TO ENTER**
Write a 400-600 word opinion piece on what matters to you and why. Entries must be typed on A4 paper. Strictly one entry per student. All entries must be accompanied by a signed entry form. Entry forms are available from your teacher or can be downloaded at bit.ly/tased-whatmatters.

**JUDGING CRITERIA AND INFORMATION**
Judging criteria and further information is available at bit.ly/tased-whatmatters. The 2014 winning entries can be viewed at whitlam.org/whatmatters.

**CLOSING DATE**
Friday 8 May 2015.

**STUDENT PRIZES**
Prizes are awarded in 4 categories: Years 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12.
- $350 for each category winner and $200 for each category runner-up.
- Each category winner (4) will be invited to participate in a Young Writers Forum run by The Writing Workshop and attend an awards ceremony in second half of 2015 at the University of Western Sydney’s Parramatta campus. Finalist entries will be published in print and online.

**OVERALL WINNER**
The overall competition winner, announced at the Sydney awards ceremony, will receive an iPad. The overall winner will be selected from finalists in NSW, ACT and What Matters? Tasmania.

For more information see your teacher or visit our website bit.ly/tased-whatmatters