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## **Prize Winners in the UNHCR National High School Writing Competition, *Refugees: Telling Their Stories***

The latest writing competition invited entries from High School Students around Australia in three categories: an article based on an interview with a refugee; a personal story written by a former refugee; and an essay based on the World Refugee Day theme *It takes courage to be a refugee*. More than 160 entries were received in 2005.

### **Personal Story Category Winners**

- First place- Anhieng Majak, Braybrook College, VIC
- Second place-David Sam, Cyril Jackson Senior Campus, WA
- Third Place-Grace Jook, Greystanes High School, NSW
- Highly Commended-Nada Abdulhadi, Cyril Jackson Senior Campus, WA
- Highly Commended- Emmanuel Labusa, Mirrabooka Senior High School, WA
- Highly Commended- Medina Hajdarevic, Werribee Islamic College, VIC

### **Interview Category Winners**

- First place- Angela Leggett, Brisbane Girls Grammar School, QLD
- Second place-Sophie Armitage, Abbotsleigh Senior School, NSW
- Third Place-Joanne Chan, Upper Commera State College, QLD
- Highly Commended- Alexander Kennedy, Kellyville High School, NSW
- Highly Commended-April Seymour, Upper Commera State College, QLD

### **Essay Category Winners**

- First place- Tania Gniecchi-Ruscione, Kincoppal Rose-Bay Secondary, NSW
- Second place-Aisha el Kurdi, Werribee Islamic College, VIC
- Third Place-Emma Shaw, Streaky Bay Area School, SA
- Highly Commended-Hannah Graney, Marryatville High School, SA

UNHCR would like to thank all the schools and students around Australia who took part in the competition and the refugees themselves for their courage and generosity in sharing their stories. The entries by winners and finalists are published in a booklet available in hard copy from UNHCR or at [www.unhcr.org.au](http://www.unhcr.org.au).

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