



THE QUARTERLY QUILL

“Quirky Queries & Quests.”

We are currently open for submission. Submissions close Saturday, 1 April at 11:59pm.

WHO WE ARE

The Quarterly Quill is a quarterly newspaper brought to you by Melbourne Young Writers' Studio (MYWS). At the *Quarterly Quill* or *The Quill* for short, we give voice to budding writers with an itch for the imaginative. A space where young scribes can hear from other young creatives in the MYWS community and have their words published! We're looking for pieces that inspire, inform or entertain. If it excites, amazes or even frightens us, we want to read it.

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The *Quarterly Quill* is the home of all things quirky, whimsical and sincere. It's for the distant travelers from far-off places and the cozy truths close to home. If it can make us laugh, cry, smile or hide underneath a doona - or all three at the same time, send it in.

SECTIONS & GUIDELINES

1. Featured Fancies

Do you have hard-won writing wisdom to share, a hot-take on how to cure writer's block or advice on beating that 2nd Act slump? Or perhaps just a charming anecdote about your writing misadventures or a desire to weigh in on the eternal literary debates of our time? Truth can be stranger fiction and if you have something to say about the world of the real, we're here for it.

1500 words.

2. Revolutionary Recipes

Got a recipe for a fictional meal? Perhaps the rare delicacy of Volcanic Chocolate or the indulgent treat of Teleporting Tim Tams? Lay it out with enticing ingredients and include a malicious method for mixing it up.

500 words.

3. Poets of the Quill

Fancy spinning a rhyme or a romantic couplet? Or perhaps a stirring sonnet or a bold ballad? If you're a bard with a passion for poetry, submit yours to the quill today!

Maximum 12 Lines

4. Muddling Mysteries

It can be a dangerous world out there and we need your help to keep this city safe! Tell us about a fictional crime we should be aware of: Has the Mona Lisa been stolen by pirates? Or perhaps the infamous 'Pixie Hunter' has finally returned? And what's with those disappearing writers?

Report your crime, missing person report or first-hand eye-witness piece today!

500 words

5. Whacky Weather

They say there's four seasons in one day, but what if there were eight? Has it been raining popsicles? Should there be a Unicorn warning for those upcoming gusty winds? Or are we in for another summer of mind-controlling heat waves? Tell us your report for the fictional weather!

200-300 word limit.

6. Super Sports Section

If you've created a fictional game in this wide world of sport, we want to know about it: the losses. The wins. The triumphs. The off-field drama. Is there a leaderboard for those who 'walk the plank'? What about the Galactic Gladiator? A winner for the fastest time traveler? Submit your sports report now!

300 word limit.

7. The Write Stuff

Have you experienced a book, comic, film or TV show you can't wait to tell the world about? Fancy giving it a star review or a grading on the 'color wheel'? Review it in 'The Write Stuff' and tell us what you've been recommending!

300-500 word limit.

8. Curiosity Corner

Whether you're seeking a companion for your next quest, after a growth potion, or you're desperate to give your bounty hunter side hustle a boost, we have you covered. There's no item or service too weird the Curiosity Corner hasn't advertised before!

200 word limit.

9. Quarterly Quill Quiz

Writers can submit questions for the Quiz about books, authors, characters, writing tools, techniques and more!

Put your storytelling knowledge to the test and challenge others in the Quarterly Quill Quiz section. Think you know the number of times Harry Potter visited Hogwarts, the street name of The Simpsons? Or who framed Roger Rabbit? Put these qs forward and more in the Quarterly Quill Quiz!

Submit up to 5 questions.

HOW TO SUBMIT A PIECE

- Send your submission(s) to publishing@mywritersstudio.com.au with the subject heading: The Quarterly Quill_Your Full Name_Section_The Name of Your Piece. For example: The Quarterly Quill_Hedwig Potter_The Write Stuff_Owls Are Cuter Than Dogs.
- All submissions must be submitted in font Times New Roman size 12 with 1.15 spacing
- All submissions must be submitted as a Google or Word document
- All submissions should have the following details on top of the submission:
 - -author's name (first and last) or pen name
 - -date of birth
 - -title of piece
 - -section you see your piece being in.

RULES & GUIDELINES

- Only submissions from currently enrolled MYWS writers will be accepted
- All submissions must be a new and original work (unpublished elsewhere)

- Submissions containing strong language, violence or gore will not be published
- Young writers are not paid for their submissions
- Young writers consent to having their work published in the *Quarterly Quill*, on our website and on our social media channels
- You may be asked to edit or revise your submission, but generally no feedback is provided on submitted work
- Minor superficial edits may be made to submissions without notice before publishing
- All young writers must be 18 years old or under at the time of submission
- Young writers may submit as many pieces as they like
- Unfortunately, we won't be able to publish all of your pieces! But please continue to submit!