



**The Philosophy in Schools Association of NSW**  
invites NSW secondary students to submit an essay to our first annual  
2019 Essay Competition, proudly sponsored by the  
**Royal Society of NSW Southern Highlands**

Please find the [stimulus reading here](#).

The question for this year is:

*Can it be right to cause the death of one person in order to save the life of another? Discuss with reference to the case of Mary and Jodie.*

- Submissions will be judged by an assessing panel of (unpaid) academic philosophers.
- The three best will be selected, plus honourable mentions for up to three more deserving entries.
- Awards will be presented at the NSW Philosothon 16 November 2019 at North Sydney Girls High School.

#### Competition Rules

1. Entrants must be in Years 10-12 and in full time secondary students at a NSW school (public, private or Catholic). (Students in higher education may not enter.)
2. Each entrant may submit one essay only addressing the set philosophical topic.
3. Essays must not exceed 2000 words.
4. The essay must be entirely the student's own work. Any form of unfair practice (including plagiarism) will disqualify the entrant from the competition.
5. Submissions must be in the form of Word documents in the following format:
  - a. Font size 12 in a typeset of Calibri, Courier or Times New Roman
  - b. Line spacing 1.5 between lines
  - c. Italics for foreign/specialist words, bold for emphasis
  - d. Footnotes should be used, rather than endnotes, if they are required.
6. The submission must be accompanied by a completed Submission Form which must be signed by the entrant and one of their teachers. The submission form and essay should be attached separately to a single email, sent to [philosophyinschoolsnsw@gmail.com](mailto:philosophyinschoolsnsw@gmail.com)
7. No more than 3 submissions can be made per school.
8. Submissions received after the due date (25 October 2019) will not be considered.



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Submission form

School \_\_\_\_\_ Year group \_\_\_\_\_

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_

The signatures below constitute a pledge that all of the writing is the student's own work, with the exception of those portions which are properly documented.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_