



ANZELA NSW ESSAY COMPETITION 2021

Are you a lawyer, educator, law student, education student, or recent graduate, with something to say about a legal issue affecting education? If yes, the [ANZELA NSW Chapter](#) invites you to participate in its 2021 Essay Competition.

Prizes include a First Prize of \$3000, a year's ANZELA membership, and the opportunity to have your essay included in a future edition of the International Journal of Law and Education (IJLE).

The essay competition aims to:

- reward thoughtful and original contributions to the research, study and discussion of information about education law; and
- make connections between tertiary students and early career practitioners on the one hand and experienced academics, educators and lawyers on the other.

Eligible essays will:

- relate to current issues in education law in Australian jurisdictions;
- be the original work of the author, and previously unpublished (this may include an essay completed by a student as part of an undergraduate or postgraduate course); and
- be approximately 2,000 words (excluding footnotes and bibliographies) and follow APA referencing conventions.

Topic selection:

Essays may address any issue relevant to ANZELA and its members. Entrants should consider the commercial, legal, policy and regulatory context of their chosen topic. Essays may draw on relevant international examples. Topics might include (for example): child protection, duty of care/negligence, online safety and digital citizenship, technology in the learning environment, educational policy, employment law, family law, discrimination/human rights, teachers' legal responsibilities and accountability, professional regulation and compliance.

Entrants may find further examples of relevant education law topics in IJLE articles available at <https://www.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdb/au/journals/IntJLawEdu/>.

The judging panel:

Essays will be judged by a panel of industry and the legal professionals and a representative of academia, each a member of ANZELA. Essays will be evaluated on criteria including original thought and analysis. The judges may determine not to award some or all of the prizes. The judges' determinations will be final.

Who can enter?

- lawyers;
- educators;
- current education or law students studying at an Australian tertiary institution; and
- recent graduates of an Australian tertiary institution.

All entrants must be residents of NSW or ACT.

Submission of entries:

Each entrant may submit only one essay.

Please give your essay a title.

The name, address, email and telephone and the tertiary institution and course in which the author is enrolled (if applicable) should be included either on a separate, detachable sheet or in the covering email. No identifiers should be on the essay itself.

Submit your entry by email by 5.00 pm on 12 November 2021, to: nsw@anzela.edu.au



Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to the best three essays as follows:

1st prize:
\$3,000 and ANZELA membership for 2022

2nd prize:
\$2,000 and ANZELA membership for 2022

3rd prize:
\$1,000 and ANZELA membership for 2022

The prize-winning essays will be considered for publication in ANZELA's International Journal of Law and Education <http://www.anzela.edu.au/journals/>. The awards will be announced at ANZELA NSW's AGM on 9 December 2021.