



FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING PROGRAM AUSTRALIA

Developing the capacity of young Australians to design and promote positive futures through problem solving.

Scenario Writing

Scenario Writing is an individual competition in which students develop short stories related to one of FPSP's four annual topics. The story (1500 words or less) is set 20 - 30 years in the future and is an imagined but logical outcome of actions or events taking place in the world.

The 6 Step Model

Step 1: Identify Problems & Challenges

Step 2: Select an Underlying Problem

Step 3: Produce Solution Ideas

Step 4: Select Criteria

Step 5: Apply Criteria to Top Solutions

Step 6: Develop an Action Plan

Why Scenario Writing?

To prepare students for the challenges of the 21st century, Future Problem Solving teaches students to think critically, creatively, and futuristically.

The Scenario Writing program strives to help students enlarge, enrich, and make their images of the future more precise while honing their creative writing skills. This competition provides students with greater awareness and imaginings about possible futures by personalizing the ever-growing perspective a student has on their own.

Participation in Scenario Writing provides opportunities for students to meet and exceed educational standards as they refine their writing skills.

A rubric-based authentic evaluation is provided, giving students tools for continuous growth.

The skills taught lay the foundations for students to become innovators and responsible change makers of the future.

Recent Science & Technology Topics

Agriculture
Alternative Energy
Artificial Intelligence
Biosecurity
Cyber Conflict
Nanotechnology

Recent Business & Economics Topics

Climate Change
Criminal Justice Systems
Cultural Prejudice
Environmental Law
Food Loss & Waste
Freedom of Speech

Recent Social & Political Topics

Coping with Stress
Healthy Living
The Global Workplace
The Impact of Social Media
Rage and Bullying
Sensory Overload

Does FPS have to be done in the classroom?

Scenario Writing can be successfully implemented in a variety of ways* – as an extra-curricular program delivered outside school hours or embedded in the school curriculum from P-12, and everything in between. However you choose to run the Scenario Writing, the development of these skills will correlate directly with the expectations and requirements of the National Curriculum.

How do students compete?

Schools can register individual students in one of the following divisions – Junior (Years 5 to 6), Middle (Years 7 to 9) and Senior (Years 10 to 12).

Students have the opportunity to enter two submissions. The first submission is non-competitive and provides written feedback to guide the story's improvement. The second, or competitive, submission is what decides the placegetters in the FPS Australian scenario writing competition.

The finalists (stories that progress to the 2nd round of evaluation) of each division of the FPS Australian scenario writing competition are invited to participate in the National Finals.

The author of the winning story of each division of the FPS Australian scenario writing competition is invited to participate in the Scenario Writing competition of the FPSPI international conference held in June the following year

Do students need to know the six-step problem solving process for Scenarios?

Although knowing the process can help students think about the future and organise a storyline, it is not a prerequisite for Scenario Writing. However, since Scenarios must relate to one of the annual topics, it is imperative that students complete background reading and research on their chosen topic.

For students who participate in Global Issues Problem Solving, Scenario Writing can serve as an excellent complement to their work on any of the annual topics.

Characteristics of FPS Participants

- Futuristic Thinkers
- Collaborative
- Effective Problem Solvers
- Analytical Researchers
- Expert Innovators
- Ethical Leaders
- Diverse Thinkers
- Global Citizens

How can I get started with my students?

- Register an individual
- Purchase recommended publications
- Plan your FPS year