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The Bold Source Issue 5: Walks of Life Submission Guidelines

“We are looking for everyday storytellers to inspire, educate and create changes, big and small, one epic story at a time.”

About Us

The Bold Source is a youth magazine led by an editorial team of young people between the ages of 15 and 25. The annual magazine acts as a platform to share young people’s stories.

The Bold Source is a space to showcase the diverse and layered experiences of young people in Melbourne’s West.

Issue 5 Theme: Walks of Life

The people in our lives and the experiences we’ve gone through can shape many different things: who we love, our career choices, where we live, and how we view the world around us.

But various obstacles and things out of our control are overwhelming our generation. The future is unclear, so how can we make choices for our lives?

Whatever roadblocks or struggles we’re faced with, we have to find a way to move forward. And when you’re moving forward, are you hopeful or anxious about the future?

We are looking for fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art, photography, and comics about:

- Life paths
- Immigration
- Family
- Career + Education choices
- Defining moments
- Life outcomes
- Identity
- Different perspectives + stigma
- Community
- Your own take on 'Walks of Life'!

Who can submit?

To submit your work to The Bold Source, you must:



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- Be aged 15 to 25 years old.
 - Have a connection to Brimbank e.g. lives, works, studies, or socialises ([click here for a list of suburbs included under the City of Brimbank](#)).
 - Have a completed piece of writing and/or artwork.
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Content Guidelines

Fiction

- Maximum 1,200 words for short stories. 10% leeway allowed.
- Must submit in DOC, DOCX or PDF format.

Poetry

- No limit on the number of poems that can be submitted.
- Must submit in DOC, DOCX or PDF format.

Non-fiction

- Personal essays, opinion articles, commentary pieces, etc.
- Maximum 1,200 words. 10% leeway is allowed.
- Must submit in DOC, DOCX or PDF format.

Visual art

- Drawings, paintings, photography, comics, etc.
 - Must include the title of the piece.
 - Must include location and year taken for photography.
 - Must submit in high-quality files (minimum 300dpi) in JPEG, PNG, TIFF, or PDF format.
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Important Information

- All pieces will be reviewed by the editors of The Bold Source, then Brimbank City Council's communications team.
 - The team may reach out about changes to your submission if they are required for accessibility, adherence to guidelines, clarity, etc.
 - The Bold Source cannot publish pieces featuring graphic imagery or descriptions of violence; nudity; and copyrighted or plagiarised material.
 - We do not accept content that has been created with AI.
 - If you have any questions, please email us at BYS@brimbank.vic.gov.au.
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Statement of respect

Brimbank City Council is proud of its commitment to the Social Justice principles of equity, access, human rights and community participation regardless of gender, sexuality, religion, age, race, disability and socio-economic circumstances.



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The Bold Source welcomes submissions from young people with diverse backgrounds, identities and experiences, and acknowledges that The Bold Source is created on the lands of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation – whose sovereignty was never ceded.

[Please submit via this form.](#)

Submissions close Wednesday 16 October 2024 at 11:59pm.

We look forward to seeing your work!