Mount Barker Peace Prize 2026

Purpose

To develop a better understanding of Peace in the lives of the young people of our community.   To promote the attitudes and values that emphasise the importance of peace and harmonious development for the future of our community. This includes:

- Peace between nations
- International understanding
- Social attitudes, norms, and mores
- Reconciliation between peoples
- Social and environmental sustainability

Objectives

The purposes of the Peace Prize are achieved when a senior student has a significant or life changing experience through:

- Research, synthesis and then presentation of their learning
- Direct cross-cultural experience through travel overseas, community service or volunteer work such as through Youth Challenge Australia or World Vision Australia.
- Visit to a developing country or a remote community in Australia.
- Sharing of their experiences with college students and the wider community

The Peace Prize

The Peace Prize was first announced at Speech Night 2004 and has been made possible by the generous donations of Mr Tony Smith and Mr Anderson Dufty.

A perpetual trophy is presented to the winner and held in the college. The prize fund provides an annual prize scholarship which is paid in instalments to support the winner's further study and travel.

The Scholarship will be paid in three instalments as follows:
- 10% at the time of award of the Trophy (Speech Night)
- 60% at the time of booking travel arrangements
- 30% at the time of report back to college students and community

Peace Prize Process for Students

Term 2 and 3

1. Students are invited to research a relevant area of interest – probably connected to their studies.
2. Nomination form submitted by end of Term 3. Students are encouraged to discuss their proposed study with MS Prior to check appropriateness.
3. Research, drafting, writing, editing etc
4. Submit a final draft written report, with supporting video, music, artwork, or presentation by last day of term 3 (equivalent to 1500 words).

Term 4

5. A college panel selects the winning entry
6. The winning student then develops their draft so they can present their work as an oration (speech) with display or performance at Speech Night.

Speech Night

7. Speech Night presentation
8. The Prize and first instalment of the Scholarship is presented by the donor following their presentation.
9. Prize winner will meet the donors and will receive guidance about travel possibilities linked to their topic.

During The Following Year

10. When the winner is ready to book or prepare travel arrangements, they contact the Manager of Corporate Services for the second instalment of the scholarship to be paid.
11. Once the winner has completed their travel or other experience, they contact the college to arrange a time to present to classes, assembly and if possible, a community group meeting. The final instalment of the scholarship will be paid at the conclusion of their report back.
12. The college would also like to help publicise the winner's experiences at least through the Plantagenet News and our Newsletter.

Nomination

Please complete and sign the attached nomination form and submit it with your entry. The nomination form and FINAL draft written report should be returned to MS Prior by _____.

Mount Barker Peace Prize Nomination Form

Student name: _____   Year_____

I will be submitting an entry for the 2026 Peace Prize in the area of

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Summary of my idea (max 100 words)

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Bibliography – Key sources of information to be used.

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Proposed Activity. If selected as the winner of the Peace Prize, my intention is to take part in:

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Activity - Likely month _____

I will provide feedback at college - Likely month _____

Declaration: I agree to the conditions of the Peace Prize. I will submit my entry by _____ .

I understand that an oration at Speech Night is required for the winner to receive the prize and scholarship instalments. Also that I will need to report back once the adventure is completed.

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Signed Student   Date

Please return this nomination form to Ms Prior by _____ with your written report.