

NZ HIGH COMMISSION ESSAY COMPETITION FIJI SECONDARY SCHOOLS 2024

LIST OF WINNERS

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION (THE SUPREME WINNERS)

MANOA DOUGHTY KAMIL MUSLIM COLLEGE BA

ADRAN KUMAR SABETO COLLEGE, NADI

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

RONIT PRASAD PT SHREEDHAR MAHARAJ COLLEGE, NAUSORI

ASHIL KRISHAAN GOUNDAR NATABUA HIGH SCHOOL, LAUTOKA

SHAUN AARON RAI PT VISHNU DEO MEMORIAL COLLEGE, LAUTOKA

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

SITERI M B VAVATAGA MAHATMA GANDHI MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, SUVA

JESHNIL SINGH XAVIER COLLEGE, BA

ION V P MAUSIO JAI NARAYAN COLLEGE, SUVA

CYNTHIA RACHAEL BOSEIVALU NAIYALA HIGH SCHOOL, KOROVOU

NEELAM NATH VOTUALEVU COLLEGE, NADI

ABDUL ZAMEER DAV COLLEGE, SUVA

HELENA VERMA KOROVUTO COLLEGE, NADI

SAHIL SINGH VUNIMONO HIGH SCHOOL, NAUSORI

SIMON MAINAVUKEA VASHIST MUNI COLLEGE, NAVUA

JONATHAN LORD MARIST BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL, SUVA

CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL MENTION

VAANSHI PRASAD	MULOMULO SECONDARY SCHOOL, NADI
ELIZABETH SOPHIE	ST JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, SUVA
NITIN CHAND	BA SANATAN COLLEGE, BA
DHARSHIKA D CHAND	A D PATEL COLLEGE, BA
RUKAYAT AKIFAH	NASIKAWA VISION COLLEGE, KOROLEVU

JUDGE'S REPORT

A record number of students, numbering 615, from 105 secondary schools participated in this year's competition. The topic, based on *The Pacific Way*, clearly resonated with students. Excellent research was carried out. In the main, this was acknowledged by writers, although students are again reminded of this matter. All participants will receive a Certificate. To those who achieved prizes listed above, I offer warm congratulations. The High Commissioner Her Excellency Charlotte Darlow and I hope to visit some of the schools in due course. This was the sixteenth consecutive year that I have judged this competition and would like to record a great sense of loss at the passing of co-judge, Lady June Hillary, QSM, in June. Lady Hillary was on board with us since the competition commenced and visited many schools. Messages that came from a number of past winners were appreciated and were forwarded to Lady Hillary's family.

The standard of this year's entries was notably high. It is pleasing that students are able to use researched data sensibly, invariably reaching conclusions with precision. The topic was widely interpreted. Many interesting variations were noted, including students who applied the topic to their own local areas and wrote imaginatively. The 2025 topic will be announced in term 1. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the support rendered by the Fiji Ministry of Education over the past sixteen years, and school coordinators, for their kind assistance in collating the essays within the given time. I look forward to meeting some of the participants of 2024.

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