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State finalists announced in Paint Australia Beautiful competition supported by Dulux

Keep Australia Beautiful and Dulux have announced the finalists in the 2026 Paint Australia Beautiful School Mural Competition, with students across the country set to transform school walls into creative expressions of the environment they want to protect.

Supported by Dulux's Protects for Generations campaign, the national initiative encourages students to use colour, creativity and environmental thinking to design murals that reflect the future they want to leave for the generations that follow. Students are invited to create nature-inspired mural concepts around three key themes:

- **Litter Prevention**, inspiring cleaner communities through art
- **Waste Management**, showcasing ideas for a more sustainable future
- **Biodiversity**, celebrating and protecting Australia's unique local ecosystems

The competition follows a simple, student-led framework: **Think. Design. Create.** Students can develop and submit mural concepts individually or as part of a group, class or whole-school project.

Winning schools in each state and territory will receive premium Dulux paint and supplies to bring their murals to life.

The 2026 state and territory finalists are:

- **TAS:** Exeter Primary School
- **QLD:** Holland Park State School
- **VIC:** St Joseph's Crib Point
- **WA:** Broome Primary School
- **SA:** Carlton Preschool
- **NSW:** Parramatta Public School
- **ACT:** Caroline Chisholm School
- **NT:** Clyde Fenton Primary School

Val Southam, CEO of Keep Australia Beautiful, said, "Paint Australia Beautiful has always been about more than murals - it's about giving young Australians a voice and a platform to share what they care about most. This year, with the incredible support of Dulux, we're excited to see students across the country turn blank walls into bold statements about the future they want to protect. When a child picks up a paintbrush and says 'this is the Australia I want to be a part of,' that's a powerful thing, and that's exactly what this program is all about."

Sophie Brereton, Community Manager, Dulux Australia, said, "We've always believed that paint has the power to do more than cover a wall - it can inspire, unite and leave a lasting legacy for the communities it touches. Partnering with Keep Australia Beautiful on the 2026 Paint Australia Beautiful competition is a natural fit for us. Our Protects for Generations commitment is built on the belief that what we create today should stand strong for those who come after us, and watching young Australians channel their passion for the environment into meaningful, lasting murals is exactly that vision in action."

The competition will culminate in a National People's Choice Competition, giving the Australian public the opportunity to vote for their favourite finalist mural.

Voting will open at 2pm AEDT on Friday 30 October and close at 2pm AEDT on Friday 6 November, with the National People's Choice winner announced at 2pm AEDT on Wednesday 11 November.

The public vote will provide an opportunity for the wider community to get behind the students and celebrate their creativity and environmental ideas in the finished murals.

Prizes include:

- Premium Dulux paint and supplies for one winning schools in each state and territory
- Commemorative plaques and student keepsakes
- National recognition through the People's Choice public vote

Key 2026 dates:

- **19 October to 30 October:** Unveiling of completed murals
- **30 October to 6 November:** National People's Choice voting
- **11 November:** National Champion announced



The Paint Australia Beautiful program is proudly supported by Dulux and the Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

Learn more: <https://kab.org.au/paint-australia-beautiful/schools-2026/>

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About Keep Australia Beautiful

Keep Australia Beautiful is Australia's longest-standing environmental organisation, committed to building pride in place through education, partnerships and community action. For more than 50 years, KAB has championed litter prevention, waste reduction and biodiversity conservation nationwide.

About Dulux

Dulux is one of Australia's most trusted paint brands, with a long history of partnering with communities to help them look after the places they love. Through its Protects for Generations campaign, Dulux continues its commitment to products, partnerships and programs built to last.

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