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16 September 2013

**Attention: Principals, Heads of Departments, English, Art, History**

## RODNEY WALSH IRISH IRELAND ESSAY COMPETITION 2014

Registrations are being accepted for the Ireland Essay Competition 2014. The first prize is considered to be one of the most valuable available to schools throughout New Zealand. The winning essay writer will receive a fully expenses paid trip to Ireland in July/August 2014 to participate in a number of summer school courses and stay with an Irish family in Dublin for a period of up to four weeks.

It is a truly wonderful experience and all of the previous twenty two winners have returned to New Zealand thoroughly enriched by their unique Irish experience.

Entries are accepted from students who are permanent New Zealand residents attending school full time in New Zealand, during the 2013/14 academic year, who are 16 years or over on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 and are under 19 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

***They do not need to be of Irish nationality or descent.***

The second and third place winners each receive a gorgeous piece of Waterford Crystal. In addition, the judges award Special Certificates of Merit with \$100 book vouchers and Certificates of Merit with \$50 book vouchers for entries deserving special recognition.

This is a wonderful opportunity for one of your students to achieve a prize of a lifetime. A registration form is attached which may be copied for those students wishing to enter. Completed registration forms are due at the Consulate General of Ireland, Auckland office, by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2013** and completed essays must be received at the Consulate General by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014**.

Additional information is included in the registration form enclosed and if required further details are available from the Consulate General of Ireland office. The winning 2013 essays are available to read on our website [www.ireland.co.nz](http://www.ireland.co.nz)

Rodney H.C. Walshe ONZM  
Honorary Consul General

# OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

23rd ANNUAL  
RODNEY WALSHÉ IRELAND ESSAY COMPETITION 2014

*Don't miss out!*

**GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN BEFORE 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

*Just fill in this form, in **BLOCK CAPITALS** please, and send it to*

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## ENTRANT CONTACT DETAILS

Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Birth Date:	<input type="text"/>	Email:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Phone:	<input type="text"/>	Mob:	<input type="text"/>

## SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

School Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Phone:	<input type="text"/>	Fax:	<input type="text"/>
Teacher:	<input type="text"/>		
Email:	<input type="text"/>		

Signature: Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ or Principal \_\_\_\_\_

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### Essays should:

- be non-fiction (original material not previously presented for publication), and
- not exceed 1200 words, and
- be either written in legible handwriting on one side only of A4 lined paper, or type-written, double spaced, on one side only of A4 blank paper, or may be sent in Microsoft Word format by email.

### Students must:

- be 16 years of age or over at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2013 and under 19 at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014, and
- be permanent New Zealand residents, and
- be studying full time during the 2013/14 academic year.

Note: Students do **not** need to be of Irish descent

Upon receipt of the registration form, a confirmation letter and a list of Essay Guidelines will be mailed to each entrant. **Completed essays must be received at the Consulate General of Ireland no later than 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014 with Prize Winners being announced 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014.**

**1st PRIZE:** Return air travel to Dublin in July 2014 where you will stay with an Irish family for a three to four week period and attend various Summer School courses

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> PRIZES:** Waterford Crystal

**Certificates of Merit and book vouchers are awarded to entries deserving special recognition**

All entries must be forwarded **through the students' school** and this entry **form signed by the principal or class teacher**. Entries are limited to **one** per student, although more than one entry is encouraged from every school.

The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. All entries become the property of the Consulate General of Ireland. While all airfares, meals and accommodation are included in the prize, the parent/ guardian **must arrange all travel and accident insurance** for the winner and a release form must be signed prior to the winner's departure acknowledging that the Irish Consulate and/or The Walshe Group are not responsible for any accident, illness or loss suffered by the prize winner or the parents/guardians as a result of taking up the prize.