



Congratulations to our 2025 National Finalists

GLOBAL ISSUES

COMPETITIVE PRIMARY

Teams

Kohimarama School x 2
Medbury School
Papakowhai School
Selwyn House School
St Cuthbert's School

JUNIOR B DIVISION

Teams

Northcross Int. x 4
St Andrew's College Prep
St Cuthbert's School
Tauranga Int. x 2

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JUNIOR DIVISION

Teams

Heaton Normal Int.
Kohimarama School
Northcross Int. x 4
Selwyn House School x 2
St Andrew's College Prep
St Cuthbert's College x 2
Tauranga Intermediate
Wairarapa Cobham Int.

Individuals

Heaton Normal Int.
Selwyn House School
South Wellington Int.
St Andrew's College
St Cuthbert's School

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MIDDLE DIVISION

Teams

Cashmere High
Diocesan School x 2
Kristin School x 2
Northcross Alumni
St Andrew's College
St Cuthbert's College x 2
St Mary's College

Individuals

Independent - ACG Parnell
Independent - NX Alumni
St Cuthbert's College x 4

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SENIOR DIVISION

Teams

Cashmere High
Diocesan School for Girls
Kristin School x 3
St Cuthbert's College
St Margaret's College x 2

Individuals

Diocesan School for Girls
St Cuthbert's College
St Mary's College x 2

STORYTELLING

MIDDLE DIVISION

Cashmere High x 2
St Andrew's College
St Cuthbert's College
St Mary's College

SENIOR DIVISION

Cashmere High
St Mary's College

CREATIVE WRITING

JUNIOR DIVISION

Northcross Int x 7
Wairarapa Cobham x 2

MIDDLE DIVISION

Cashmere High x 2
Independent - CGHS
Rangiora High School
St Andrew's College
St Cuthbert's College

SENIOR DIVISION

Cashmere High x 3
Nelson College
Rangiora High
St Cuthbert's College



National Finals Onsite Information Guide 2025

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on being a finalist for our New Zealand National Finals Competition! This is an opportunity to meet and compete with Future Problem Solvers from around New Zealand to win an invitation to the International Conference finals in the USA next year! We hope you will share this exciting news with your Principal and school so they may join in celebrating your students' success.

TOPIC

The National Finals topic is **Nanotechnology**.

DATE

Saturday 8 November 2025 8.00am - 6.00pm

Except all Senior Competitions which will be held remotely: **Friday, 24 October to Friday 31 October**

ONSITE VENUES

Auckland - Northcross Intermediate, 10 Sartors Avenue, Browns Bay, Auckland

Christchurch - Cashmere High School - 172 Rose Street, Somerfield, Christchurch.

Auckland and Christchurch venue sitemaps to follow.

PHONE CONTACT

Auckland Contact - Julie Styan: 0274 389 375

Christchurch Contact - Helen Mansfield: 021 418 071

PARTICIPATION

To maintain the integrity of the competition and to optimise social opportunities for our students, we expect that all finalists attend and compete at the one day event at either the Auckland or the Christchurch venue. However, if you can't reasonably travel to the venue and back within a day, you may apply through Julie to the National Administration Board for an exemption to compete remotely.

Senior competitors will all compete remotely during the competition window: Friday, 24 October to Friday 31 October.

If you have any other attendance concerns please contact Julie for exemptions that may be considered at the discretion of the Board.

COSTS

The costs **per student** are-

Global Issues	\$150 + GST	Remote	\$135 + GST
Creative Writing	\$150 + GST	Storytelling	\$ 85 + GST

Payment is **due by Friday 31 October**, earlier if possible.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration forms **MUST** be completed and submitted by **4 pm Wednesday 15 October**, although earlier would be appreciated. The online registration forms can be accessed at this [link](#). You can login using your regular credentials.

The members of your team(s) must be those who are named on the cover sheet of the Qualifying Problem. No extra students may attend. Up to 2 emergency substitutions are permitted but must be officially approved prior, so please contact Julie should this be necessary.

SCHEDULE (Proposed timetable is below)

Registration 8.00am: - 8:30am.

Departure : 6:00pm.

NB: The Farewell ceremony concludes by 6pm. Please do not leave before this.

Please report to the registration desk in the foyer on arrival.

SUPERVISION

We require two adults, **one of which must be the coach**, per school group, who will be responsible for the students whilst onsite. Other than this we understand that schools will comply with their own rules which will be informed by any RAMS/SAPS or similar they have to complete. Coaches of individual competitors should contact Julie to discuss supervision ratios for their students. Adults who are attending for the day need to be included in the registration form.

SAFETY and BEHAVIOUR

Whilst Future Problem Solving NZ will take every reasonable safety precaution towards your students' care, ultimately the responsibility for their safety, well-being and behaviour resides with your school's supervising adults. Each coach is responsible for following their school's procedures for school trips. Ensure that you have completed whatever your school may require in terms of permission slips, RAMS or SAPS or whatever your school might call it. Please make sure that you have (if possible) two contact numbers for family members or caregivers for each of your students.

If your school is asking parents to assist students with their Presentations, then the responsibility for any vetting resides with the school. Coaches must be responsible for any medical requirements of their students and should carry their own first aid kit.

We expect all students, coaches and visitors to respect the host school's property and grounds and to adhere to the boundaries which will be indicated at the Opening . Competition rules are outlined in the Competition Rules and Guidelines document.

GEAR and CLOTHING

Schools can decide whether they would like their competitors to wear uniform or smart casual clothing. Coaches, please be aware that no identifying clothing can be worn for Action Plan Presentations. Student must bring their own charged laptops – see Competition Rules and Guidelines document.

FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY

We want you to be part of our Virtual Opening Ceremony which will be shared across both venues! Please share with us something quirky and fun that tells us who you are. Wear a silly hat, do a funny walk, sing a song, make a flag, use an appropriate quote and show us something about yourselves. It

will need to be suitable for family viewing. This can be a photo, a series slides, a tiktok, or a short video etc. We don't want anything longer than **1 minute per school**. We will need your contribution by **9am Monday 3 November**.

Videos can be submitted via googledrive or other link sent via [email](#).

Please avoid using copyrighted music or it will have to be muted. If you are using music it will need to be royalty free. For some inspiration, have a quick look at this :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88TAGJfAkgk&t=352s> (Student clips appear between 2:12 and 15:13 in the video.)

MEALS

Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided. Lunch will be a pizza party for the students - if you have any students who are unable to eat pizza, please let Julie know ASAP. If you have any special dietary requests, these must be noted on your registration form.

T-SHIRTS

Once again we have a T-shirt that is exclusive to this year's National Finalists. The shirts are ecru and feature our new logo. The cost will be approx \$35.00. The order form is at this [link](#). Please **complete by Thursday 16 October** and make payment made Friday 31 October.

VISITORS and HELP

Parent visitors are welcome to join us from 3.15pm to watch the Action Plan Presentations. You may also like to invite your Principal or other staff members.

We would appreciate coaches and adult supervisors helping wherever necessary. We have a very small committee to organise the Finals, especially as we have two venues this year.

RESOURCES

A Practice Future Scene will be available for your students and will be set up in the [Practice Online Booklet](#) site. We will not be able to provide feedback for them.

A suggested reading list along with a video featuring a discussion with a Nanotechnology Research Panel can be found at this [link](#), provided by the International Office.

Contact Julie if you have not already ordered the Nanotechnology Topic Activity Unit or Resource Readings and Research resources.

AWARDS

Evaluations and judging will be completed following the National Finals event, including the Action Plan Presentations which will be videoed. Awards and Finalists will be announced via Youtube **Saturday 14 November**. Winners of invitations to the International Finals, 2026 will be announced at this time also. Link to be advised.

ENQUIRIES

Should you have any enquiries, ring Julie – 027 438 9375 or email us at admin@fpsnz.co.nz
We are really looking forward to seeing you!

TIMETABLE (proposed)

8:00am	Arrival and Registration
8:30am	Welcome and Housekeeping
9:00 – 11:15am	Global Issues competition
9:00 – 11:15am	Creative Writing Competition
11:15am	Action Plan quotes and mandatory props advised
11:20 - 11:30	Students' debrief time with coaches
11:35 - 11:45	10 minutes icebreaker/game
11:45 – 12:30pm	Lunch – time to mix and socialise
12:45 – 3:15pm	Action Plan Presentation preparation
	Food and drink station for students and coaches/supervisors
3:30 – 5:00pm	Storytelling Presentations to audience
	Action Plans Presentations to audience
5:00 - 6:00 pm	Alumni Speaker
	Farewell and distribution of Pins and Participation certificates

IMPORTANT DATE REMINDER

Date Required	Action to take
Wednesday 15 October	Online Registration form completed NB: Clearly indicate whether you will be doing a handwritten or an online booklet for each team/individual. Advise of any students that have special exam conditions Complete Dietary Requests (Allergies, <u>NOT</u> likes and dislikes)
Thursday 16 October	T-shirt order form completed
Friday 31 October	Registration and T-shirt payments due
Monday 3 November.	Opening Ceremony photos/video sent to Julie