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## A PRIZE TO BE AWARDED AT SPEECH NIGHT

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## ABOUT THE PRIZE

The IGS Global Scholar's Prize is awarded at Speech Night. The prize rewards an outstanding essay that addresses issues of global complexity and significance.

The competition for the prize began in 2014 and this year is open to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. The topic for the essay is set by the Principal and students can seek individual academic mentoring from her over the writing period.

The award of the prize is made annually and each year the topic asks students to interrogate contentious global issues that have emerged during the year. The best essay will be published on the School's website and with the Speech Night program.

## CONTEXT

In 2017, over the course of a 10-month investigation, 13 famous women interviewed by investigative journalist Ronan Farrow said that between the 1990s and 2015, media mogul Harvey Weinstein had sexually harassed or assaulted them. This story was first published in *The New Yorker* in October 2017. Farrow's exposé on Harvey Weinstein won him the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service this year. In response to the story, actress Alyssa Milano encouraged women around the world who had been sexually harassed or assaulted to join her in tweeting #MeToo. Her aim was to raise awareness about the magnitude of the problem and to lift up the work of Tarana Burke who founded the Me Too Movement back in 2006. From its origins in the US, the impact of the movement spread rapidly, with millions of women around the world sharing their own stories and some men too. Nine months in, it seems that a global revolution has begun, though where it is going, nobody yet knows. This year's Global Scholar's essay gives you the opportunity to explore, research, consider and speculate on the impact of the Me Too Movement.

### These are some of the research threads you could follow:

- A close reading of Ronan Farrow's exposé of Harvey Weinstein in *The New Yorker*
- #MeToo beyond Hollywood. The extent to which this movement has given women around the world the courage and the language to speak up about their own experiences of sexual harassment and assault
- #MeToo and the voices of men. The role played by social media in turning #MeToo into a global movement
- The Me Too Movement in the context of power, gender, inequality and the workplace
- The Me Too Movement in the context of Trump's America



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- This year's global scholar's essay gives you the opportunity to engage academically in an issue that is swirling all around us today and to research and then make judgments about the reach and impact of the Me Too Movement. You may also develop your own approach to the essay.

## THE TASK

Explore the global ramifications of the Me Too Movement.

### YOU WILL BE ASSESSED ON HOW WELL YOU:

- **Demonstrate the capacity to understand issues of global significance**
- **Present a clear, accurate, logical, cohesive and well-structured response that makes well informed judgements**
- **Communicate and support your ideas with a breadth of research and appropriate referencing.**

### ABOUT THE ESSAY

- **Word limit 1000 words (+/- 10%)**
- **Acknowledge your use of sources with in-text referencing or footnoting and a reference list (see your student diary)**
- **Submit two hard copies of your essay to Ms Colnan**
- **Applications close Monday Week 6, Term 4, 2018 (19 November 2018)**
- **Useful sources of information over page!**



**Note: If you would like to discuss the topic further, please contact Ms Colnan at [principal@igssyd.nsw.edu.au](mailto:principal@igssyd.nsw.edu.au)**



## **SOME USEFUL SOURCES OF INFORMATION:**

[https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/  
from-aggressive-overtures-to-sexual-assault-harvey-  
weinsteins-accusers-tell-their-stories](https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/from-aggressive-overtures-to-sexual-assault-harvey-weinsteins-accusers-tell-their-stories)

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