Future Health Worldbuilding Competition 2025



Student Info Pack

This is your future. What will you do with it?

Imagine it's the year 2040.

You're walking into a healthcare system that feels...
different. Better. More human. More fair. More
connected to community, technology, nature, and the
people it serves.

Now imagine: you helped design it.



You don't need to be an expert. You don't need to get the top marks. You just need to care, to wonder, and to create.

What's worldbuilding, anyway?

Worldbuilding means imagining a future – and designing the systems, spaces, values, and stories that bring that future to life.

In this challenge, you'll be worldbuilding a version of healthcare in 2040 that works better. You'll ask things like:

- · What do hospitals look like in 2040?
- Who provides care and how do they learn?
- How do we make healthcare fair and accessible for all communities?
- What role do AI, climate change, or First Nations knowledge play?
- Then, you'll turn your ideas into something real: a drawing, a podcast, a video, a short story, a prototype, a comic, a voice memo... anything that helps someone else see the world you're imagining.

This is not a school assignment

You won't be marked. There are no grades.

But your ideas will be taken seriously.

Submissions will be reviewed by NSW Health – and used to shape their thinking about future care. Finalists will be invited to a Future Health Symposium at Westmead in Term 4. Some winners will even be offered a bespoke, behind-the-scenes tour of an innovative health care space and other great prizes.

Who's it for?

- Students in Years 7-10 from any NSW school (public, Catholic, or independent)
- Anyone who's curious, creative, passionate, or full of big questions
- You can enter solo or in a team of 3
- · It's free to enter
- You'll do the work outside of school hours, supported by a teacher, parent, or mentor if you want – but it's your project, your way

Why would you get involved?

Because you have something to say.

Because you care about people, justice, or design.

Because you like thinking about the future and maybe even want to shape it.

Because you want to build skills in storytelling, innovation, systems thinking, or strategy.

Because you want to do something meaningful that's not just for school.

Because you want to show what's possible.





What happens next?

You'll submit your idea by 8pm on 25 September, and we'll give you some inspiration, prompts, and tools; you choose how you respond.

You'll submit your idea later this year, and we'll let you know if you're selected to attend the live event.

Until then, you get to create. You get to imagine. You get to design a better future.

Where do I go?

To get started or find out more health.nsw.gov.au/futurehealthcomp

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