

“ The festival gave our students the opportunity to embrace their individual strengths and express their creativity. Students had the opportunity to work together as a team, which helped them to develop an acceptance of their disability. Winning was the 'Moment of a life time.' Bring on 2020! ”  
Kogarah High School



The underlying theme of your entry  
should **Focus on DisAbility**

Entries Close **May 29, 2020**

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## **2020 Focus on Ability Film Festival**

- 1- For a free usb with 2019 winning films please email [admin@focusonability.com](mailto:admin@focusonability.com) and provide your postal details.
- 2- Entries close 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.
- 3- Films must finish before the 5.00min mark, credits can run longer.
- 4- Entries can be submitted on a USB or sent electronically via [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com) (files under 500mb).
- 5- Entries must be submitted with an entry form, downloadable at [www.focusonability.com.au](http://www.focusonability.com.au)
- 6- Teachers can participate in the making of the film.
- 7- Previous films have been shot on everything from a phone camera to a \$10,000 camera.
- 8- Films don't need to be masterpieces; participation, good stories, active approach and getting lots of people involved are all big pluses.
- 9- Standard editing software such as Windows Movie Maker or iMovie will suffice.
- 10- Schools can enter multiple entries, but each entry must come with a completed entry form
- 11- Documentary- using pictures or interviews with people involved in real events to provide a factual report on a particular subject.
- 12- Short film- uses a script and is based on a fictional story.
- 13- Three separate ways to win, online votes, judges choice and the NOVA choice award.
- 14- Online votes- 1 week online voting period which not always the "best film" wins. It's all about encouraging everyone at the school, friends, family, Facebook friends to get on and vote.
- 15- Judges Choice- a professional judging panel looks at the videos and decides on their favourite film.
- 16- NOVA choice award – Head sponsor NOVA Employment chooses their favourite showcase of ability.
- 17- Not all films are played on the awards evening, many films and not enough time, but each school will receive a limited number of tickets to attend. Think red carpet, drinks, nibbles, celebrity entertainment and a night at the movies.
- 18- Last year over 400,000 people from 165 countries viewed and voted, providing excellent exposure.
- 19- Many of the films will be screened on national television and also at free screenings across the country.
- 20- It is highly recommended that you do not use copyright music. NOVA Employment takes no responsibility in copyright claims and your film may be rejected for upload via YouTube and will not be authorised to be used on television programs.
- 21- Subtitles are encouraged but not compulsory.
- 22- For any other questions you can contact us via [admin@focusonability.com](mailto:admin@focusonability.com)