



Walter Withers *Tranquil Winter* (1895)

John Withers Scholarship Artist Program (JWSAP)

for Emerging Soft Pastel artists

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The Pastel Society of Victoria, Australia

About the Scholarship

In 2022, John Withers and the Withers family generously proposed a perpetual donation to the Pastel Society of Victoria, Australia (PSVA), with the vision of supporting emerging artists. That vision has now become a reality. We are proud to offer **four Emerging Artists** the opportunity to explore the beautiful pastel medium with dedicated support.

What the Program Offers

Selected participants will receive:

- 16 hours of tuition in a workshop environment (over two days)
- One-year **Full Membership** with PSVA
- Free entry to PSVA monthly meetings (for one year)
- Art materials, including soft pastels and paper
- Mentorship from experienced pastel artists (12-month duration)
- Guaranteed entry into the **PSVA Annual Exhibition (November 2025)**
- A **dedicated prize** awarded to the top John Withers Scholarship participant



- Financial support for framing works
- One **half-price** workshop (of your choice) run by the PSVA in 2026

Please note: Travel, accommodation, and meals are not included.

Participant Commitments

Successful applicants must agree to:

- Attend the two-day Workshop, *"Unlocking the Mysteries of Pastel"* **2nd -3rd August 2025**
 - Maintain a two-year PSVA membership
 - Attend the **Certificate Presentation Ceremony**
 - Submit **at least one painting** to the PSVA Annual Exhibition October 2025
 - Attend the **Opening Ceremony** of the PSVA Annual Exhibition November 2025
 - Have a working email address and a social media presence
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Am I Eligible?

This scholarship is open to **Emerging Artists**. For this program, an "emerging artist" is defined as:

An artist with minimal experience in the pastel medium and who has not won major art prizes (excluding those awarded in educational institutions).

- Two scholarship places are reserved for current PSVA members
 - Two places are open to artists from outside the PSVA
 - Applicants must be aged 18 or over.
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How to Apply

Applications for the 2025–2026 intake are now open.

Please submit the following to **Kerrie Carter** at: **workshop@vicpastel.com.au**

- A brief **artist biography** (max. 300 words)
- A **300-word statement** on how the program will support your artistic journey
- At least **4 soft pastel artworks** you have completed

Applications close 30 June 2025
