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SECTION T – Interschool Challenge

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The Merriwa Show Interschool Challenge is a community education program designed to empower local youth to plan their future rural careers via associate judging placements, young judge competitions, industry mentoring and educational workshops.

2026 ASSOCIATE JUDGE PLACEMENTS

Open to all Upper Hunter school and tertiary students. Please contact one of the coordinators by Friday 4th September 2026 to nominate your interest for a position in the Stud or Prime Cattle, Merino or Prime Sheep, Wool, Art, Photography or Cooking sections. Judging dates and times will vary for each section so please check the show schedule.

YOUNG JUDGES EDUCATION WORKSHOPS, LOCAL & GROUP 3 YOUNG JUDGES FINALS

Merriwa Show host the NSW Young Judges Competition Group 3 Finals for Meat Breeds Sheep, Merino Sheep, Merino Fleece, Fruit & Vegetables, and Grains on Friday 18th September 2026. This event is open to all youth aged 15 to 25years. Successful finalists will have the opportunity to compete in the State finals at the 2027 Sydney Royal. Merriwa Show young judges' events will also be held for under 15year-olds to build confidence and gain experience.

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

Educational workshops are held prior to the competitions with local producers and wool buyers volunteering their time to mentor students.

ENTRIES to be placed with Coordinator, Maria Cameron by Monday 14th September 2026.

The Merriwa Show Beef Stud Cattle run a Beef Cattle Young Judges class on Saturday 19th September 2026 – See Section B for entry details.

