

Student competition

Guideline for photography projects

We suggest the following guidelines when taking photos:

- When taking photos, we suggest you use the phone in landscape mode (Horizontal) because it's easier to adjust the composition.

In portrait format, it is often a mistake that there is too much excess space at the top or bottom of the picture and there isn't enough space on the sides for the subject.

- When composing, it's important to be careful not to end the subject in a way that is distracting because the proportions of the image are skewed.

- Be careful not to have any distracting details hanging over the top or sides of the image. Strive for clean, simple images.

- If possible (phone permitting) use a shallow depth of field. If your subject has the sharpness and so the background is more blurred you can bring out the important details.

- Pay attention to the light metering. Try to take pictures outdoors when it's not blazing sunshine, because that's when the contrast differences between light and shade. You can often correct this by shooting in HDR mode. If possible, shoot in low light, cloudy weather.

If you can't manage to shoot only in low light, try to shoot either only in sunlight or only in shady parts of the picture so that the light meter is not fooled by the contrast difference.

Questions?

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