

Australian Geography Competition

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THE SCHOOL COMPETITION COORDINATOR, 2017

Dear School Coordinator,

Thank you for your participation in the 2017 Australian Geography Competition. Please ensure that you read the following and **CHECK that you have received the CORRECT NUMBER of question booklets and answer sheets.**

THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS:

- **GUIDE FOR TEACHERS** – please **make a copy** of the enclosed double-sided “GUIDE FOR TEACHERS” and provide a copy with the class set (question booklets and answer sheets) to each teacher supervising the competition? **PLEASE NOTE: Important information (School code) to be included on students’ answer sheets is included in the GUIDE FOR TEACHERS.**
- **MEDIA RELEASE TEMPLATE** – please find attached a media release template that you might like to adapt and send to your local media.
- **QUESTION BOOKLETS** – one per student. Students of all ages use the same question booklet and answer sheet, completing different subsets of questions as outlined on the front cover of the question booklet: Years 7, 8 or less complete Questions 1-30; Years 9 or 10 complete Questions 1-40; and, Years 11 or 12 complete Questions 16-50.
- **ANSWER SHEETS** – one per student. **ONLY USE THE ANSWER SHEETS PROVIDED.** You may use any extra answer sheets in the pack for extra students and post their entry fees back with the answer sheets.

RUNNING THE COMPETITION

To ensure fairness in the running of the Competition, all schools (and adults supervising distance-education and home-school students) shall observe the following conditions:

1. The Competition will be held between Wednesday 26 April and Tuesday 9 May, on a day or days at the school’s discretion. Schools completing the test after 9 May must have prior approval from the Competition organisers.
2. Students will have **thirty-five minutes** to answer the Competition questions.
3. Students will complete the Answer Sheets individually under test conditions.
4. Students should have: a **2B pencil** to fill in the Answer Sheet; an **eraser** to change an answer; **blank scrap paper** and a **ruler** may be helpful; and, a **calculator if they wish but any calculations can be estimated.**
5. Questions are to be kept confidential. Teachers must retain the Question booklets at the end of the 35-minute Competition. The Question booklets may be returned to students only after May 9 if the Competition has already been run within the school.
6. The judges' decisions are final and shall be accepted by the school and students.



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RETURNING ANSWER SHEETS

Please sort the Answer Sheets before you return them so they are **all facing the same way**.

Use a sturdy envelope when posting Answer Sheets, and do not overfill the envelope/package. Inadequately protected answer sheets are easily damaged or lost in the post.

The returned Answer Sheets must be postmarked **no later than Wednesday 10 May 2017**.

Returned Answer Sheets must be received by the Australian Geography Competition Office **by Tuesday 23 May 2017**. If in doubt, use Express Post.

Return address for answer sheets

**Australian Geography Competition
c/- The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland
237 Milton Road
MILTON Qld 4064**

***PLEASE NOTE:** Should you not be able to return the Answer sheets by Tuesday 23 May 2017, please contact the Competition Office. Students may not be eligible for prizes, but they will still be graded, and receive certificates and results sheets.*

RESULTS

The initial analysis of high-performing students and schools will be finished by late June. We will contact the respective schools. However, it takes some time to print all the students' results and individual certificates. Contact teachers of schools with students in the running for major prizes will be contacted directly and given full information.

You can expect to receive the Certificates in the mail by late July.

If you have any queries, please check the Competition Information Brochure sent in February or look under the **For Teachers** section at www.geographycompetition.org.au. If you cannot find the answer to your question, contact the Competition Office at competition@rgsq.org.au or phone (07) 3368 2066.

I wish your students well!

Kind regards,



Bernard Fitzpatrick
Competition Coordinator