

Students years 7–12

Australian Geography Competition

10–24 May 2023

Entry deadline 17 March 2023. Only \$4 per student.
Certificates and results for all participating students.
Visit geographycompetition.org.au for more information.



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Why enter?

For your school:

- to reward student excellence
- to promote interest in geography at your school
- to get feedback on your students' performance
- to receive recognition, with prizes awarded to the top school in each state and combined territories (ACT, NT and the external territories).

For your students:

- to practice geographical skills
- to receive printed certificates and results for their portfolios
- to compete for prizes awarded to the highest-performing geography students in each state and combined territories in each Year level
- for Year 11 students, the chance to represent Australia at the 2024 International Geography Olympiad in Dublin, Ireland.

Competition format

The Competition will be delivered online. Students have 35 minutes to answer multiple-choice and cloze questions, based on the content of the *Australian Curriculum: Geography*. The questions test both geographical knowledge and skills.

Who can enter?

The Competition is school-based and designed for students in Years 7–12. Schools may enter younger students and those students will be graded with Year 7 students. Only students enrolled in geography, or an integrated humanities or social sciences subject that includes geography, are eligible for prizes.

Teachers of vision-impaired students and schools of distance education should contact the Competition Office to discuss any special requirements.

How do I enter my school?

Enter by 17 March using the online form at geographycompetition.org.au. Late entries may be accepted; please contact the Competition Office for advice.

Make a payment of \$4.00 entry fee per student, with no other charges.

Can I change our entry?

Schools may increase the number of students entered, but to decrease the number, or to withdraw the entry, you must notify the Competition Office via email by Monday 3 April 2023. If required, a refund will be made, less a \$30.00 handling fee. No refund will be given if notification is received after this time.

Key dates

Entry deadline	Friday 17 March
Deadline to decrease/cancel entry	Monday 3 April
Competition in schools	Wednesday 10 May – Wednesday 24 May
Prize winners notified	Late June
Results returned	July
International Geography Olympiad	Tuesday 8 August – Monday 14 August
Geography's Big Week Out	Monday 25 September – Friday 29 September

Further details will be emailed to schools that enter and available on the Competition website.

Student prizes

The highest-scoring eligible geography student in each Year level in Australia, in each state and in the combined territories each receive a book prize and award certificate. First in Australia also receives a medal.

Two high-scoring Year 11 students, who are between the ages of 15 and 18, on 30 June 2023 in each state and the combined territories, each win a place at Geography's Big Week Out. Two other high-scoring students from across Australia are also awarded this prize. Tied students may be separated using further assessment.

School prizes

A book voucher and framed certificate are awarded to the top school in Australia, each state and the combined territories, based on the scores of the school's best five students from each of Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Geography's Big Week Out

The 2023 Geography's Big Week Out will centre on Litchfield National Park, Northern Territory. It will be held from Monday 25 September to Friday 29 September 2023, and will be jointly hosted by the Geography and History Teachers Association NT and the Geography Teachers' Association of Queensland.

The event is a series of geography activities, with an emphasis on fieldwork, designed to challenge and extend high-performing Year 11 students. Costs (airfares, accommodation, meals and activities) of participation in the Big Week Out are met by the Australian Geography Competition.

International Geography Olympiad

The four members of Australia's team to the 2024 International Geography Olympiad in Dublin, Ireland, will be selected from Year 11 students based on students' performances during the 2023 Geography's Big Week Out.

Geography's Big Week Out and Australia's participation in the International Geography Olympiad are supported by the Australian Government Department of Education, University of Melbourne, University of New South Wales, Monash University, University of Queensland, Curtin University and Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience.

FAQs

The online FAQs contain more specific information. Teachers, particularly those new to the Competition, are encouraged to read the FAQs and then contact the Competition Office with any further questions.



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