

Students years 7–12

Australian Geography Competition

15–29 May 2024

Entry deadline 15 March 2024.

Only \$5 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 2025 International Geography Olympiad in Bangkok, Thailand.

Competition format

The Competition will be delivered online. Students have 30 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 15 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 \$5.00 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 8 April 2024. 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 15 March
Deadline to decrease/cancel entry	Monday 8 April
Competition in schools	Wednesday 15 May – Wednesday 29 May
Prize winners notified	Late June
Results returned	July
International Geography Olympiad	Monday 19 August – Friday 23 August
Geography's Big Week Out	Monday 30 September – Friday 4 October

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 2024, are chosen from each state and the combined territories, to participate in 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 2024 Geography's Big Week Out will be held from Monday 30 September to Friday 4 October 2024. It will be hosted by the Geography Teachers Association of New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.

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 2025 International Geography Olympiad in Bangkok, Thailand, will be selected from Year 11 students based on students' performances during the 2024 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, Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience and Flinders University.

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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