

Australian Geography Competition

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Dear Colleague

Thank you for entering your school in the 2018 Australian Geography Competition. It was great to see your school among the 783 schools entering over 72,000 students in this year's Competition.

Enclosed you will find:

FOR STUDENTS

- a Certificate for each student who recognisably filled in their answer form.
- a Results Sheet for each of those students.

Students who did not fill in their Year level on the Answer Sheet have been assigned to Year 8, Year 10, or Year 12 depending on the questions they answered.

A Certificate and result sheet with no name are a result of a student not recognisably filling in the relevant ovals under their name.

FOR SCHOOLS

- a Certificate for your school.
- the correct answer options, with national results statistics on the reverse.
- Questions matched to *Australian Curriculum: Geography Content Descriptions*.
- a media release template which you might like to adapt for your local press (you can download a Word document from <http://www.geographycompetition.org.au/content/downloads>).
- a list summarising the results of your school's students. A digital version of this data can be obtained by emailing competition@rgsq.org.au. This file lists the students, their scores, and their Certificate types.

REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES

Please note that **we DO NOT accept corrections for Certificates submitted by phone**, and we are unable to correct names on results sheets.

Students with long names

Because of the limitations of the answer sheet, not all students were able to fill in their complete first name and/or last name. **We will provide a replacement Certificate.** Please **annotate the Certificate** you received with their correct name, and scan and email to competition@rgsq.org.au, or post to

Australian Geography Competition
c/- The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland
237 Milton Rd, Milton Qld 4064

Incorrect student name, no name and Year level

We will replace Certificates for students who made a mistake in filling in their name, including no name, and/or Year level. Please **POST** us the **Certificate(s) annotated** with the correct name and/or Year level and accompanied by a **stamped self-addressed A4 envelope** by **Monday 22nd October 2018**.



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MISSING CERTIFICATE

Any student who competed but has not received a Certificate may have filled in the answer sheet incorrectly. If you send (email or post, **DO NOT phone**) a typed list of the names of these students, with their Year level, we will try to find their scores and send the appropriate Certificates. If we are unable to identify your student, we can only send a participation Certificate.

RESULT SHEETS

We are unable to correct names or Year levels on the Results Sheets due to the process used to generate these sheets. On the Results Sheet:

- a “blank” entry under “Your answer” against a “Question No.” indicates no answer was recognisably filled in; and
- multiple responses for a question occur when the student has filled in more than one oval against an answer and/or has not erased oval(s) cleanly.

MATERIAL NOT BELONGING TO YOUR SCHOOL

Please let us know (via email: competition@rgsq.org.au) if you receive any Certificates and Results that do not belong to your school.

GEOGRAPHY'S BIG WEEK OUT

Eligible Year 11 students whose scores have won them places at Geography's Big Week Out, to be held on Kangaroo Island, South Australia will be notified in the coming weeks. The four-member Australian team to the 2019 International Geography Olympiad in Hong Kong, China, will be selected from among students participating in the 2018 Geography's Big Week Out.

Four students from last year's Geography's Big Week Out represented Australia at the 2018 International Geography Olympiad in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada at the beginning of August. Australia was placed overall 20th out of 43 countries. Two of the Australian Team won medals as follows:

Phoebe Blaxill from St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, WA – *bronze medal*;
Harry Hall from Trinity College (Gawler), SA;
Hannah Wright from Walford Anglican School for Girls, SA – *bronze medal*; and
Sophie Ohlin from Sydney Girls High School, NSW.

In the coming weeks, a complete list of prize-winners at each age level will be posted on our website (<http://www.geographycompetition.org.au/>).

The Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland, see the Competition as a means of rewarding excellence in students and encouraging geography in schools.

We hope that you found your School's participation in the Competition worthwhile and that you will take part again next year.

Thank you for your support in entering your school.

Yours sincerely



Bernard Fitzpatrick
Competition Coordinator

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2018 ANSWERS

with % of students in each Year level who answered correctly

Q	Answer	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Q	Answer	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
1	C	81.82%	84.21%	86.36%	88.40%			26	A	15.29%	12.90%	12.71%	12.24%	10.72%	11.34%
2	B	37.80%	44.85%	49.45%	51.73%			27	D	47.74%	54.58%	61.41%	64.90%	70.81%	77.67%
3	B	26.76%	29.31%	31.54%	32.34%			28	B	39.37%	42.63%	51.96%	54.75%	61.19%	64.53%
4	B	82.66%	84.37%	85.06%	87.59%			29	D	51.27%	55.70%	60.95%	62.61%	67.04%	70.75%
5	D	37.06%	41.68%	49.52%	52.55%			30	B	20.61%	27.57%	36.36%	40.37%	44.90%	50.97%
6	D	78.76%	80.27%	83.14%	83.45%			31	A			79.18%	82.29%	90.65%	92.30%
7	C	38.44%	48.82%	54.34%	57.93%			32	A			38.78%	41.18%	45.93%	49.42%
8	C	63.56%	68.74%	70.61%	74.23%			33	B			52.26%	57.13%	65.33%	69.85%
9	E	66.85%	70.44%	71.53%	74.11%			34	D			40.36%	52.57%	57.47%	59.38%
10	B	35.13%	33.81%	33.59%	33.74%			35	B			62.27%	66.60%	77.47%	79.54%
11	D	30.68%	33.33%	39.12%	39.18%			36	C			24.38%	23.88%	26.96%	30.25%
12	E	46.26%	51.49%	56.17%	57.15%			37	A			47.48%	51.62%	63.30%	64.18%
13	C	35.99%	40.13%	43.28%	48.07%			38	D			41.20%	45.51%	56.01%	61.86%
14	D	8.05%	9.15%	11.08%	11.55%			39	E			70.30%	75.42%	90.41%	89.79%
15	A	26.71%	30.74%	35.81%	39.25%			40	E			14.10%	18.48%	25.40%	31.38%
16	D	23.36%	25.33%	27.12%	27.35%	27.89%	27.67%	41	D					39.69%	48.45%
17	C	65.87%	70.09%	75.49%	78.64%	86.40%	86.92%	42	A					44.14%	45.46%
18	C	63.47%	66.10%	71.00%	73.34%	81.60%	82.12%	43	D					68.44%	71.55%
19	A	62.16%	66.54%	69.54%	71.09%	76.39%	78.32%	44	B					22.24%	26.26%
20	B	82.20%	84.73%	85.78%	87.38%	94.10%	92.69%	45	B					45.19%	52.32%
21	D	47.29%	52.61%	59.04%	60.76%	66.97%	70.14%	46	A					28.06%	26.97%
22	B	54.28%	56.95%	62.26%	64.71%	69.20%	72.16%	47	D					45.31%	48.52%
23	C	58.80%	62.28%	67.49%	70.32%	72.74%	75.84%	48	B					66.01%	66.40%
24	E	14.69%	20.79%	32.34%	37.82%	39.39%	50.64%	49	D					9.40%	7.83%
25	C	53.66%	56.16%	53.21%	51.69%	59.73%	56.60%	50	E					38.10%	41.43%

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION 2018 SCORE STATISTICS

Score	Year 7		Year 8		Year 9		Year 10		Year 11		Year 12	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
0	12	0.1	23	0.2	5	0.0	4	0.0	3	0.1	0	0.0
1	8	0.2	12	0.3	7	0.1	3	0.1	0	0.1	1	0.0
2	25	0.4	30	0.5	9	0.1	8	0.1	0	0.1	3	0.1
3	33	0.8	39	0.7	15	0.3	8	0.2	3	0.2	5	0.3
4	62	1.4	85	1.4	20	0.4	15	0.3	10	0.4	4	0.4
5	138	2.7	136	2.3	51	0.7	53	0.6	5	0.5	10	0.7
6	203	4.7	217	3.9	87	1.3	65	1.0	17	0.9	7	1.0
7	257	7.2	281	5.9	107	2.1	101	1.7	27	1.6	16	1.5
8	374	10.8	375	8.6	191	3.4	171	2.8	25	2.2	21	2.2
9	492	15.6	494	12.1	211	4.8	182	4.0	36	3.1	34	3.3
10	592	21.4	610	16.5	271	6.7	211	5.4	35	3.9	40	4.5
11	732	28.5	761	21.9	309	8.8	265	7.1	75	5.8	40	5.8
12	759	35.9	926	28.5	342	11.2	318	9.2	115	8.6	48	7.4
13	898	44.6	1062	36.1	403	13.9	348	11.4	144	12.1	83	10.1
14	987	54.3	1104	44.0	479	17.2	407	14.1	176	16.4	96	13.1
15	913	63.1	1232	52.8	513	20.8	456	17.1	203	21.4	111	16.7
16	847	71.4	1154	61.0	590	24.8	501	20.3	247	27.4	162	21.9
17	763	78.8	1078	68.7	614	29.0	569	24.1	280	34.3	184	27.9
18	639	85.0	1020	76.0	748	34.2	666	28.4	340	42.6	209	34.6
19	511	90.0	869	82.2	761	39.4	708	33.0	294	49.8	201	41.1
20	389	93.8	743	87.5	783	44.8	738	37.8	325	57.7	240	48.8
21	278	96.5	598	91.8	826	50.4	837	43.3	302	65.1	232	56.3
22	162	98.1	477	95.2	883	56.5	874	49.0	291	72.3	241	64.1
23	103	99.1	324	97.5	854	62.4	952	55.2	291	79.4	224	71.3
24	47	99.5	179	98.8	832	68.1	943	61.4	254	85.6	208	78.0
25	25	99.8	114	99.6	788	73.5	926	67.4	183	90.1	181	83.8
26	18	100.0	35	99.9	758	78.7	928	73.5	131	93.3	172	89.3
27	4	100.0	18	100.0	713	83.6	797	78.7	88	95.4	123	93.3
28	0	100.0	0	100.0	602	87.8	754	83.6	78	97.3	89	96.2
29	0	100.0	0	100.0	518	91.3	620	87.6	54	98.7	54	97.9
30	0	100.0	0	100.0	401	94.1	539	91.2	31	99.4	35	99.0
31					343	96.4	441	94.0	16	99.8	19	99.7
32					203	97.8	368	96.4	7	100.0	9	99.9
33					144	98.8	241	98.0	1	100.0	1	100.0
34					102	99.5	152	99.0	0	100.0	1	100.0
35					43	99.8	91	99.6	0	100.0	0	100.0
36					19	99.9	42	99.9				
37					7	100.0	12	100.0				
38					3	100.0	6	100.0				
39					0	100.0	1	100.0				
40					0	100.0	0	100.0				

NOTES: # = number of students obtaining the score, % = cumulative percent of students obtaining the score

Certificate splits	Participation	Credit	Distinction	High Distinction	Top 1%
Year 7	0 – 15	16 – 17	18 – 19	20 – 23	24 – 30
Year 8	0 – 16	17 – 18	19 – 20	21 – 24	25 – 30
Year 9	0 – 23	24 – 26	27 – 28	29 – 33	34 – 40
Year 10	0 – 24	25 – 27	28 – 30	31 – 34	35 – 40
Year 11	0 – 21	22 – 23	24 – 25	26 – 29	30 – 35
Year 12	0 – 22	23 – 24	25 – 26	27 – 30	31 – 35

2018 AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Questions matched against *Australian Curriculum: Geography* Content Descriptions

(all codes prefixed with ACHG)

Question	Content Descriptor
1	S048/056/064/073
2	S048/056/064/073
3	S048/056/064/073
4	S048/056/064/073
5	K060, S052/060/068/077
6	S048/056/064/073
7	S051/059/067/076
8	K049, S051/059/067/076
9	S051/059/067/076
10	K050, S051/059/067/076
11	K049, K052
12	S048/056/064/073
13	K043, K044, K045, K046, K076, S051/059/067/076
14	K047
15	K047, K059, K074
16	K070, S051/059/067/076, E065, E066, E007/034/060/094
17	K040, K041, K051, K061, K070, K073, S052/060/068/077, E016, E071, E006/033/059/093
18	K038, K042, K073, S051/059/067/076, E073, E007/034/060/094
19	K042, K052, K075, E087
20	K056, S048/056/064/073, E003/030/056/090
21	K056, S051/059/067/076, E007/034/060/094
22	K056, S051/059/067/076, E007/034/060/094
23	K056, S051/059/067/076, E007/034/060/094
24	K063
25	K060, S051/059/067/076, E007/034/060/094

Question	Content Descriptor
26	K048, K050
27	K066, K067, E104
28	K062, S048/056/064/073, E003/030/056/090
29	K062, S051/059/067/076, E007/034/060/094
30	K062, S052/060/068/077, E065, E006/033/059/093
31	K069, S067/076, E109, E007/034/060/094
32	K069, K070, E107
33	K052, K069, K074
34	K076
35	K076, S065/074, E004/031/057/091
36	K078, S064/073, E003/030/056/090
37	K078, S067/076, E007/034/060/094
38	K076, K081, S067/076, E007/034/060/094
39	K077
40	K076, S067/076, E007/034/060/094
41	E074
42	E066, E003/030/056/090
43	E068, E006/033/059/093
44	E066, E007/034/060/094
45	E066, E007/034/060/094
46	E066, E007/034/060/094
47	E066, E068, E006/033/059/093
48	E065, E007/034/060/094
49	E065, E066, E006/033/059/093
50	E066, E072

MEDIA RELEASE TEMPLATE

You might like to use this draft media release to help gain media coverage for your school.

1. *Fill in the appropriate locations with information specific to your school.*
2. *Put on your school's letterhead (download a Word document from <http://www.geographycompetition.org.au/content/downloads>).*
3. *Email the release to the editor of your local newspaper.*
4. *If you have time, follow-up by phoning him/her to offer further information and a photo opportunity with the students.*
5. *Give the story to the editor of your own school newsletter.*

We would appreciate copies of any articles published in your local paper or school newsletter, annotated with the paper's name and date. Please email copies to competition@rqsq.org.au.

Local Geography Students Excel in Australian Geography Competition

Geography students from **<your school name>** tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2018 Australian Geography Competition.

Geography teacher **<name>** said **<s/he>** had recently received the results and was pleased with how their students had performed.

"We have a number of student geographers at our school who performed to a very high level in the Competition this year with **<number>** in the top 1% in their Year level across Australia, **<number>** gaining high distinctions, **<number>** distinctions and **<number>** credits," said **<Mr/s Surname>**.

"Over 72,000 students from 743 schools across Australia entered the Australian Geography Competition so the results give us an external benchmark as to how our students are going in certain aspects of geography," **<s/he>** added.

Bernard Fitzpatrick, the Competition's national coordinator, said; "The Competition aims to encourage student interest in geography and to reward student excellence."

"Geography is an important subject which develops a student's understanding of the spatial interrelationships between people and place. It helps students appreciate the complex nature of local, regional and global social, economic, and environmental interactions," said Mr Fitzpatrick.

High-achieving Year 11 students from the 2018 Australian Geography Competition will take part in a six-day training/selection event, Geography's Big Week Out being held on Kangaroo Island, South Australia in early October this year. From this event, four students will be chosen as members of the Team which will represent Australia at the 2019 International Geography Olympiad in Hong Kong, China.

The Competition is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland, and in **<your state>** it is sponsored by **<Macquarie University/University of Queensland >** (Please include the sponsorship of the university in your state if it applies to you.)

For more information please contact:

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