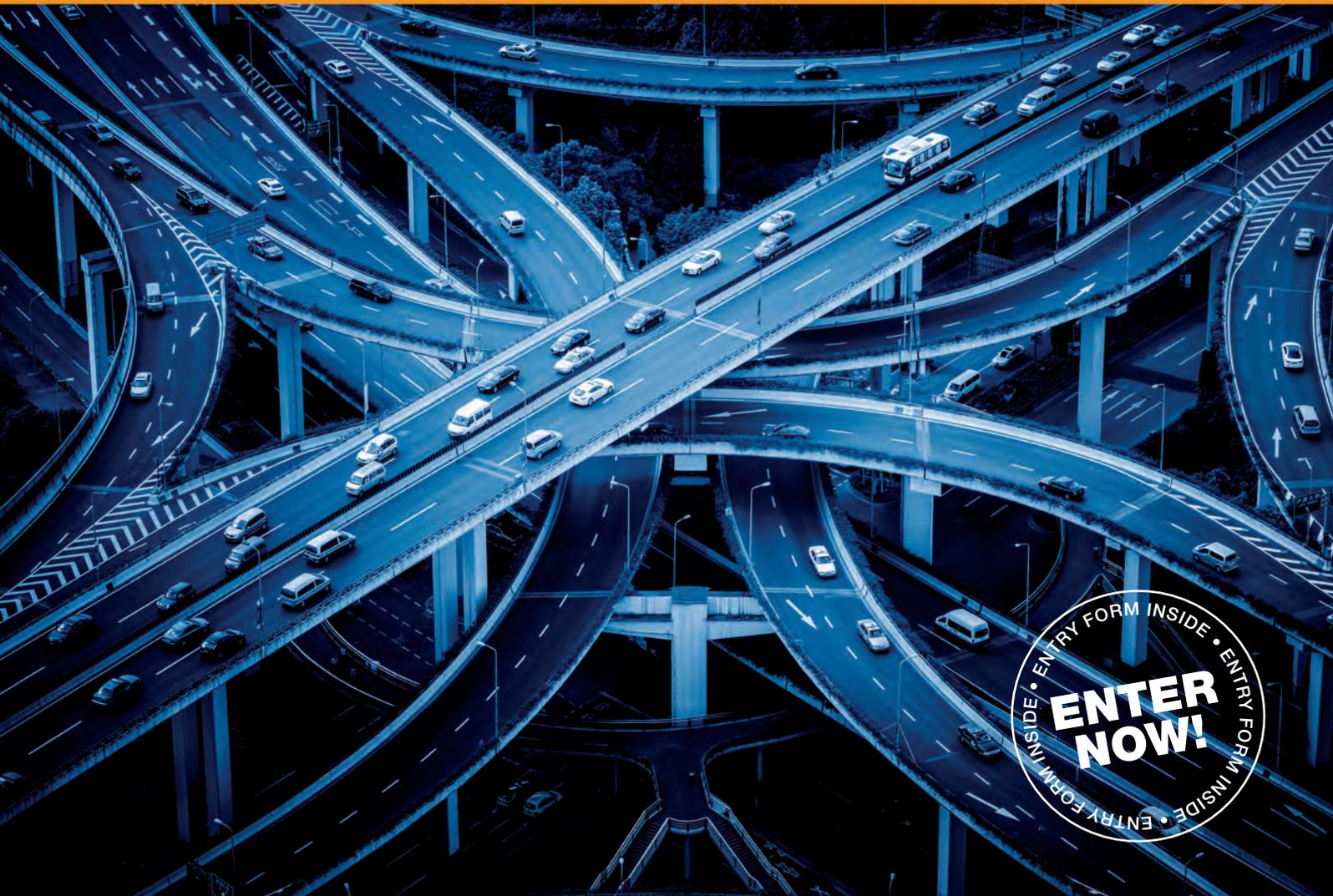


school information

2018 Australian Geography Competition

in schools from Thursday 17 May to Thursday 31 May 2018

ONLY \$4 PER STUDENT



for students from Year 7 or younger to Year 12

Certificates and results for all participating students. Entry deadline Wednesday 21 March 2018

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enter your school in the 2018 Australian Geography Competition

Why enter?

For your school:

- to promote interest in geography in your school
- to reward student excellence
- to receive recognition, with the top 10 schools in Australia announced, and the top school in each State and combined Territories receiving a prize

For your students:

- to receive certificates and result sheets for their portfolios
- to compete for the prizes given to the highest-performing geography students in each State and combined Territories in each Year level (see Prizes page)

Competition format

The Competition consists of multiple-choice questions testing geographical knowledge and skills. We supply the questions and answer sheets. You run the 35-minute Competition and return the answer sheets. We mark them and send back results and certificates for students.

International team

Australian team members to the 2019 International Geography Olympiad (iGeo) in Hong Kong, China, will be chosen from Year 11 students, 15 to 18 years old, who excel in this Competition, via the 2018 Geography's Big Week Out (GBWO).

Who can enter?

The Competition is school-based, and schools may enter students from Year 7 or younger to Year 12. Only students enrolled in geography, or an integrated humanities or social sciences subject which includes geography, are eligible for major prizes.

How to enter

- 1 Promote the Competition in the school with the assistance of the A4 and A3 posters provided. One side of the A4 poster is aimed at students and the other side at teachers. Both sides of the A3 poster are aimed at students.
- 2 Collect **\$4.00 entry fee** from each participating student (if students are paying individually).
- 3 Enter by **Wednesday 21 March** – online at www.geographycompetition.org.au, or by posting or emailing the completed attached entry form to the Competition Office.
- 4 Pay by the deadline of **Wednesday 21 March**.

Changes to your entry

If a school wishes to increase or decrease the number of students entered, or to withdraw its entry, you must notify the Competition Office via email by **10.00 am Wednesday 11 April 2018**. 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.**

Important dates in 2018

Entry and payment deadline	Wed 21 March
Deadline for changes to entry	Wed 11 April
Receipt of question packs by	Thu 10 May
Competition in schools	Thu 17 – Thu 31 May
Competition Office must receive completed answer sheets by	Wed 13 June
Prize-winners notified	Late June
Results returned	Late July
International Geog Olympiad	Tue 31 July – Mon 6 Aug
Geography's Big Week Out	Sun 30 Sept – Fri 5 Oct

Front cover photo: Aerial view of overpass, Shanghai, China. © 2016 chinaface; showcasing the geographical concept of interconnection

Interconnection: a key geographical concept

The image selected for this year's Competition materials showcases the concept of interconnection, a key idea in the Australian Curriculum: Geography. This concept emphasises that the phenomena studied in geography are linked together, rather than existing in isolation.

Individual geographical phenomena are connected through cause-and-effect relationships within the one place, e.g. the effects of climate on vegetation; of landforms on agriculture; of urban expansion on biodiversity. The interconnections between places also have a significant influence on their characteristics, e.g. the flow of water in a catchment; the movement of people for work, tourism or migration; trade in goods and services.

Understanding the variety of these interconnections is critical for a holistic understanding of places and why they are changing.

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The Australian Geography Competition is an initiative of the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland and the Australian Geography Teachers' Association. We look forward to your school taking part in 2018.

Running the Competition

- Question booklets and answer sheets for each participating student should be received in schools by **Thursday 10 May**.
If you have not received the question pack by Thursday 10 May, double-check with the school office to ensure the package has not arrived. If not, contact us by **4.00 pm Friday 11 May** and we will send a replacement pack. Schools that do not contact us about non-arrival of material by 11 May 2018 will not be eligible for any refund.
- Please check that you have received the correct number of question booklets when they arrive. We are not infallible.
Extra answer sheets will be sent with the Competition question pack for any late students. Please send any additional payment back with the answer sheets.
- The Competition** is run in schools under test conditions over a 35-minute period between **Thursday 17 and Thursday 31 May**. The multiple-choice questions test knowledge and skills, within the time constraints of responding to stimulus material.
We recommend that all students from one school complete the Competition on the same day. It is up to the school which of the days between **Thursday 17 and Thursday 31 May** is chosen. We realise that not all schools can arrange to have all their students compete on the same day so, if necessary, schools may spread the Competition over two or more days.
- The completed answer sheets must be received by the Competition Office by **Wednesday 13 June** to be eligible for prizes. Answer sheets received after this date may be returned to the school for hand marking, and students will receive graded certificates.

- The answer sheets are computer marked. It is important that students fill in all required sections of the answer sheet correctly. Failing to correctly fill in written text and filled-in ovals may result in certificates and results sheets with no, or incorrect student name, Year level, and grading. **Students who do not fill in the answer sheet correctly will be ineligible for prizes.**
- Students' individual results and certificates are returned to the school by the end of July for distribution to students. All students correctly filling in their name and school code receive a certificate.

Security

Competition question sets must be under the teacher's control until Thursday 31 May 2018. Although the possibility exists of a student hearing some questions from another, on balance, we believe that the disadvantages of insisting that the Competition be held everywhere at the same time outweigh the problem of possible cheating.

Distance education, home school and vision-impaired students

Teachers of vision-impaired students, or Schools of Distance Education should contact the Competition Office to discuss any problems.

For distance education and home school students to be eligible for prizes they must complete the Competition under test conditions.

Preparing your students

Students can prepare for the Competition by downloading past Competition booklets from www.geographycompetition.org.au.

26 Using Figure 6, the water in artesian basins is classified as:

- A groundwater
- B ice
- C soil moisture
- D surface water
- E water vapour

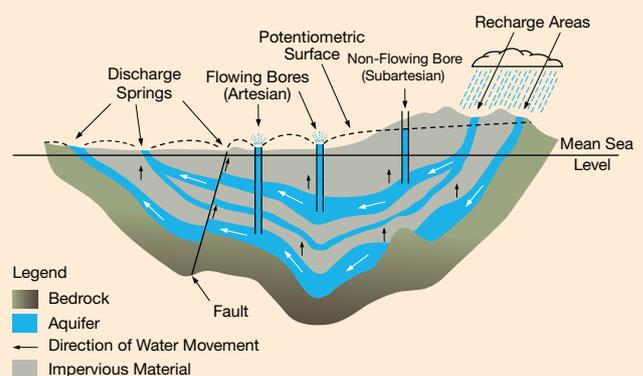


Figure 6. Main features of an artesian basin

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Student from Cornish College, Vic, sitting the 2017 Australian Geography Competition

“During GBWO, I have been introduced to adaptive thinking and analysis, I’ve learnt more about how geography is used daily via tracking and quadrant sampling.”

Harry Hall, Year 11 student at 2017 GBWO

Students arrive from all over Australia for the fieldwork exercise. Group photo with team leaders – representatives of Geography Teachers’ Association of South Australia, Australian Geography Competition Committee and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland, October 2017, GBWO



“I found that the iGeo was, above all, a fantastic opportunity to meet students from countries around the world, and that this mix of different cultures, languages, ethnicities and nationalities was an incredible way to experience a taste of all corners of the world. It was such an honour to be able to represent Australia in this environment, and to be able to learn something about every other country first hand from citizens of those countries who were teenagers of a similar age to myself.”

Christian Flynn, Australian Team member, 2017 iGeo

Australian team at the 2017 iGeo, Belgrade, Serbia

2018 Australian Geography Competition

ENTRY FORM / TAX INVOICE

(when completed)

Payment is due by Wednesday 21 March 2018

Tax Invoice date: 22 January 2018

School Name:

Contact Teacher:

Title: Dr [] Ms [] Mrs [] Mr [] (First Name) (Last Name)

Postal Address:

Town/Suburb:

State/Territory:

Postcode:

Telephone: ()

Fax: ()

Email:

The number of students participating from our school will be:	
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*Note: students of all ages use subsets of the same question booklets.
Number can be modified up to 10:00 a.m. Wednesday 11 April 2018.*

Total Entry Fee @ \$4.00 per student:	\$.
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Note: GST exempt as non-commercial activity of a charity.

Please give a copy of this Entry Form/Tax Invoice to your Accounts staff.

Note: schools sending a Purchase Order need to pay using this Tax Invoice. Schools entering online are emailed a computer-generated Tax Invoice.

A cheque, payable to Royal Geographical Society of Queensland, is enclosed

or

An EFT payment has been/will be made. For EFT please use:
Payment reference: "AGC Your School's Postcode and Name"
or
BSB Number: 034 072, Account Number: 211 734.

A school Purchase Order is enclosed

or

Please debit: Visa Mastercard

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RETURN THIS FORM OR ENTER ONLINE AND PAY BY Wednesday 21 March, 2018

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Prizes

Year levels

Students are graded at each high school Year level. The students' scores, percentiles, certificate categories (top 1% in Australia, high distinction, distinction, credit, and participation) and prizes are calculated within their Year cohorts.

- **Years 7 and 8.** These students' scores and certificates are graded using Questions 1-30. **Students younger than Year 7 may enter as Year 7.**
- **Years 9 and 10.** These students' scores and certificates are graded using Questions 1-40.
- **Years 11 and 12.** These students' scores and certificates are graded using Questions 16-50. Prizes at this level use scores with a weighting on the final 10 questions.

Student prizes

The highest-scoring geography student in each Year in Australia, in each State and in the combined Territories (ACT, NT and the External Territories) will each receive a prize of a book and special certificate. First in Australia will also receive a medal.

The highest-scoring Year 11 female and male students who are between the ages of 15 and 18 on 30 June 2018 in each State and the combined Territories each win a place at Geography's Big Week Out. Two other high-scoring students are also awarded this prize. Tied students may be separated using school assessment.

Only students enrolled in geography, or an integrated humanities/social sciences subject which includes geography are eligible for major prizes.

School prizes

A book prize and framed certificate will be awarded to the top school in Australia, each State and the combined Territories (ACT, NT and the External Territories), based on the scores of the school's best 5 students from each of Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Geography's Big Week Out

The 2018 Geography's Big Week Out will be held on Kangaroo Island, South Australia in early October and hosted by the Geography Teachers' Association of South Australia. The event is a mix of stimulating and hands-on geography activities 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 organisers.

The four members of Australia's team to the 2019 International Geography Olympiad in Hong Kong, China, will be selected based on students' performances during the 2018 Big Week Out. Australia's team to the 2018 Olympiad in Quebec City, Canada, has been selected from the participants in the 2017 Big Week Out.

Geography's Big Week Out and Australia's participation in the International Geography Olympiads are supported by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training; Macquarie University; Monash University; and, University of Queensland.



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Any queries?

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Students from St Patrick's College, Mackay with their 2017 AGC certificates