

Photography – All divisions

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It was a great pleasure to see the effort put into photographing scientific processes this year.

The standard of photography was exceptionally good, though we had fewer entries than in previous years. The number of students registering for the photography section, but not attending judging was disappointing, especially in the junior and intermediate divisions. All areas of science were covered, including environmental science. Topics covered a wide variety of interests, including chemical reactions, fungus, the bursting of balloons, flower structure and algal blooms.

The entries that won accolades displayed a good knowledge of photographic techniques and students' understanding of scientific concepts was very clear. Many students showed good skills in editing and manipulating their images.

We would like to thank the following:

- Parents and teachers, who guided and motivated students to complete their projects.
- School coordinators, who encouraged students to enter and ensure that timelines were met.
- Judges from schools and The University of Melbourne, who took time off from their busy schedules and judged the entries diligently and in a fair manner. They discussed the photos and reports with students, wrote encouraging comments and moderated entries to select bursary winners.
- Parade College, Bundoora, for providing an excellent venue and facilities, and assisting in setting up the event.
- Students for their dedication and skill in completing their entries, and for making the effort to attend the Judging Day.

We would like to see more entries in photography next year, as this is an excellent platform for students to showcase their knowledge and understanding of science.