

Posters-Scientific Wallcharts – Lower Primary, Middle Primary and Upper Primary divisions

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Congratulations to all those students who made the effort to compete in the poster section of the Science Talent Search.

This year 340 posters were entered with 152 from upper primary, 130 from middle primary and 58 from lower primary. Of those students who entered the lower primary section 6 received a major bursary and 12 received a minor bursary. In the middle primary section 13 students received a major bursary and 26 received a minor bursary. As for upper primary, 15 students received a major bursary and 30 received a minor bursary.

Students were asked to address one of the topics given. The topics were - 'Made in Australia', 'An idea that changed people's lives', 'Great Australian change makers' and 'That Eureka moment!'

The judges felt that most posters were well set out and presented a good understanding of the scientific content relating to the topic. There were, however, a number of posters that did not comply with the guidelines. In some cases fabric, photographs and even 3D objects were attached to the poster. It specifically states in the guidelines that this is a poster or scientific wallchart and only original diagrams are to be used; also if using references from web sites, time and date must be included in the reference.

Students should note, that as Posters-Scientific Wallcharts are usually found attached to the wall what is written on the back is not judged. On the other hand students and teachers should make sure that entry details on the back of the poster are complete and are in fact attached.

On judging day the judges were impressed by the enthusiasm of the students and their understanding of the concepts presented on their posters.

Many thanks to those who gave up their whole Saturday morning to be involved in the judging.