



YOUNG SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2020



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ENTRIES FOR THE NATA YOUNG SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2020

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Registration - closes Friday 17 August 2020

Competition - closes Friday 25 September 2020

Competition Eligibility and Guidelines

1. Entry to the NATA Young Scientists of the Year competition is open to individuals and class groups in public, private and independent **primary schools** across Australia. Entry is free.
2. Age categories: Primary school children - 7 & 8 years; 9 & 10 years and 11 & 12 years.
3. All submitted materials must be wholly designed and produced by the entrant(s).
4. There is no limit to the number of entries that can be submitted from one school.

Complete your [Registration Form here](#) by 17 August 2020. When we have received your registration, we will confirm and send an entry form to accompany the project.

The Young Scientist of the Year competition has been running since 2007 and has provide awards and prizes to over 400 of Australia's primary school children across all States and school sectors.

The competition is designed to foster an interest in science among primary school children and encourage them to think about how science impacts our everyday lives.

The key learning objectives of the competition are:

- to promote to children the benefits and value of science
- to encourage students to apply their creativity to scientific solutions
- to demonstrate the importance of good presentation skills in science

Submission Requirements

All submissions must have a sponsor – either a class teacher or representative of the school. Individual entries without a sponsor cannot be accepted.

Students are requested to submit entries that include a title, a written summary, and a visual element. Each submission must include:

- a. A one-page summary (A4 size) providing an overview of their topic of investigation and why it was chosen
- b. A visual element that could include
 - a. Pictures and words in a scrapbook
 - b. A video presentation / podcast (maximum of 5 minutes)
 - c. Computer graphics or other digital media
 - d. A poster

Judging

Entries will be judged by a panel of scientists who are employees of NATA from a range of disciplines. The judges' decision will be final.

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\$2,500 to the winner's school in each age group
Cash Prizes for 10 students per age group
1st Prize - \$500
2nd Prize - \$250
3rd Prize - \$200
7 x \$50 Book Vouchers to the remaining seven finalists
Every participant receives a NATA Young Scientist Award.

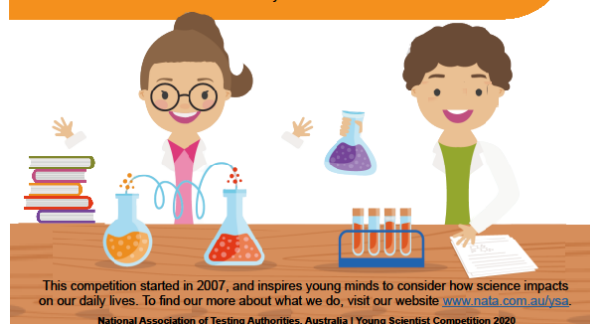
World Accreditation Day in 2020 highlighted the importance of food safety.

Student Challenge: *Why is food testing important and how does it protect the safety of Australians?*



Entry is free!

- ▶ Competition is open for Primary School Students aged 7 - 12 years
- ▶ Register your intent to enter via ysa@nata.com.au
- ▶ Registration closes by the 17th August 2020
- ▶ Competition closes 25th September 2020
- ▶ Winners will be announced by November 2020



Prizes and Awards

NATA awards prizes to the top 10 places in each age group

- The winning School will receive \$2500 in a cash donation from NATA
- The winning individual student or class group receives \$500
- 2nd place receives \$250
- 3rd place receives \$200
- 4th – 10th place – receives a \$50 book voucher

Judges will also allocate Encouragement Awards in each age group.

Award Presentation

Certificates will be presented to the winning schools at an appropriate school event. NATA will liaise directly with the winning schools to determine when this will take place.

Submission Details

- All entries must be submitted to NATA by **COB 25th September**
- Each entry needs to be accompanied by a completed entry form which will be sent once your register.
- Entries can be submitted via ysa@nata.com.au or by post to

NATA

Attn: Young Scientist of the Year Competition 2020
PO Box 7507, Silverwater NSW 2128

Please ensure you post in time for us to receive it by the competition deadline of 25th September 2020. Unfortunately, NATA cannot take any responsibility for postal costs or damage to entries.

- Entries received after the close date are unable to be considered
- Every student entry will receive a Certificate of participation at the conclusion of the competition.

Announcement of the winners

Winners will be announced within 4 weeks after the close date.

Winners will be informed by telephone and email to nominated sponsor contact on the Entry Form. Names of the winners will also be posted on the NATA website.

Winning schools (with permission of their Department's media unit) are welcome to promote their winners and participation by the School in local media. Please let NATA know if this is your intention and we will support you where appropriate.

NATA will keep all details of individual entrants confidential. No names, addresses or other information connected to the school or its pupils will be disclosed to media or used in media channels without prior consent of the school.

For any enquiries about the NATA Young Scientists of the Year Award, please contact Susan Alleyn, on (02) 9736 8306 or [email susan.alleyn@nata.com.au](mailto:susan.alleyn@nata.com.au)

**Links – [Registration Form \(due by 17 August\)](#)
[Competition Poster PDF](#)**