



SHALOM COLLEGE

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2018

Dear Parent

Your son/daughter is invited to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition to be held on Thursday 9th August, 2018.

The entry fee for this competition is \$6.50 per student. Please return the tear-off permission slip and pay entry fee through the Parent Lounge Portal by Friday 20th April 2018.

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) was introduced in Australia in 1978 as the first Australia-wide mathematics competition for students. It has since spread internationally, with students in more than 30 countries attempting the same problems.

The AMC is for students of all standards. Students are asked to solve 30 problems in 60 minutes (Years 3–6) or 75 minutes (Years 7–12). The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking and questions are designed so that they can be answered just as quickly without a calculator as with one. The problems get more difficult through the competition, so that at the end they are challenging to the most gifted students. Students of all standards will make progress through the problems, and also be challenged along the way.

Students receive a Certificate and an individual Student Results Letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for their state. The Student Results Letter is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows: High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants in each year level in the state; Distinction to the next 10% of entrants in each year level in the state; Credit to the next 20% of entrants in each year level in the state; Achievement to students who were placed within the top 20% of the year group in their school, but who have not qualified for a higher certificate; Participation to all other participating students. Medals are awarded to the top student(s) in each year level in each state.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Debbie Bishop
Science Competition Coordinator

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PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE – Student Reception (due 20/04/18)

I would like _____ of _____
Student's Name *Year level / PC class*

to participate in the **2018 AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**
Payment of \$6.50 has been made through the Parent Lounge Portal

Parent/Guardian Name and Signature

Date