Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are excited to announce that [School Name] will be participating in the 2025 Oliphant Science Awards, South Australia’s largest student science competition! This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their curiosity, problem-solving skills, and creativity through hands-on science projects.

The competition is open to students from Reception to Year 12, offering ten diverse project categories, including:

* Citizen Science
* Crystal Investigations
* Games
* Models & Inventions
* Multimedia
* Photography
* Posters
* Programming, Apps & Robotics
* Science Writing
* Scientific Inquiry

With such a wide range of categories, there is something for everyone—whether a student enjoys art, technology, problem-solving, creative writing, or hands-on experiments. The Awards provide an inclusive opportunity for students of all skill levels to engage with science in a way that excites and inspires them.

Participating in the Oliphant Science Awards provides numerous benefits for our students, including:

* **Enhanced Learning Outcomes**: Engaging in scientific projects helps students develop essential skills such as observation, prediction, and communication, while expanding their knowledge across various scientific domains.
* **Fostering Curiosity and Innovation**: The competition encourages students to explore their interests, think critically, and apply their creativity to real-world scientific problems.
* **Building Confidence and Independence**: By undertaking and presenting their projects, students gain confidence in their abilities and learn to take ownership of their learning journey setting them up for future success in STEM fields.
* **School Community Enrichment**: Our school's involvement in the Awards showcases our commitment to excellence in science education and provides opportunities for collaboration among students, teachers, and the broader community.

To gain a better understanding of the competition and to view exemplary projects from previous years, we encourage you to explore the Online Project Gallery available on the Oliphant Science Awards website. <https://www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au/the_oliphant_science_awards/2024-online-project-gallery>

We believe that participating in the Oliphant Science Awards will be a rewarding and enriching experience for our students, sparking a lifelong passion for science and learning.

We look forward to embarking on this exciting scientific journey with our students!

Best regards,