

Round 1: Electronic Judging

Categories	Group Sizes	Project Delivery	Judging Dates	Topics for Category
Multimedia	Individual students or groups of 2- 3 students	Electronic submission	3 – 19 July	Open Category
Science Investigations	Individual students or groups of 2- 3 students	Electronic submission	3 – 19 July	Open Category
Science Writing	Individual students only	Electronic submission	3 – 19 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovering Spriggina: South Australia’s Window into Life’s Beginnings (2026 commemorative topic) • Seeds of Science: How Plants Shape Our Lives • Science for Peace: Small Discoveries, Big Changes • Inventing Tomorrow: Climate Solutions for a Cooler Planet • Next Giant Leaps: From NASA to Life Beyond Earth • From Trash to Treasure • If We Could Cure It: The Promise and Ethics of Stem Cells • Chemical Reactions That Changed the World • Bloom Trouble: What Toxic Algae Tells Us About Water Health • Listening to Country: What First Nations Science Can Teach Us • My Backyard Biosphere • Science as a Human Endeavour (YEAR 11–12 LEVEL ONLY)

Round 2: Programming Apps & Robotics (including electronic games) Judging

Categories	Group Sizes	Project Delivery	Judging Dates	Topics for Category
Programming, Apps & Robotics (including electronic games)	Individual students or groups of 2- 3 students	Appointment at TBA Judging Venue	Saturday 25 July (8.30am-1pm)	Open Category

Round 3: Onsite Judging

Categories	Group Sizes	Project Delivery	Judging Date	Topics for Category
Photography	Individual students or groups of 2- 3 students	Onsite	Thursday 6 August (9am-1pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals in Nature • Close encounters: Macro Photography of Nature's Details • Carbon Catchers • Patterns in Nature: Discovering Hidden Designs • Against the Odds: Plants in Tough Places • Everyday Climate Solutions • Nature's Architects • Water Works • Life at Ground Level • Wind at Work • From the Shadows
Models & Inventions	Individual students or groups of 2- 3 students	Onsite	Thursday 6 August (9am-1pm)	Open Category
Posters	Individual students only	Onsite	Thursday 6 August (9am-1pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural History Illustration (hand drawn only) • Clues from Ancient Life • Algae Alert: When Blooms Become Dangerous • Space Watchers: How We Use Satellites to Study Earth • Waste Not • Pollinators in Action • Harvesting Tomorrow • Carbon in Balance • Under the Surface

Crystal Investigation	Individual students or groups of 2- 3 students	Onsite	Thursday 6 August (9am-1pm)	Open Category
Games	Individual students or groups of 2- 3 students	Onsite	Thursday 6 August (9am-1pm)	Open Category