



THE MATHEMATICAL  
ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

# Maths Talent Quest 2011

## Answering your questions

### How do I enter?

- Obtain a copy of the 2011 MTQ information booklet, the MTQ coordinators' checklist and the state judging criteria from the MTQ website:  
[www.mav.vic.edu.au/activities/student-activities/maths-talent-quest.html](http://www.mav.vic.edu.au/activities/student-activities/maths-talent-quest.html)
- Read the instructions and guidelines carefully.
- Submit your entry online.
- Instructions for online entry are provided on the MTQ website.

### What is the online registration deadline?

The online registration deadline is by 5:00pm on Wednesday 20 July 2011. No late registrations will be accepted.

### Can I edit my entry at any time?

You can edit your entry only up until you submit your payment details. No changes will be made after the entry has been registered and paid for.

### I know the project type and title but will be unable to provide the students' names. Is it possible to enter the project and forward the names shortly after?

You can enter the students' names later, as long as you have not already paid for the entry. Student names and project titles must be completed by the time of payment.

### One of my students has dropped out after registering his/her entry. Can I get a refund?

Participants who withdraw their entries on, or prior to, Wednesday 20 July 2011 will receive a refund less 50% of the entry fee per entry. Cancellation must be in writing and include any documentation already sent out. No refunds for cancellation can be made after this date.

### What is the maximum number of entries a school can register?

A maximum of 8 entries per year level will be accepted for state judging.

### Does every entry have to include a separate diary/learning log?

No. We have decided not to make a diary/learning log compulsory in 2011. We do suggest students provide reflections and evidence that work completed is their own.

### A project was not selected for entry into the state competition by their school.

#### Can that project be entered through another school?

No, the school's decision must be respected. A parent or student can ask the school for feedback and discuss ways to improve for future years. The school is responsible for selecting the entries to be entered into the state competition.

### What happens if I have a composite grade?

You have two options:

- Register the entry under the higher year level
- Split the year levels and enter two separate entries

# Answering your questions (cont.)

## How many students can submit the one project for entry?

**Individual** – One student    **Group** – No more than 6 students    **Class** – No more than 30 students.

## What happens if my class consists of more than 30 students?

You can split the class and submit two or more projects.

## Why do schools have to supply Judges?

The MTQ receives hundreds of entries which each need to be judged at least twice. If every school provides teachers for a few hours to help MAV staff judge the entries, then we can ensure that each entry is judged efficiently and fairly.

## I have registered as a judge, what happens now?

You will be sent a confirmation email closer to the judging date with further information about what is required.

## My school only has only one entry. Do we still have to provide a Judge?

Yes. All Victorian metropolitan schools entering must provide a minimum of two hours judging. Regional schools are also encouraged to participate in judging.

## I am entering 15 entries. How many judges does our school need to provide?

Where schools have more than ten entries, an extra two hours of judging must be provided for every five extra entries or part thereof. For example:

Number of entries	1-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40
Number of judging hours required	2	4	6	8	10	12	14

## My project includes a model but it exceeds the size requirements. Will it still be accepted?

Models must not exceed 10kg or be more than 70cm in any dimension. Models that exceed these limits will not be accepted for judging. A simple alternative is to submit a photograph of the model.

## One of my student's projects is internet/website based, is this OK?

Yes. This year we will be accepting internet and website entries.

## When will I receive my MTQ information package?

The pack will be sent to you by post after the 20th of July. If you have not received your pack by July 31, please call the MAV office on 03 9380 2399.

## What are the delivery and collection dates?

- Delivery - all entries must be delivered or posted to the state judging centre at La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus on Thursday 11 or Friday 12 August 2011.
- Collection – All entries (except High Distinctions) must be collected on Tuesday 23 August.
- Regional Victorian schools entries will be returned by post at the school's expense.

## What prizes do the winning entries receive?

State level prizes are awarded to individual, group and class entries in the following categories:

**High Distinction** – Book voucher and certificate

**Distinction** – Book voucher and certificate

**Credit** – Certificate

**Encouragement** - Certificate

