



# Maths Talent Quest 2017

## Answering your Questions

### **How do I enter the 2017 Maths Talent Quest?**

- Download all relevant Maths Talent Quest documents from the MTQ website:  
<https://www.mav.vic.edu.au/student-activities/maths-talent-quest.html>
- Read these documents carefully.
- Submit your entries online.
- Registration opens Tuesday 18 April 2017.

### **When does registration for the 2017 Maths Talent Quest close?**

MTQ registration will close on Friday 28 July at 5pm. No late registrations will be accepted.

### **Can my entries be edited once submitted?**

Entries may be edited before payment details have been submitted. Once an entry has been registered and paid for, no changes can be made. Any problems, please contact Jacqui Diamond at [jdiamond@mav.vic.edu.au](mailto:jdiamond@mav.vic.edu.au).

### **Can student's names be provided at a later date?**

Permitting the entry has not already been paid for, yes student names can be submitted at a later date. Student names and project titles must be submitted with the entry registration and payment.

### **One of my students has dropped out after registering their entry. Can I get a refund?**

Participants who withdraw their entries on or prior to Friday 28 July 2017 will receive a refund less 50% of the entry fee per each 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 or learning log?**

It has been decided that the diary/learning log is no longer a compulsory component of the MTQ. We do highly recommend however that students provide reflections and evidence that the work completed is their own.

**My project was not selected for entry into the State Competition by my school. Can this same project be entered by another school?** No the schools decision must be respected. Parents and students are welcome to ask their school for feedback and to 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?**

If you 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

**How many students can be involved in an 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?**

Contact the MAV, we can discuss options for you.

**Why do schools have to supply judges?**

The MTQ receives hundreds of entries which each need to be judged a minimum of two times. By every school providing a teacher for a minimum of two hours, we can ensure that each entry is judged efficiently and fairly. Judging is a great professional development idea for all involved.

**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 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 the judging process.

**I am an interstate or overseas school, am I required to judge?**

No, interstate and overseas school are not required to participate in judging.

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

Where schools have more than 10 entries, an extra two hours of judging must be provided for every five extra entries. For example: Schools with 15 entries would have to supply a minimum of four hours judging.

**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 exceeding these limits will not be accepted for judging. An alternative to this is to submit a photograph of the model. Under no circumstances will models with food items be accepted.

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

Yes we accept internet and website entries. Computers are supplied at the MTQ judging centre. Please provide some form of hard copy evidence to assist with our organisation. (eg A piece of paper with an URL)

### **When will I receive my MTQ information package?**

Information can be downloaded from the MTQ website. All registered schools will be posted their MTQ packs after registration closes on Friday 28 July 2017. These packs will contain entry barcodes and information on judging, delivery, nationals and the awards ceremony.

If you require any further information on the MTQ, please contact Jacqui Diamond at [jdiamond@mav.vic.edu.au](mailto:jdiamond@mav.vic.edu.au)

### **What are the delivery and collection dates?**

- Delivery: all entries must be delivered or posted to the state judging centre at the La Trobe University (Bundoora Campus) on Wednesday 23 August.
- Collection: all entries (besides those awarded high distinctions) must be collected between Wednesday 30 August (after 12pm) and Thursday 31 August (2pm deadline).
- Regional Victorian, Interstate and Overseas entries will be returned by post at the expense of the school.

### **What prizes do the winning entries receive?**

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

**High Distinction and Distinction:** Gift voucher and Certificate    **Credit and Encouragement:** Certificate