AUSTRALIAN HISTORY COMPETITION

Helping today's students assess a changing world for tomorrow.

Dear fellow History teacher,

Welcome to a new year of the Australian History Competition and thank you for your continuing support. The 2025 competition saw students from across Australia and overseas enter, with students being recognised at state ceremonies in November. From 2025, the Australian History Competition has been coordinated by the History Teachers Association Australia (HTAA) - a body that is the combined force of the state based History Teacher Associations and by supporting the competitions, you are directly supporting History teachers.

If we want a strong society and our students to have the skills and knowledge to make good choices, to not be easily manipulated and be active citizens (something that has never been more important) we need them to learn and value History. Competitions such as these encourage students to apply their skills, to build the profile of History within our schools and create opportunities to have History shine. We also want to continue to build our community of awesome History educators and encourage all teachers to join their state association.

As 2026 approaches we're looking forward to seeing more students join the History Competition ranks, and this year participation is even easier with the addition of PayPal payments on the registration website.

Why do we run the competition?

The three major aims of the competition are to:

1. *Provide a quality resource that demonstrates approaches to the assessment of the skills and understandings required by the Australian Curriculum.*
2. *Provide a vehicle that showcases history as an essential component in the school curriculum.*
3. *Foster engagement in the subject of History and reward students' interest in History.*

We do this by using a range of historical sources and questions to focus on testing students analytical and interpretive skills rather than relying on prior knowledge. For this reason, the competition is accessible to students of all levels providing a great opportunity for them to engage as well as excel.

There are two ways you can participate:

1. By entering the competition.

   All the details you need to enter your students are included in the registration form on the reverse, or you can register online at www.AustralianHistoryCompetition.org.au

2. By helping us spread the word to other teachers in your network so we can *encourage even more schools to participate. Simply send your contacts a link to our website www.AustralianHistoryCompetition.org.au where they can register their students online or request an entry form.*

Whether it's your first competition or your tenth, I thank you for participating in elevating the standing of History in the community and look forward to yet another year of academic excellence, learning and understanding to ensure the creation of informed citizens for our future.

Best wishes,

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Catherine Baron,

President – History Teacher's Association of Australia.

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Who can participate?

The program will provide two separate papers:

A Year 7 and 8 paper, broadly based on the Years 7-8 Australian Curriculum: History, and a Year 9 and 10 paper, broadly based on the Years 9-10 Australian Curriculum: History.

How does it work?

The competition will be a 45 minute test.

Each student will receive a question paper, a source booklet and a computer answer sheet. There will be 50 multiple choice questions graded from easy to challenging and catering to a range of abilities. There will be a variety of questions, with the primary focus on skills and understandings.

More information is available on the website at: ***www.AustralianHistoryCompetition.org.au***

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When is it happening?

The competition date is 28th of May 2026 (with flexibility to suit your school).

What are the key dates?

Registrations open:	*31st October 2025 (full competition details are available on the AHC website)*
Registrations close:	*31st March 2026*
Results and certificates will be back to you by the end of July 2026	

What is the entry fee?

There is a school admin fee of $50 plus $8 per student.

To be eligible for State and National Championships, your completed competition papers MUST be returned by 14th June, 2026. Papers received after this time will still be marked, but ineligible for awards consideration.

What do teachers think?

"It is a great competition. We like the mixture of skills that it tests and that it allows the participants to apply them across the breadth of the curriculum overviews and depth studies."
Trevor Pease, Hale School WA

"Excellent. I will most definitely be entering students in each grade. I will put it on the calendar."
Jenny Bolam, Shalom College.

How do I enter my class?

Register online at **www.AustralianHistoryCompetition.org.au** *or complete the form below and send it along with your cheque for registration fees to:*
History Teachers Association Australia,
PO BOX 1145, Scarborough, WA 6922

Need help? Email us at **Admin@AustralianHistoryCompetition.org.au** or call 03 6220 1389

Registration Form

Return this form with your registration fees to:
PO BOX 1145,
Scarborough, WA 6922

SCHOOL ORDER NUMBER

School name

Address

State Postcode

Phone

Email

Coordinating teacher Mr/Mrs/Ms

Number of students entered

Year 7 Year 8 Year 9 Year 10

Fees enclosed
Australia $A50 plus $A8 per student (including GST)

Cheques should be made payable to
History Teachers Association Australia

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