# 2014 Educational Events, Opportunities and Competitions

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For students in Years 5 – 12 and their teachers, a range of 2014 dates are available. Refer to the Mathematical Association of NSW or their website for further details:  
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- **The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award**
  Entries open January. Open to NSW government and non-government secondary schools for students 14 years or over on 1 January. Each school can enter a maximum of 2 contestants. Entry forms should be completed and returned by fax to (02) 9569 6878. For conditions of entry and registration details see website: http://www.legacy.com.au/LegacyJuniorPublicSpeakingAwardNationalGuidelines or https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/programs/speaking-competitions/public-speaking

- **The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition**

- **The Plain English Speaking Award**
  Entries open January. Open to NSW government and non-government secondary schools. Contestants must be between 15 and 18 years of age (inclusive) on 1 January. Deadline for submitting entries is late March. For conditions of entry and registration details see website: https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/public-speaking/plain-english-speaking-award

- **Premier's Debating Challenges**
  Open to students in government schools. Debating challenges are available for different age groups and include:
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  - Years 9 & 10 Debating Challenge
  - Year 11 & 12 Debating Challenge
  - Year 11 Metro Debating Competition
  - Combined High Schools Debating
  - Junior State Debating Championships
  - Primary Schools State Debating Championships
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**Future Problem Solving Program Australia**
Includes: Global Issues Problem Solving, Scenario Writing, Scenario Performance and Community Problem Solving. Open to Junior, Middle and Senior teams. For further information on submission deadlines and registration see website: [http://www.fpsp.org.au/](http://www.fpsp.org.au/)

**HTANSW Australian History Competition**
Enter forms available from March. Registration closes 12 April 2014. The competition is held for years 9 and 10 students based on the compulsory History syllabus. To be held in May. For further information see the website: [http://www.htansw.asn.au/](http://www.htansw.asn.au/)

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**Australian Informatics Competition**

**The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award**

**The NSW Schools Titration Competition**
Registration is open for 2014. Competition is held in June. “A quantitative analytical competition open to NSW students currently enrolled in years 11 and 12.” Competition held at a number of venues throughout the state. Further information on venues and registration on website: [www.nswtitration.com](http://www.nswtitration.com)

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- **Mathematics Enrichment for Young Australians**
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- **Talented Students’ Day**

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- **International Science Poetry Competition**
  Entries due in June. Promotes flexibility in learning, creativity and memory work. For further information and entry conditions see website: http://www.scienceeducationreview.com/poetcomp.html

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  11 June 2014, Olympiad 2 “Challenging Problem Solving Contests for Students up to 14 years.” Olympiads began in May and run once a month until September. Registration and further details on website: http://www.apsmo.info/apsmo_v2/APSMO_Home.php

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- **HSC Mathematics Lectures**
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• Science and Engineering Challenge
“The Challenge is an outreach program conducted nationally by the University of Newcastle. It is designed to inspire students to study science and engineering at a senior level.” Regional Challenges will be held in June. For more information and location of regional challenges see the website http://www.newcastle.edu.au/faculty/engineering/community-engagement/challenge/

• STANSW HSC Exam Preparation Days
The Science Teachers’ Association holds HSC exam preparation days in regional NSW every year. For more information see http://www.stansw.asn.au/default.aspx?nav_id=61&child_id=83

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• **STANSW Young Scientist Awards**
  Entries close in August. “Young Scientist offers students from kindergarten to year 12 worthwhile incentives to carry out scientific investigations.” For more information and registration see website: [http://www.stansw.asn.au/ys/](http://www.stansw.asn.au/ys/)

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October

- The Nepean Weekend of Triathlon
  The Nepean weekend of triathlon for 2014 will be held on a weekend in October. See website for registration and further information: www.nepeantriathlon.com

November

- NSW Premier’s Spelling Bee
  State finals held in November. All public, central and community school students in NSW, years 3 – 6 are invited to engage in spelling “in a fun and educational way”. Further information see website: https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/spelling-bee/premiers-spelling-bee

- UNICEF Day for Children
  “A leadership opportunity for interested public school students to develop activities that raise awareness and funds for the chosen appeal.” School activities to take place close to Universal Children’s Day. For more information and to register see website http://www.unicefdayforchange.org.au/

December

Other activities you could check out:

- BHP Billiton Science Awards
  “Rewarding young people who have undertaken practical research projects, which demonstrate innovative approaches and thorough scientific procedures.” Check the website for details: http://www.scienceawards.org.au/student_awards/

- Geology Rocks Drawing Competition
  Open to students from all schools, this competition is run by the Australian Museum. Check the website for details: http://australianmuseum.net.au/Geology-Rocks

- The ARC Competition
  “Create a play or film to show how all of us need to change to achieve a sustainable future, and you could win up to $10,000 for your school!” Check the website for details: http://www.arc.org.au/?page_id=3

- The Arts Unit, NSW Department of Education and Training for information on activities and competitions for: dance, debating, drama, music, performances for schools, public speaking, Schools Spectacular, spelling and visual arts. Please note that many of the activities listed on these pages are open for all
• **The Mathematical Association of New South Wales**
  “Promoting Quality Mathematics Education for all.” Activities are held throughout the year. Check the website for details: [http://www.mansw.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mansw.nsw.edu.au)

• **The Simpson Prize** - year 9 and 10 students to participate in a nationwide essay competition, giving them the chance to win an unforgettable 2 week trip to Turkey as well as a prepartory trip to Canberra. See website [http://www.htansw.asn.au/simpson-prize](http://www.htansw.asn.au/simpson-prize)

• **University of Western Sydney – Schools Engagement**
  Offers various programs and full day events through UWS and in partnership with other educational organisations. These include: Math IT, the UWS Young Writers’ Day, the HSC Physics Day, Environmental Education Programs and organising UWS Academic Speakers to visit your school. For further information please see our website at [http://www.uws.edu.au/community/in_the_community/for_schools](http://www.uws.edu.au/community/in_the_community/for_schools) or contact [SchoolsEngagement@uws.edu.au](mailto:SchoolsEngagement@uws.edu.au)

• **UWS College**
  Offers short courses and HSC lectures throughout the year. Check out the website for details: [http://www.uwscollege.edu.au/about](http://www.uwscollege.edu.au/about)

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