2013 Educational Events, Opportunities and Competitions

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- **Year 11 & 12 Debating Challenge**
  Open to senior students in government schools, takes the form of one hour preparation debates with a choice of three topics. Entries due 11 February 2013. For more information see https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/debating/year-11-metro-debating-challenge

- **Year 11 Metro Debating Competition**
  Open to year 11 public school students in the four Sydney metropolitan regions. Entries due 11 February 2013. For more information see https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/programs/speaking-competitions/public-speaking

**March**

- **2013 English Extension 2 Study Day**

- **2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge**

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- **Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition 2013**

- **Extension History Essay Prize**
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  Website: http://www.htansw.asn.au/extension-prize

- **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/

- **HSC English Student Paper 1 Day**

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  Registration closes 12 April 2013. Entry form available March 2013. The competition is held for years 9
and 10 students based on the compulsory History syllabus. To be held in September. For further information see the website: http://www.htansw.asn.au/

- **Mathsearch** (a take-home competition for the JL Williams Award).
  Expressions of interest from schools due in March 2013. Open to Year 11 students (plus exceptional Year 9 and 10 students). Further information on website: http://www.mansw.nsw.edu.au/

- **NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge 2013**
  Registrations open on 1 March and close on 1 April 2013. “The Challenge includes a range of initiatives with one common purpose – to have more students, more active, more of the time.” Check the website for details: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/psc/home.html

- **The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award**
  Entries open January 2013. Open to NSW government and non-government secondary schools for students 14 years or over on 1 January 2013. 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 NSW Schools Titration Competition**
  Registration is open for 2013. 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 and registration on website: www.nswtitration.com

- **The Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Award**

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- **ICAS Computer Skills Competition/Assessment**
  Registrations close April. Test date May 2013. These competitions and assessments are run by Educational Assessment Australia in the University of New South Wales. Check out the website for further details http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/

- **Mathematics Enrichment for Young Australians**
  Enrichment Stage April to September 2013 (16 Weeks). “Meet the challenge of a number of in-depth yet accessible problems.” Further information and registration on website: www.amt.edu.au

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- **The Big Science Competition**
  Registrations close 17 April. Aligned to the Australian Curriculum: Science. One hour multiple choice
competition. Suitable for students of all abilities in school years 7 to 12. Tests critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Flexible sitting dates between 22 and 29 May 2013. Student and teacher prizes to be won just for taking part. Further information and registration on website:

May

- **Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads**
  22 May 2013 – Olympiad 1 “Challenging Problem Solving Contests for Students up to 14 years.”
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- **Australian Informatics Competition**
  May 2013. “Multiple-choice and short-answer competition for students with an interest or talent for computer programming.” Years 7 to 12. Further information and registration on website:

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- **HSC English Extension 1, Student Day**
  Sunday 20 May 2013, Newington College, Stanmore. Registration online:

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  Sitting date May. These competitions and assessments are run by Educational Assessment Australia, University of New South Wales. Check the website for further details http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/

- **ICAS Science Competition/Assessment**
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- **ICAS Spelling Competition/Assessment**
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- **“What Matters?” Writing competition**
  Entries close May 2013. “What Matters? gives students in years 5 – 12 in NSW and the ACT a chance to say what matters in society today. What actions do you think should be taken to build a better society? What would you change if you could? What do you want other people to care about?” Further information and application forms on the website: [http://www.whitlam.org/the_program/what_matters_writing_competition](http://www.whitlam.org/the_program/what_matters_writing_competition)

**June**

- **2013 International Science Poetry Competition**
  Entries due 15 June 2013. Promotes flexibility in learning, creativity and memory work. For further information and entry conditions see website: [http://www.scienceeducationreview.com/poetcomp.html](http://www.scienceeducationreview.com/poetcomp.html)


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- **HSC History Study Days**
  The History Teachers Association of NSW will be running its annual HSC History Study Days at the University of Sydney from Thursday 13 June to Saturday 15 June 2013. Content will cover Ancient, Modern and Extension History. See [http://www.htansw.asn.au/hsc-history-studydays](http://www.htansw.asn.au/hsc-history-studydays) for details.

- **HSC Mathematics Lectures**
  For all Year 12 students. For information on dates and venues see website: [http://www.mansw.nsw.edu.au/Homepage/Studentactivities.aspx](http://www.mansw.nsw.edu.au/Homepage/Studentactivities.aspx)

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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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For Year 12 Extension 2 Mathematics students and their teachers. See website for details on dates and venue locations: http://www.mansw.nsw.edu.au/Homepage/Studentactivities.aspx

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- **NSW Premier’s Spelling Bee**

- **State Dance Festival** (open to government schools only)

- **The Critics Choice** (government schools only)

**October**

- **The Nepean Weekend of Triathlon**
  The Nepean weekend of triathlon for 2013 will be held on the weekend of 26 – 27 October 2013. See website for registration and further information: [www.nepeantriathlon.com](http://www.nepeantriathlon.com)

**November**

- **NSW Premier’s 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 during November close to 20 November− Universal Children’s Day. For more information and to register see website [http://www.unicefdayforchange.org.au/](http://www.unicefdayforchange.org.au/)
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.”

- **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](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](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 schools.** Check the website for details: [https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/](https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/)

- **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 preparatory 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

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

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*(Please note: many exact 2013 dates were not available at the time of publication. Websites should be checked for further details.)*