

Experimental Research – Open division

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What a great year it was for Open Experimental Research. First of all, a big thanks is needed for all the students that submitted entries into the category. It's no simple task to plan, conduct and report on any scientific experiment – let alone on top of all their other school commitments. This is made even more impressive when you observe the overall quality of the work, some of which could easily be found in a university laboratory report. A huge congratulations to our Major bursary winners Thanushi Peiris (Methodist Ladies' College), Josephine Owen (Tintern Grammar) and Cassandra Dods (Tintern Grammar). They each completed fantastic reports and it was obvious that they put in many hours of effort to do so. It was a difficult decision to separate some of the Minor bursary winners from the Major bursary award so they too must be acknowledged for their time and diligence.

For those wishing to enter again next year, it'll be a good idea to look over your report and match it with the provided criteria. Make sure that you have fulfilled all of the requirements before submitting your final copy. Also, be sure to be succinct, especially in the abstract.

Finally, thank you to all the judges that put aside time from their busy schedules to mark and provide feedback to these aspiring students. They are: Marta Cassidy, Adam Bylsma, Robert Bell, Kathleen Reynolds, Janice Youl, Caitlin Vine and Lisa Newton. The feedback is very much appreciated and helpful in developing the next generation of scientists.