

Photography – All divisions

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The Photography section gives students an opportunity to explore and showcase their Science knowledge, understanding and interest through an artistic medium. They are encouraged to research their topic and present their findings in a written report as well as in a series of photographs.

With Photography not needing to follow STS's theme, we had an amazing variety of topics to judge on August 5th. Students brought along photos of the night sky, bubbles, seed germination, bees, light reflection and refraction, popping balloons and tides. They also investigated colour blindness, microscopic life and many aspects of our natural world.

Although the number of entries in this division was down a little on previous years, we agreed that the overall standard was the best we have seen for quite a few years. A total of 17 Major Bursaries and 30 Minor Bursaries were awarded; we were grateful for the new Distinction Certificate level that allowed many students to see just how close they were to being awarded a bursary.

The best entries showed an excellent understanding of the chosen topic and a creative use of photography. Their techniques were good – correct focus, colour balance and exposure for their intended purpose – and their photos showed a high degree of sophistication and originality.

I encourage teachers, parents and students to read the guidelines carefully and ensure that all are met to optimise their chances of being awarded a bursary.

I would like to thank Parade College for providing us with a great venue and setting up our rooms for us on Judging Day. Thanks also to the Primary, Secondary and Pre-Service teachers (many first-timers) who gave so freely of their time and expertise to acknowledge the work that students have done on their entries and for remaining after judging to moderate entries. As I was coordinating this day on my own, Annette Atkinson came out of retirement to assist judges and students. Thanks, Annette!
