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Re: 2025 Oliphant Science Awards

Dear Families

We are excited to announce that Caritas College will be participating in the 2025 Oliphant Science Awards, South Australia's largest student science competition! This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to develop their curiosity, problem-solving skills, and creativity through hands-on science projects.

The competition is open to students from Reception to Year 12, offering ten diverse project

- Citizen Science
- Crystal Investigations
- Games
- Models & Inventions
- Multimedia
- Photography
- Posters
- Programming, Apps & Robotics
- Science Writing
- Scientific Inquiry

With such a wide range of categories, there is something for everyone—whether a student enjoys art, technology, problem-solving, creative writing, or hands-on experiments. The Awards provide an inclusive opportunity for students of all skill levels to engage with science in a way that excites and inspires them.

Participating in the Oliphant Science Awards provides numerous benefits for our students, including:

- **Enhanced Learning Outcomes:** Engaging in scientific projects helps students develop essential skills such as observation, prediction, and communication, while expanding their knowledge across various scientific domains.
- **Fostering Curiosity and Innovation:** The competition encourages students to explore their interests, think critically, and apply their creativity to real-world scientific problems.
- **Building Confidence and Independence:** By undertaking and presenting their projects, students gain confidence in their abilities and learn to take ownership of their learning journey setting them up for future success in STEM fields.
- **School Community Enrichment:** Our school's involvement in the Awards showcases our commitment to excellence in science education and provides opportunities for collaboration among students, teachers, and the broader community.

To gain a better understanding of the competition and to view exemplary projects from previous years, we encourage you to explore the Online Project Gallery available on the Oliphant Science Awards website. https://www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au/the_oliphant_science_awards/2024-online-project-gallery

We believe that participating in the Oliphant Science Awards will be a rewarding and enriching experience for our students, sparking a lifelong passion for science and learning.

Many (but not all) project entries will be displayed at Science Alive! at the Adelaide Showgrounds from Friday 1 August until Sunday 3 August. **All students who enter the Oliphant Science Awards will be eligible to apply for discounted entry tickets. More information will be available closer to the date.**

The Caritas College Oliphant Science Awards Coordinator is Mrs Christine Kemp. Please direct any questions to her via phone or email: christine.kemp@cc.catholic.edu.au.

We look forward to embarking on this exciting scientific journey with our students!

Best regards,



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