

# Posters - Scientific Wallcharts

## (Lower Primary and Primary Divisions)

### Topics for 2010

The theme for Posters is *Australian Biodiversity*.

**Note: These are the ONLY topics that will be judged.**

1. Why are our native species disappearing?
2. Australian forests under the waves
3. Invertebrates: eating and being eaten
4. Adapting to bushfires, floods and extreme temperatures

✓ Tick that you have satisfied each of the guidelines below.

### Entry guidelines

You are required to:

- Give a clear explanation of the scientific and technical principles involved (refer to the diagrams you have used that help illustrate these principles)
- Explain the significance and impact that the topic has in the real world (refer to the diagrams you have used that help illustrate these principles)
- Include at least 3 relevant diagrams which summarise the two guidelines above
- List references used. Put these in a **small box** at the **bottom right hand corner** of the poster.
- Maximum poster size is 80cm x 60cm. The minimum size that will be accepted is 60cm x 40cm.
- Use flexible poster paper that can be easily rolled up.
- All diagrams and text must be original.
- Text must be in your own words. It may be hand written or produced via computer. The text needs to be concise (use just enough words to explain the topic ideas when a person looks at the poster/chart for a couple of minutes.)



- Written information must be legible (visible from 1 metre) and contain a major heading for the topic and sub-headings (visible from 2 metres) for ideas/concepts within the topic.
- Maximum word limit is 400 words, including headings, explanations and captions; excluding bibliography
- Diagrams may be either hand drawn or produced using tools on a computer. Diagrams copied from other software or downloaded are not acceptable.
- Scanned pictures, photographs of pictures and photographs are not acceptable on any part of your poster.
- Diagrams must have clear headings/labels and be distinguishable from a distance of 2 metres.
- Posters must not have any built-up or three-dimensional sections.
- If you have stuck or attached any diagrams or writing to the poster, you must laminate or 'contact' it, so that there are no loose edges protruding from it.
- You will be expected to give an oral presentation on your poster for approximately 5 minutes and will also be expected to answer questions from the judges.
- Judges will look for evidence of accurate and relevant scientific content, understanding of the material presented, and depth of investigations, innovative and creative thought in the visual presentation and in the selection of ideas investigated.

### JUDGING DAY FOR POSTERS

**Saturday 14 August 2010**

Methodist Ladies' College  
Fitzwilliam Street entrance, Kew

**Country entrants** may send their poster to STAV House, Coburg on 29 and 30 July, 2010. It must be rolled and in a tube with a copy of the completed Face Sheet firmly affixed to the **outside** of the tube. A clear written explanation of scientific & technological principles involved should also be included (No more than two A4 pages). Country Entrants are **strongly encouraged** to attend Judging Day with their poster to discuss the entry with Judges.

**All guidelines should be followed to avoid being disadvantaged during judging.**