



Nominate your Teams
 Once you have downloaded and selected a Challenge you can nominate your teams via the TOM Portal. Team nominations close Friday 29th July.

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2. Download the Challenge
 The 2011 Long Term Challenges will be available to download from the 'Tournament Resources' section of the web portal on Friday 15th July 2011.

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1. Register your School
 Log on to the TOM Portal using your email address and password as supplied by TOM. The School Registration page will appear. Simply check the TOM Branch is 'NSW', select the Region in which you intend to participate, and enter your school's anticipated number of teams and click [REGISTER]. School registrations close Friday 27 May.

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How to participate
 Activate your online TOM account Visit the national website at www.tom.edu.au click TOM Portal menu item and follow the instructions to activate your school's online Portal Account. The TOM Portal is used to register your school, nominate your teams, download the Challenges and more.

2011 Tournaments

Regional Finals	Venue	Date(s)
Sydney North	University of Technology Sydney, Kung-gai Campus	Sun 28 Aug
Sydney East	Australian Catholic University, Strathfield	Sat 27 Aug
Sydney South West	University of Western Sydney, Bankstown Campus, Milperra	Sat 27 Aug
Sydney West	University of Western Sydney, Kingswood Campus, Penrith	Sun 28 Aug
North Coast	Southern Cross University, Lismore	Sun 28 Aug
Mid North Coast	Coffs Harbour Christian Community High School	Sun 28 Aug
NSW North West	University of New England, Armidale	Sun 28 Aug
NSW Western	Orange High School, Orange	Sun 28 Aug
NSW Hunter	University of Newcastle, Newcastle	Sat 27 Aug
NSW South Coast	Nowra High School, Nowra	Sun 28 Aug
NSW Riverina	Turvey Park Public School, Wagga Wagga	Sat 27 Aug
NSW State Final		
Australasian Pacific Final	University of New South Wales, Kensington	Sun 11 Sep
	The University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay campus, Hobart	14 - 16 Oct

NSW SCHOOL PROGRAM 2011

LANGUAGE LITERATURE



SOCIAL SCIENCES



MATHS ENGINEERING



Our Aim Tournament's aim is to **enhance the potential of our youth** by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management and the discipline to work collaboratively within a competitive environment. Tournament of Minds' objectives are: to provide stimulation of real, open-ended challenges; to develop creative problem-solving approaches and techniques; to foster cooperative learning and team work; to promote knowledge and appreciation of self and others; to encourage experimentation and risk-taking; to expand & reward creative & divergent thinking; to stimulate a spirit of inquiry & love of learning; to develop enterprise; and to celebrate excellence.

Real World Benefits Tournament of Minds looks beyond academic achievement and understands that the pursuit of excellence knows no boundaries. Working in teams, effective problem-solving, thinking outside the square and the use of technology are values that employers are searching for in the employee of tomorrow.

Accept the Challenge! Every school within Australia and selected schools internationally are invited to participate. Thousands of parents, educators and interested public flock annually to watch and enjoy the exhilarating spectacle of the presentations and the ingenious solutions created by motivated students who have accepted the Tournament Challenge.

Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a problem-solving program for teams of students from both Primary and Secondary years. Students are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from one of the following disciplines: **Applied Technology, Language Literature, Maths Engineering, Social Sciences**. TOM is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem-solving, to demonstrate their creative skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

The Challenges Multi-aged teams of seven are required to work together on a Long Term Challenge for six weeks without direct assistance from teachers, parents or peers. They are encouraged to explore possibilities and experiment with ideas as they endeavour to produce their best possible solution. They develop a creative and original way to communicate this solution to others, working within predefined parameters such as limited materials, complex challenge criteria and the deadline of Tournament Day. Students present the product of their ideas - their challenge solution - to a panel of judges and an audience on Tournament Day. They have ten minutes in which to present and must do so within a 3 x 3 metre performance area. The teams must also participate in an unseen Spontaneous Challenge on Tournament Day. This challenge requires rapid interchange of ideas, the ability to think creatively and well-developed group cooperation skills. This component takes approximately five minutes.

New Costs:

School Registration: \$160.00
 Team Registration: \$50.00

The Teams

Teams of seven students from school entry to Year10 are invited to participate within two divisions: Teams in the Primary Division must be a mix of students from at least two year levels with a maximum of four students from any one year. Teams in the Secondary Division must be a mix of students from at least two year levels (up to and including Year 10) with a minimum of two students from Year 7, and a maximum of four students from any one year.

The Tournaments

The Regional Tournaments will be held on the weekend of 27-28 August 2011 at four metropolitan and seven country venues. See the back of this brochure for specific days and venues. Teams are advised of their presentation times for the Long Term and Spontaneous Challenges around ten days prior to Tournament Day. The winning teams from all NSW Regions, in each division of each Challenge, will be invited to participate in the New South Wales State Final, to be held on Sunday 11 September 2011 at University of New South Wales, Kensington. The eight winning teams from the State Final - four Primary and four Secondary - will be invited to participate in the Australasian Pacific Final, to be held in Hobart on Saturday 15 October 2011. Teams will compete against the other winning teams from all Australian states and territories, and teams from Singapore, Hong Kong and New Zealand.





Tournament of Minds

Timetable



Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
March																															
April	School team registrations open for 2011																														
	Regional Workshops available. Please refer to www.TOM.edu.au for your nearest workshop																														
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June	Facilitators' information meetings by Regional Directors																														
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July	Schools to hand out 2011 challenges. 6 week challenge begins																														
	Team nominations & timetable requests due to Regional Director																														
August	6 week challenge																														
	Competition Timetable emailed																														
September	State Team Nominations to Director																														
	Health Forms due to State Director																														
October	State Final UNSW, Kensington. All teams to be at the university by 7.30 am																														
	Health Forms for APF due to State Director																														
November	Teams depart for APF																														
	Australian Pacific Final, Hobart																														

Resources
 TOM provides a range of resources and workshops to assist schools in running the program. Please link to the NSW page of the TOM website www.tom.edu.au for full details on: "Intro to TOM" Workshops in each region; Advanced Thinking Skills PD Workshops; Student Workshops - Thinking/Drama Skills; NEW! Facilitator's Handbook, hardcopy; TOM Introductory DVD; Past Challenges on CD; Manuals, handbooks and more!

