



# 2020 High School Cancer Competition

## Terms and Conditions

*\*Terms and Conditions for the 2020 High School Cancer Competition are subject to change at any time at the ACHSC's discretion*

### Definitions

- 'ACHSC' refers to the Australian Cancer and Health Sciences Competition, Inc. and its committee members.
- 'HSCC' or 'Competition' refers to the High School Cancer Competition, an initiative run by the ACHSC.
- 'Prizes' refer to any rewards, monetary or otherwise, awarded to the highest scoring students in the HSCC as determined by the ACHSC.
- 'School' refers to any secondary level school in Australia or New Zealand.

### 2020 HSCC details

- **Competition time and date:** 9:00 - 10:00 AM AEST, Wednesday 21st October, 2020
- **Format:** multiple choice questions to be delivered via an online examination platform.  
All registered students will have access to this platform from Monday 12th October 2020 to allow for setup, familiarisation with the platform, and troubleshooting.
- **Registration dates:**
  - Open: 9:00 AM Tuesday 8th September 2020
  - Close: 11:59 PM Wednesday 30th September 2020
  - Registration form link: <https://forms.gle/Ld8bEwvr2dv7VP42A>
- **Registration cost and process; eligibility criteria; prizes and results decisions; and responsibility of teachers/supervisors** are outlined below.

### 2020 HSCC registration fees and process

#### Registration fees

The cost to register for the 2020 HSCC is **\$5.00 AUD per student**. There is no limit to the number of students that one school may register, provided that all students are currently enrolled at that school.

This amount is to be paid and received by the ACHSC in full prior to the competition date (Wednesday 21st October 2020) for registration to be complete.

Registration fees will be waived for students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) background, in keeping with the ACHSC's belief in the importance of equal opportunity and encouragement of ATSI participation. Registration fees may be waived for students from rural and remote schools at the ACHSC's discretion.

No refunds of the registration fee will be provided upon cancellation of registration or failure to attend the Competition. However, fees will be fully refunded for unsuccessful registration.

### Registration process

1. Teachers collect the names of students who wish to participate in the 2020 Competition.
2. Teachers fill out the 2020 HSCC registration form (registration form link: <https://forms.gle/Ld8bEwvr2dv7VP42A>) before the closing date and time.
3. The ACHSC will generate an invoice for each participating School based on the number and nature of students registered for the 2020 HSCC. This invoice will be sent via email to the teacher who has submitted the registration form and is listed as the primary contact for the School using their provided contact details.

The ACHSC recommends that this invoice be directed to the appropriate finance/ administrative departments at each School. It is up to the teacher and School's discretion as to how their students' registration will be funded (e.g. students pay for their own registration, registration funded by the School, etc.)

4. Registration fees must be paid to complete each student's registration for the 2020 HSCC. Following receipt of the full registration fee amount from each participating School, the ACHSC will confirm the registration of each School and its students via email.

### Student substitutions

Students registered for the HSCC cannot be substituted with any other student unless they:

- are from the same School; AND
- have completed the required entry forms; AND
- the ACHSC is notified in writing prior to the Competition date.

### Eligibility criteria

#### Eligible students

Only students who are or will be enrolled in **year 10 at an Australian or New Zealand School** in 2020 will be eligible to register for the 2020 Competition. Students who have previously undertaken the HSCC are ineligible to enter again.

### Competition conditions

The HSCC consists of a series of multiple choice questions answered **individually** by students within a 60-minute time frame. Content for these questions will be drawn from ACHSC Syllabus; most questions will require application of knowledge rather than factual recall.

## Competition format and conditions for completion

The 2020 HSCC will be delivered via a commercial online exam platform. This will utilise a screen lock function to prevent students from accessing other webpages or programs for the duration of the Competition. The online examination platform will NOT collect any video or audio recordings of students for the purposes of invigilation.

**The Competition must be completed by students under examination conditions, and students must be directly supervised, preferably by a teacher, throughout the Competition.**

Owing to the unpredictability of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the availability of classroom facilities and face-to-face teaching opportunities, the ACHSC recognises that it may not be possible for students to complete the 2020 Competition under teacher supervision. **Therefore, the ACHSC will permit students to be supervised by a parent or guardian instead if that parent or guardian provides a written declaration stating that the student has completed the Competition under exam conditions** - this option will be offered at the ACHSC's discretion, and further details will be provided as necessary.

If these conditions are breached by any student at any point during the Competition, they will be ineligible to win any prize(s) in the 2020 Competition.

## Prizes & results decisions

### Prizes

ACHSC will award a Prize to the 3 students who have the highest total scores in the 2020 HSCC. These Prizes will be in the form of the following monetary bursaries:

- 1st place: \$200 bursary
- 2nd place: \$100 bursary
- 3rd place: \$50 bursary

Furthermore, the ACHSC is currently aiming to organise week-long research internship opportunities for the top 3 students at our partner institutions. This is in line with winners from previous years, who have completed summer research internships at the Olivia Newton John Cancer Research Institute in Melbourne, Victoria. In the case that a winning student decides to forgo this research internship opportunity, the ACHSC may offer the internship to another high-performing student at its discretion. The ACHSC cannot guarantee the week-long research internship prize in 2020 owing to the ongoing COVID pandemic.

In the unlikely event that the number of students eligible for prizes exceeds the available number of prizes, students will be selected for Prizes at the ACHSC's discretion. This may involve an additional stage of the Competition, which will be detailed in due course.

### Internship travel expenses

The student or School is to take full responsibility to pay for all associated costs in the HSCC internship prize (airfares, accommodation, etc.).

### Results decisions

The ACHSC's decision regarding winning students is final.

### Marketing and publicity

By participating in the 2020 HSCC, all students consent to the ACHSC potentially publicising them on the ACHSC website and other forms of media, including but not limited to the ACHSC's printed publications, social media platforms, websites, and/or television appearances. Furthermore, prize winners are expected to complete a short written reflection (500 words) on completion of their research internship and to provide photographs for potential publication. This consent will be confirmed in writing by the ACHSC following marking of the 2020 Competition and prior to announcing results.

Students' marks will not be made publicly available by the ACHSC, nor will school ranking results.

### Privacy

The ACHSC complies with all relevant privacy laws and guidelines. Information provided by a School or student may be used by the ACHSC for the purposes of:

- Corresponding with teachers about the progress of their students in the HSCC and organisational matters regarding the HSCC;
- Corresponding with teachers/schools/students regarding ACHSC information and events;
- Corresponding with participating teachers and students regarding organisational matters;
- Maintaining contact with ACHSC Alumni and to invite students to attend events on participating University campuses;

If you do not wish to be on the ACHSC mailing list, please send an email to [info@achsc.org.au](mailto:info@achsc.org.au).

The ACHSC will not disclose any personal information supplied by a School or by a student to a third party unless required or permitted by law or consent has been provided. The ACHSC may distribute or use aggregated statistical information for statutory reporting purposes but only in a form which will ensure that any persons or schools remain anonymous.

If you would like to verify the type of information held by the ACHSC, please send an email to [info@achsc.org.au](mailto:info@achsc.org.au).