

2024 Premier's Coding Challenge

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. My son is in Year 3 and my daughter is in Year 6 can they register as a Pairs team?

A. Prizes are awarded in bands of years: Years 3–4, Years 5–6, Years 7–8, and Years 9–10. As the students' year levels are across two bands, they will not be able to register as a team and will need to submit entries in separate categories.

Q: Is it possible for my child to participate both individually and as part of a pairs team?

A: No, your child is allowed only one entry, either individually or as part of a pairs team.

Q. What sort of coding languages are eligible for use in the Premier's Coding Challenge?

A. To provide equity for all Queensland students, as stated in the Entry Specifications:
"Entries must be produced using a programming platform that is either free or free for educational purposes."
If you are unsure about a coding language that you want to use, please email the STEM team coding.competition@qed.qld.gov.au.

Q. What's the purpose of the video? Do I have to submit one?

A. The video is your opportunity to explain or evaluate how well your prototype meets the requirements of the challenge and how a fully functional version might work. The video is included in the [judging criteria](#) so we recommend students view the [Evaluating and presenting video for Year 3 to 6](#) or the [Feedback, evaluating and presenting video for Year 7 to 10](#) to ensure they submit their best work.

Q. What kind of prizes are on offer and are they for the students or the schools?

A. Prizes include drones, robots, and electronic kits. Prizes are for the winning students to keep.

Q. My son and daughter go to school in New South Wales; can they enter the challenge?

A. Only Queensland students are eligible to enter the Premier's Coding Challenge.

Q. I found some really cool code on a forum. Can I use this in my entry?

A. Yes, however as stated in 6.4 of the Official Rules:
"If digital content has been adopted from collaborative spaces such as online forums where you are provided permission to use the digital content in the manner You propose, You must provide acknowledgement and provide an appropriate link to the source."

Q. When does the challenge close?

A. The 2024 Premier's Coding Challenge closes at 5pm Australian Eastern Standard Time on 2 September 2024. You can submit your entry at any time before this date.

Q: When will I be informed about the results of the challenge?

A: Winners will receive notifications in mid-October. All other participants will receive Participation, Merit, or Highly Commended certificates in late November.

Q. I registered on the submission portal, but I can't submit my entry.

A. As part of the registration process, your parent/guardian is sent an email via the address you specified so that they can provide consent. Ask your parent/guardian to check their inbox or junk folder. We can resend the consent email if required; just email the STEM team: coding.competition@qed.qld.gov.au.

Q. Will my child receive feedback on their entry?

A. Because of the high volume of entries received annually, judges are unable to offer feedback for each individual entry.

Q. My friend and I both registered separately and we can't seem to enter as a team. Can you help?

A. There are a few requirements to enter as a team. A team can only be two people. You can also only be in a team with someone in the same prize category as you. When registering as a team please use the same team name and individual student names. For support, please email the STEM team: coding.competition@qed.qld.gov.au.

Q. Do I have to use the Cyber Heroes to use in my digital solution?

A. The Cyber Heroes were a key feature of the 2018 competition. They are not required to be used in the 2024 Premier's Coding Challenge.

Q. I really want to use the Cyber Heroes as part of my entry. Where are they?

A. The Cyber Heroes zip folder can be emailed to you. Just email the STEM team and let us know you want to use them in your entry: coding.competition@qed.qld.gov.au.

For all other enquiries please email the STEM team: coding.competition@qed.qld.gov.au.