

Important Information



Safety & Ethical Considerations

Students and their supervising teachers or parents should ensure that their science entries are conducted in a responsible and safe manner.

For example:

- Any study involving experiments on living animals must be carefully considered to ensure that the animal(s) are properly cared for. Projects involving living animals must follow national guidelines.
- Projects involving microorganisms will only be accepted if adequate safety precautions are evident and the microorganisms present no threat to the health of individuals or the environment.
- Agar plates will **NOT** be accepted as part of a physical entry.
- All cultured organisms should be treated as potentially pathogenic. Agar plates should not be exposed where pathogenic organisms may exist, e.g. toilets, near persons coughing or sneezing. Further guidelines are available at the Education Queensland website.
- Projects involving blood or other body fluids will only be accepted if they have been carried out under strict medical supervision, for instance, in a hospital research centre while working with a scientist. **No blood products will be accepted as part of a physical entry.**
- Projects involving hazardous chemicals, explosives, rocket fuels, detrimental to the environment, or potentially harmful to individuals will **not** be accepted.
- All electrical experiments should not be in excess of 32 volts AC or 115 volts DC.
- Projects involving illegal activities will **not** be accepted.

Entrants who are unsure as to whether their project complies with the safety considerations should contact the STAQ office for clarification before submitting their entry for judging.

If you have any questions please contact Gaynor on email staq@staq.qld.edu.au or the STAQ mobile number: 0490 950 249.

NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR DAMAGED OR LOST ENTRIES

Electronic Entry Requirements

Please note that many categories may require a combination of formats i.e. engineering video with PDF journal

Formats accepted:

- **PDF/Word document (no word limit)(max file size 1G)**

Appropriate for:

- Science Investigations
- Mathematical Investigations
- Journals for most categories (you could include photos/scan of the journal if handwritten)

- **3-5min video (max file size 1G, format .mp4 .avi or .mov)**

All video should be clearly audible and easy to watch. The film technique will not be judged, however judges need to gain an understanding of your project.

Don't forget your journal - you could include photos/scan of the journal if handwritten.

Appropriate for:

- Engineering and technology projects (note the video is a requirement of this category)
- Communicating Science
- Environmental Action Projects
- Mathematical Investigations

- **PPT**

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Appropriate for:

- Communicating Science
- Environmental Action Projects
- Mathematical Investigations

- **Photos**

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Appropriate for:

- Classified collections
- Poster Presentations
- Communicating Science
- Environmental Action Projects
- Mathematical Investigations