

MEDIA RELEASE

STUDENTS FOCUS ON THE BIG ISSUE – WATER CONSERVATION

McDonalds Education on Show covers a wide range of contemporary curriculum related skills and activities for both primary and secondary school students.

Rain and drought, the focus of much discussion in both rural and urban sectors, as well as the focus of new Government initiatives for water conservation, provide the theme for this year's competitions.

Classes in the Creative Writing sector range from a poem on Freshwater for Year3 students to the creation of charts, websites and models for students in upper age brackets.

The Science sector calls for innovative approaches appropriate for different age groups, ranging from a diorama of a freshwater habitat, a chart contrasting the Australian countryside in periods of drought and plenty or the creation of a web page for city or shire councils promoting water conservation

A class based on Society and Environment extends the student scope from a simple poster encouraging other to save water to the design of a Power Point presentation on how 'future' Queensland can plan and prepare itself for droughts or floods.

Painting, drawing, collage and sculpture are all encouraged with students given the suggested titles of A Hungry Insect and Drought Stricken Animal.

In the Computer Graphics section students are asked to provide a finished layout design for a book cover with the title Rain and Drought. Contestants are required to produce a hard copy in black and white or colour on A4 paper, with self generated graphics, text for title and author, and software use listed.

Four high schools, Ferny Grove, Churchie, Brisbane Grammar have been invited to mount the display in keeping with the overall theme of Rain and Drought.

Each school submitting entries is encouraged to also submit a school banner for display on a special wall to recognise the school's participation.

As well as individual awards, prizes will be awarded to the schools gaining the highest aggregate number of points across all classes.

RNA Councillor in charge of McDonalds Education on Show, Stephen Maitland, said the competitions gave students the opportunity to understand the environmental concepts involved.

"These are matters that will ultimately impact on the lives of all Australians and bringing them to the attention of young Australians is a positive way of helping to find future solutions," Cr Maitland said.

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