

29 March 2023

Dear Parents and Parent Liaisons,

RE: Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge 2023

This year students in Years 3-6 have the opportunity to participate in the 2023 Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge (www.bebas.edu.au) you can find practice questions here.

This is not a compulsory test, but it is a suggested experience for those students in Years 3-6 who are particularly able in Computational Thinking. Bebras is aligned with and supports the Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum. The challenge consists of 15 questions of varying degrees of difficulty and aims to test students' creativity and critical thinking.

Parents are urged to have realistic expectations and understand the nature of this competition.

It is purposely designed to be challenging so that students are able to be ranked against each other.

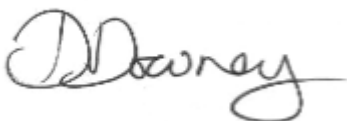
The challenge will be delivered online in March and takes approximately 45 minutes. Each year students from the challenge, who attain a 100% score, are eligible to be included in the Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge Honour roll.

If you have any doubts about whether your child should participate, please seek guidance from your child's teacher.

If you would like your child to participate in the Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge, please complete the details on the following page and the participation and privacy consent form and return it to school by Friday 31 March at the latest so your child can be registered.

No students will be able to be registered after this date.

Yours Sincerely,



Dianne Downey
Numeracy/ICT ASPIRE Coordinator

Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge 2023

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the 2023 Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge.

The first challenge will take place between the following dates: 24 April – 14 May.

I acknowledge that this assessment is designed to be challenging and that sections of the test are aimed well above the normal expected achievement level for my child.

I give permission for my child's details to be included in the Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge Honour roll should they receive a perfect score.

Signed _____ Date: _____

This slip must be returned to class teacher by Friday 31 March



PARTICIPATION AND PRIVACY CONSENT FORM 2023 BEBRAS AUSTRALIA COMPUTATION THINKING CHALLENGE

About the Challenge

The 2023 Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge (csiro.au/Bebras) is part of an international initiative that promotes Computational Thinking amongst students. Bebras is aligned with and supports the Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum.

The Challenge is delivered online and will be held, at the discretion of your child's school/education provider, during the competition periods in April and September 2023.

How can your child participate?

Participation in the Challenge is **voluntary**.

If you wish for your child to participate, please give your consent by completing and returning this form to your child's teacher/Bebras coordinator.

If you do not provide your consent, your child will not be able to participate.

If you have given consent for your child to

Privacy Statement

The Challenge has been organised by CSIRO. CSIRO is bound by the provisions of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Privacy Act), including the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) contained in Schedule 1 of that Act. The APPs govern the way the CSIRO handles personal information. This includes how we collect, use, disclose, and secure personal information.

The personal information that is provided by or on behalf of the participant, including name and age is collected for the purposes of administering the Challenge and the participant's involvement in the Challenge.

CSIRO will also collect the participant's personal information from the school/education provider. CSIRO may disclose personal information to third parties, including the participants schools and teachers and Eljakim Information Technology who operate the Challenge website for the purposes set out above.

CSIRO will also prepare a report about the competition for the Australian Government. The report may include participant's results, but it will not include any names or other identifying information.

The CSIRO Privacy Policy available at <https://www.csiro.au/en/About/Access-to-information/Privacy> outlines the personal information handling practices of CSIRO, including how to access or request an amendment of your personal information and how you can make a complaint about the way in which your personal information was handled. You can also contact us at privacy@csiro.au.

participate, your child's school/education provider will register your child online by providing your child's first name, last name, class grade and gender to the Challenge website.

Pseudonyms

If you wish, you may choose for your child to participate in the Challenge using a pseudonym. If you choose this option, your child's teacher/Bebras coordinator will use your child's pseudonym to register them for the challenge. Your child's name will not be stored on the Bebras systems and your child's teacher/Bebras coordinator will download a blank participation certificate to fill out themselves.

Bebras Honour Roll

Each year students from the Challenge, who attain a 100% score (135/135), are eligible to be included in the Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge Honour Roll where students receive a printed certificate of achievement.

Further information

If you do not understand any part of this form, or you would like more information, please contact your school/education provider, visit csiro.au/Digital-Careers, or contact CSIRO via digitalcareers@csiro.au.

Your authority and consent

By signing below you confirm that you have read and understood this Participation and Privacy Consent Form and give permission for your child to participate in the Challenge on these terms.

- (Optional – tick if you consent)**
I give permission for my child to take part in the 2023 Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge.

- (Optional – tick if you consent)**
I would like my child to participate using a pseudonym chosen by their teacher/Bebras coordinator.

- I have read the Privacy Policy and I agree to the collection of my or the participant's information in accordance with this Privacy Statement.**

Name of child (please print)	
School/education provider name (please print)	
Name of parent/guardian (please print)	
Signature of parent/guardian	
Date	

Please return this completed form to your child's teacher/Bebras coordinator.