



THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA STUDENT COMPETITION 2010

MACQUARIE ISLAND

What is the aim of the competition?

The aim of the competition is to promote interest by students in science and in Macquarie Island, and to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the discovery of Macquarie Island. The competition is organised by The Royal Society of Tasmania, supported by the Science Teachers' Association of Tasmania. The Society will retain one copy of all entries in its library.

Who can participate?

- The competition is for students in Grades 9-10
- Each school may submit **five** entries from each grade. Teachers are asked to select the best five entries to represent their school

What do students need to do?

Students need to research the history of Macquarie Island and the scientific activity which has taken place there, then answer the following question:

If you could travel to Macquarie Island, what would you like to investigate? Explain why you consider this topic to be so important.

How will students present their findings?

- Students may choose **either** an essay or other written text (1000 words maximum)
- **OR** a film (MPEG-4 or AVI format; 5 minutes maximum)
- **OR** a photographic essay (approximately 5 photos in JPEG format + 500 words text. May be in the form of a PowerPoint).
- **Students need to submit 4 copies of their work either on paper or on CD/DVD.** All sources must be cited and quotations acknowledged. The following entry form must be attached.

What are the prizes?

- One prize of \$200 will be awarded to the winning student. Certificates of merit may also be awarded
- All entries will receive a certificate of participation

Can pairs or groups of students submit an entry?

Entries must be the work of an individual student, not groups or pairs.

What are the judging criteria?

Scientific content 40% Creativity 20% Originality 20% Effectiveness of presentation 20%

What is the closing date? Entries must be submitted by **Friday 27 August 2010** to:

The Royal Society Student Competition 2010
c/- Mary Koolhof, Claremont College, PO Box 168, Claremont TAS 7011
For further information please email: mary.koolhof@education.tas.gov.au



ENTRY FORM

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Student's name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Postal address of school: _____

Name of supporting teacher: _____

Email address of student: _____

Contact phone number of student: _____

Student declaration:

I declare that the attached entry is my own individual work. I have enclosed 4 copies of my work, either on paper or on CD/DVD. I have cited all sources and acknowledged all quotations. I understand that The Royal Society of Tasmania will retain a copy of my entry in its library.

Signed: _____ (Student) _____ (Date)

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