

GATEWAYS  
**THE CHALLENGE**

# 2024 Teacher Handbook

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# What is the G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge?

The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge has been inspiring and stimulating students for over 20 years! In 2024, the competition will be hosted in Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney and Brisbane.

The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge is a team event for primary school students. Each team consists of four students. Teams may compete in the Year 3/4 Competition or the Year 5/6 Competition.

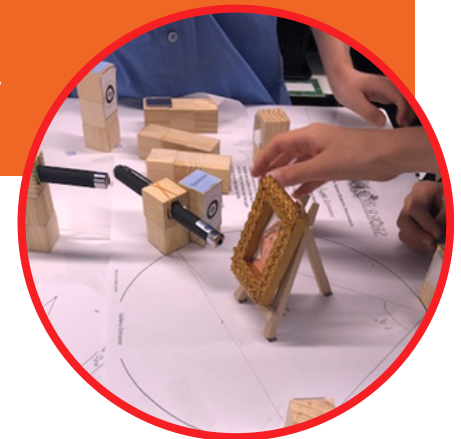
Competitions consists of four challenges. Challenges are interdisciplinary and designed to extend children's leadership and problem-solving abilities through a series of original, creative and exciting real-life or hypothetical scenarios.

Students use creative and critical thinking skills to innovate and work collaboratively in the search for a viable solution.

*"This is just such a fabulous challenge for our students. They love the preparation leading up to the actual Challenge day. Not only did the students and I enjoy the preparation but they learnt so much about group dynamics and collaboration"*  
Teacher quote

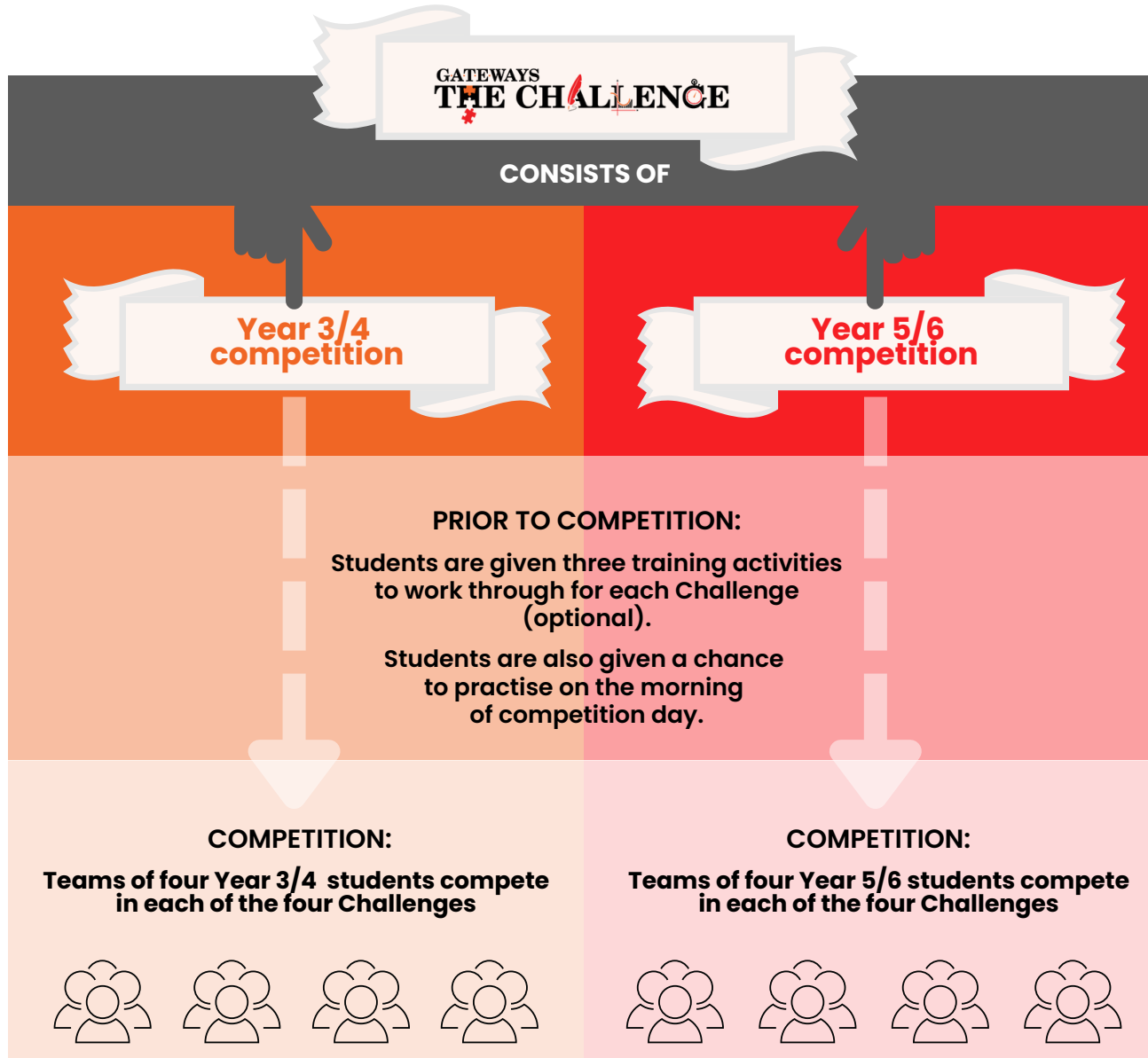
## The Challenge objectives

- Develop creative and critical thinking skills as students innovate and work collaboratively to find viable solutions.
- Provide a platform for students to develop and demonstrate skills and talents across a range of disciplines.
- Enable students to develop and apply problem-solving skills to real-world or hypothetical scenarios.
- Develop risk-analysis skills as students think on their feet, analyse the situation, and make decisions under time pressure.
- Encourage the development of persistence, resilience, and grit.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## How does the competition work?



### Minimum hassles for teachers

No assessing or judging of student entries required.

Not required to attend on the day.

No need to arrange transport for the teams.

**Only need to** provide team members access to digital or hard copies of *Training Activities* and schedule a few opportunities for teams to meet.

Teachers may choose to work through training activities with students or may assign parent helpers to this task. Some schools leave the training up to students.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

# What happens on competition day?



Teams **attend host venue** and enter registration area upon arrival for welcome speech and important information about the day.



In the **morning**, teams will have a **30-minute practice session** for each Challenge.

In the **afternoon**, teams will **compete** in the **four 30-minute Challenges**.



Teachers and parents are invited to enter the rooms at 3.05pm for the **presentation of awards**.



**All students** who participate will receive a Certificate of Participation and a Challenge badge.

The **top three teams** of each district are awarded a trophy.

*"My son thoroughly enjoyed the Challenge and activities. It was great to see him make new friendships, and also thrive with the extended learning."  
Parent quote*

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## How to participate



### Decide on a date

Check available [dates and locations for your state](#).

Please ensure that there is no clash of dates with important school events.

### And nominate your teams

Each team consists of four students.

Teams can be a combination of different year levels or the same year level.



### Register a team

Schools may enter a maximum of four teams for our Year 3/4 Challenge and four teams for our Year 5/6 Challenge.

To save places complete an **'Expression of Interest Form'** by clicking on this [link](#). This will hold places at your nominated venue for up to two weeks.

**Please note that places at each venue are strictly limited.**



### Parents enrol their child

Once dates have been confirmed we will provide you with a nomination letter to send to parents.

Parents enrol directly from links in this letter.

### Fee

The 2024 Challenge fee is \$130 per student.

This includes access to the Challenge Training Activities.



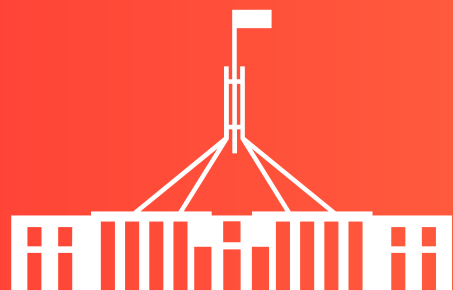
### Commence your training

Schools and students will receive a *Training Activities Pack* filled with rich and exciting activities (and answers!) that may be used to prepare your teams.



## DATES, VENUES AND REGISTRATION

### What mysteries will your students solve?



**The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge** will be held in **Brisbane, Canberra, Sydney** and **Melbourne** in **Term 4**.

Register your school's interest here



View the latest dates and venues information



Find out what scenarios will be used in the 2024 Challenge here



If your preferred date is not available, call us to have a chat on **03 9100 1222**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

## Challenge training

- Upon registering a team, the **Challenge Training Activity Pack** will be made available.
- Training Activities have been designed to help prepare teams for each of the four Challenges. Teachers are welcome to use these activities for enrichment programs or withdrawal groups.
- Training Activities are designed to be completed with minimal adult assistance (parent or teacher).

### Important note:

All team members should complete the training activities for all four Challenges, not just the Challenge they will lead.

## General advice for teams



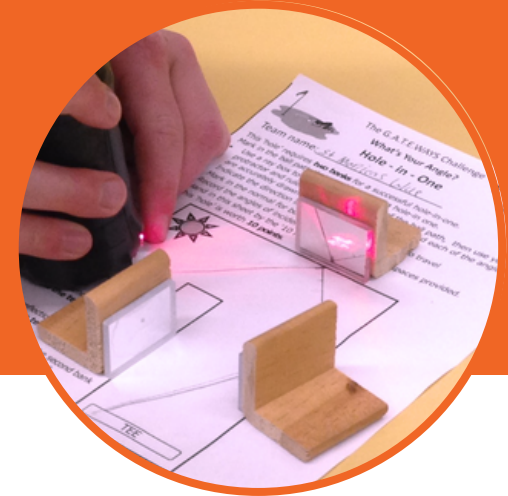
Each student must be selected to be 'Team Leader' for one of the four Challenges. Students should lead the Challenge in which they feel most confident.



Students should decide on a team name. Keep it short or it won't fit on name tags! Eg. Lysterfield Lights, Waverley Wizards.



Teams should meet regularly to prepare for the Challenge and to refine their teamwork skills.





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