# Student Information

### How to get started:

- Your own inspirations, interests and skills are the best starting point.
- Check out the many different categories in the Oliphant Science Awards.  You may enter different projects into one or more of these categories. You may enter as an individual in any of the categories, however some categories are better suited to a group entry. (Check the rules for categories you are interested in).
- Choose a category that motivates you and will be the best at showcasing your skills and knowledge.  Think about how you could capture the judges' attention in an innovative and original way.
- Look for reliable sources of information.  Your school library will have many science books and magazines. There are many science and environmental organisations that have useful web sites.  Your science teacher may also be able to recommend places, web sites or people that you could contact.
- Read the rules and the dot points about successful entries for the category you choose. These are the features that the judges are looking for in your entry. There are also valuable sponsors' prizes that are awarded if the entry meets both the category requirements and the criteria outlined by our sponsors.

### How to enter:

- Obtain a Registration Form from your Oliphant Science Awards Coordinator, or download the Registration Form from the Oliphant Science Awards website
- Return your completed Registration Form and any necessary fees to your School Oliphant Science Awards Coordinator.
- For group entries, only ONE Registration Form needs to be completed. All group members must be named on the same Registration Form. (Note: maximum of three students per group entry; group entries are not allowed for Science Writing and Posters).
- Your Oliphant Science Awards Coordinator will need to register students online (in their login area) at www. oliphantscienceawards.com.au by Thursday 6 June. Entries may only be submitted through your school's Oliphant Science Awards Coordinator.
- Ask your Coordinator about the date that they need your completed entry and who will deliver and collect it from the judging location – we recommend that schools and parents try to organise a whole school delivery and collection method.

### When your entry is finished:

- Securely attach your Identification Label (your Coordinator will give you this label) in a clearly visible position on your entry (NB: labels go on the back for Photography & Posters). Please ensure all parts are labelled with this information.
- Make sure you have followed all the rules and presentation instructions for your category. Please be aware that any entries that do not adhere to the size and / or weight requirements where indicated may not be accepted for judging.
- Give your completed entry to your Oliphant Science Awards Coordinator in time to be delivered for judging (unless your coordinator has organised different arrangements with you).

### Open Day:

Oliphant Science Awards Open Day is Sunday 25 August, 12noon – 4:00pm at Festival Functions - 292 Findon Road, Findon. Models & Inventions and only the winning entries in all other categories are displayed. Come in and have a look at these creative entries.

### Presentation ceremony:

Your Oliphant Science Awards coordinator will tell you before the Presentation Ceremony if you have won an award. Please do not contact SASTA without talking to your School Oliphant Science Awards Coordinator.

The Oliphant Science Awards Presentation Ceremony is on Friday 20 September at the Brighton Secondary School Concert Hall (305 Brighton Road, North Brighton).  It will include all the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed entrants and the sponsor prize winners. This event is invitation only. Highly commended entrants are not invited to this ceremony.

All winning Models and Inventions (Engineering) entries in all age categories are to make a video for electronic submission to the BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards competition. Winners of the Scientific Inquiry (Investigations) category in all age categories will need to submit a copy of their project electronically for further judging in the BHP Billiton Science and Engineering Awards competition.