

19 February 2024

Dear Parents

TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS - 2024

This year, Walcha Central School intends to send one secondary Tournament of Minds (TOM) team to compete in the regional competition to be held in Armidale on Saturday 7 September OR Sunday 8 September.

In preparation for team selection, interested students from Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 will attend problem solving and thinking skills sessions. TOM teams will later be chosen from attendees of these sessions. Teams will be selected based on a student's ability to work and communicate effectively in a team situation and their application of problem-solving skills and strategies to develop solutions to a variety of challenges.

Students selected for the team need to be prepared to attend some practice sessions during recess and lunch and possibly after school.

Parents also need to be aware that the regional competition is a weekend event, and they must be willing to transport their children to and from the tournament. In addition, if the Walcha teams are successful at the regional competition, they need to be available for the state competition which is to be held on Sunday 22 September at the University of NSW (Kensington Campus).

If you would like your child to be considered for the Walcha Central School TOM team, please complete and return the attached permission slip to the front office by Friday 15 March 2024. This permission slip is only to advise teachers that your child would like to be considered for the team and that they will be available on the dates previously outlined. If your child is selected in the team, further information and permission notes will be sent home.

Please note, there is no initial cost involved in this program, just a commitment of time. If successful at the regional competition, there will be the cost of travelling to Sydney for the event.

Please contact Mr John Stanton at the school if you have any questions regarding the excursion.

Yours sincerely

John Stanton
7-10 TOURNAMENT CO-ORDINATOR

Amanda Cooper
PRINCIPAL

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS COMPETITION

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO MR STANTON OR THE
FRONT OFFICE BY FRIDAY 15 MARCH, 2024

I give permission for..... Year to
participate in the Tournament of Minds problem solving sessions and to be considered for
selection in the Walcha Central School TOM team.

PARENT'S NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE / /