

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOLS



For the 20th consecutive year, geography students from Canberra Grammar School in the ACT have again excelled in the Combined Territories division of the Australian Geography Competition, achieving first place. Additionally, for the last 11 years, Canberra Grammar School has consistently claimed one of the top 5 positions in the country – this year gaining fourth place in Australia.

Geography is such an important part of the School's educational offering, as it teaches students the importance of both physical and human geography, equips them with a range of specialised skills, and helps students develop an appreciation and respect for different viewpoints and ideas, at a local, national and international level' said Dr Justin Garrick, Head of Canberra Grammar School.

Canberra Grammar School's outstanding results were evident across all year levels with 124 High Distinctions and over 100 Distinctions. Individual achievements included; Thomas Lin (Year 8) gaining equal first place in Australia in his year group, Daniel McCormack (Year 9) first place in the Combined Territories and Otto Power (Yr 12) first place in the Combined Territories. All will receive medals, a certificate and book voucher.

Further, Canberra Grammar School's Tyra Kuan (Year 11) has been selected to represent the ACT at Geography's Big Week Out being held on Kangaroo Island, South Australia in early December this year. From this event, four students will be chosen as members of the team, which will represent Australia at the 2020 International Geography Olympiad in Istanbul,

Carol Pogson
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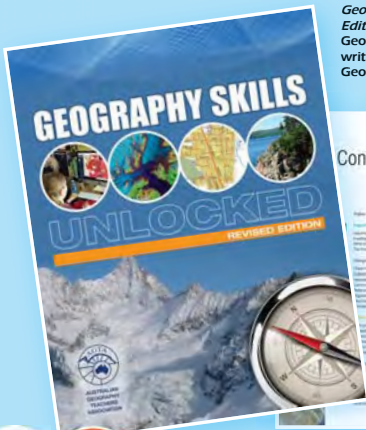
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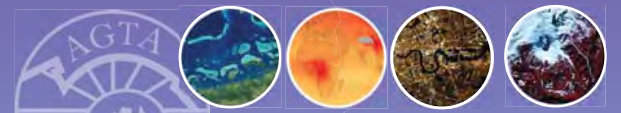
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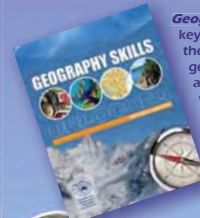
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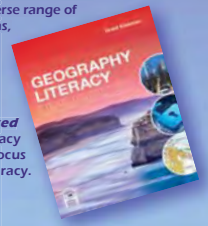


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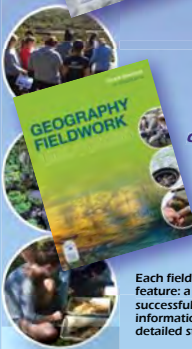
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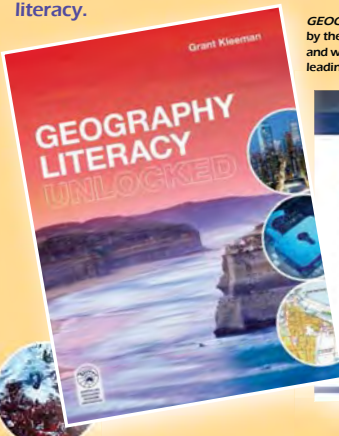
Each fieldwork activity is framed by one or more inquiry questions. They also feature: a statement of expected learning; a list of the equipment needed to successfully complete each fieldwork activity; a short introduction; background information that contextualises student learning; pre-fieldwork activities; and detailed step-by-step instructions on how to complete each fieldwork task.

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GEOGRAPHY LITERACY UNLOCKED is published by the Australian Geography Teachers Association and written by Dr Grant Kleeman. One of Australia's leading geography educators.



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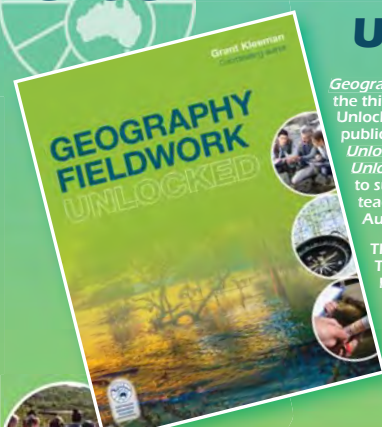
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The Australian Geography Teachers Association (AGTA) has published the book with Dr Grant Kleeman, one of Australia's leading Geography educators, acting as coordinating author.

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Section 2 features nine fieldwork activities for primary students (Years F/K–6). Each of these activities has been designed to develop students' conceptual understanding and the skills associated with inquiry-based learning.

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