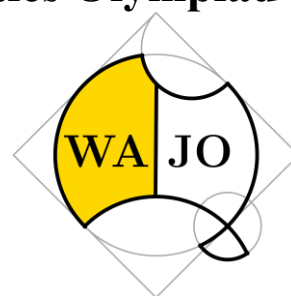


Western Australian Junior Mathematics Olympiad

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To: The Principal
Attention: Head of Mathematics

Dear Principal,

The Western Australian Junior Mathematics Olympiad Tuesday 15 September and Saturday 19 September 2026

Once again the WA Section of the Australian Mathematical Olympiad Committee is organising the WA Junior Mathematics Olympiad (WAJO). The individual paper will be held in school and the teams paper will be in person on the campus of The University of Western Australia in Perth or at Bunbury Senior High School. Please see below for details. The purpose of this letter is to invite your school to enter teams and/or individuals in the event. Registration deadline is by COB **Tuesday, 8 September 2026**.

Please read carefully as there are some important changes since last year.

About the WAJO:

The Western Australian Junior Mathematics Olympiad (WAJO) is an exciting problem-solving event for WA students in years 7-9 which aims to challenge, inspire and nurture the growth of young students who love mathematics. The Olympiad has been hosted by The University of Western Australia (UWA) since 1999.

It is a WA school competition with teams of four students and individual students competing for their school. The charge per student will be \$10 to sit the individual paper. Once registered for the individual paper, it will be free to participate in the team event. The WAJO is organised under the auspices of the WAMOC, associated with the Australian Mathematics Trust that runs the Australian Mathematics Competition and the Australian Mathematical Olympiad.

The WAJO offers students a problem-solving experience different from that available in the classroom. The questions are suitable for bright Years 8 and 9 students, and talented Year 7 students are also encouraged to participate (note primary school students are not eligible to enter WAJO). The “team paper” gives students the opportunity to have fun engaging with the problem with their team at The University of Western Australia or at Bunbury Senior High School.

The best performing students and teams for each year level will be presented with prizes totalling over \$4000 sponsored by The University of Western Australia, Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University, the WA Department of Education, MAWA, Data Analysis Australia, New Edition Bookshop, Optiver, and Casio. Some of the winners will be invited to participate in the Maths Olympiad Problem Solving Program at UWA.

Information regarding the Western Australian Junior Mathematics Olympiad in 2000-2025 is available at the WA Junior Mathematics Olympiad website <http://enrichedmaths.maths.uwa.edu.au/wajo/>. In particular, we highly recommend students download a few past papers, and get some practice ahead of time. This can be done by students independently, or as part of a maths club or maths enrichment class.

PLEASE NOTE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2026

WAJO 2026 will consist of two question papers, the individual paper and the team paper. This year the competition will take place over two days: **Tuesday 15 September and Saturday 19 September.**

Individual Paper: In order to avoid the use of AI, we changed the modalities for the individual paper this year.

Date: Tuesday, 15 September 2026
Start Time: between 2:30 and 4pm, chosen by the school, all students to start at the same time
Length: 100 minutes, followed by 10 minutes to enter the answers online

The individual paper and answer sheet will be sent by email in the morning of Tuesday 15 September. Invigilating teachers will be responsible for printing one for each student. Logins and passwords will also be sent in the week before the test; these need to be distributed one to each student.

Students will be doing the test on paper, with no access to any devices (including tablets, laptops, smartwatches, earphones), and enter their answers on the provided answer sheet. They'll have 100 minutes to do that.

Afterwards, students will put away any pens and use a device to enter their answers on the Australian Mathematics Trust Mathematics Competition system at the following address:

<https://competitions.amt.edu.au/>

Students will have 10 minutes to do that. Entries MUST match exactly with their hand-written answers, no changes allowed at this point (hence why pens must not be used during this time).

Finally, invigilating teachers must collect all answer sheets, scan them all together in one document saved as a pdf with the name of your school as the name of the file, then upload that file at <https://www.dropbox.com/request/8qk39jix456x3x3d3kcf>.

All scans must be uploaded by noon on Wednesday 16/09.

Team Paper:

Date: Saturday, 19 September 2026

Time: 9:00am – 12:30pm (50 minutes test, break, prize-giving ceremony)

Teams: up to 4 students per team, registered in advance.

Venue: The University of Western Australia, EZONE.
(Perth)

Venue: Bunbury Senior High School Library
(Bunbury) 3 Haig Crescent, Bunbury, WA, 6230

Students can elect to sit the individual paper only, at their school, and will be eligible for the individual prizes. This is also a great option for schools that are far away from Perth and Bunbury.

For students who choose to sit both papers, the team score will be the sum of the result on the team paper and the four scores obtained by those students on the individual paper.

Teams must be registered ahead of time and cannot be altered after the sitting of the individual paper. Any missing individual scores will be allocated the minimum of the average achieved by all the WAJO participants taken overall and the average achieved by the other members of the team. Calculators will not be allowed for the team paper.

The prize ceremony will follow the teams event, at around 11:30am.

Action required:

- Please let us know **as soon as possible by email** (wajo-maths@uwa.edu.au) whether your school intends to enter and approximate number of students. This is especially important if this is the first time your school participates in WAJO.
- Please fill and send the attached Excel spreadsheet registration form **before 8 September 2026 by email** to wajo-maths@uwa.edu.au (add the name of your school in the name of the file). You need to fill 2 sheets in the spreadsheet: one for general information (name of school, teachers in charge of invigilation, registration fee), and one with details of the students, starting with the number of teams and the number of students not sitting the team paper.
- Payment should be made via electronic fund transfer. We will provide you with an invoice and our bank account details after registrations close.
- Enclosed is a standard permission letter to be signed by parents of participating students that can be adjusted according to the times used by your school and whether you will be participating in Perth or Bunbury. Unless otherwise notified we will assume that permission has been granted.

WAJO-participants email list:

Schools, which were subscribed last year are already on the WAJO-participants email list and will have received notification of WAJO via this list.

If you receive this letter by any other means and would like to stay updated with WAJO news, please subscribe here:

<https://maillists.uwa.edu.au/mailman/listinfo/wajoparticipants-maths>

Note this list is moderated (so *you will not receive spam via the list*) and membership of the list is hidden.

For more information, visit our website <http://enrichedmaths.maths.uwa.edu.au/wajo/> or contact the WA Mathematics Olympiad Committee at wajo-maths@uwa.edu.au.

Yours sincerely



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Attached: Registration form, Pro forma permission slip