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Acknowledgement of Country

We wish to acknowledge the Ngunnawal and Ngambri-Kamberri people as traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on and recognise any other people or families with connection to the lands of the ACT and region. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region. We would also like to acknowledge and welcome other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may be attending today's event.

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Welcome Address

Prof. Ben Burton
Australian Mathematics Trust

Dr. Tegan Smith
Australian Science Innovations

Chief Scientist's Address

Prof. Tony Haymet

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James Kelly
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Jodie Lee
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TEAMS

BIOLOGY

Isobel McAllister
Gippsland Grammar School
VIC

Isobel, an alum of the JSO program, loves science for 'how the different disciplines interlink, and how exploring problems at the intersection of multiple fields can often result in the most impactful insights.' At ASO Summer School, she enjoyed the strong sense of community among young people across all scientific disciplines.

Isobel is passionate about sustainability and developing initiatives that encourage action in fun, community-based ways. She has recently been inspired by Ludis, a project that transforms waste tennis balls into shoes.

She is looking forward to connecting with other young people and forming international networks at the International Biology Olympiad.

Ethan Tay
Waverley Christian College
VIC

Ethan particularly loves learning about systems; physical systems, chemical synthesis, and of course, biological systems: organ systems, intracellular processes, biochemical cascades, etc. He enjoys seeing the complexity that exists within our world that emerges from relatively simple behaviour.

Ethan particularly enjoyed the opportunity to use the laboratories at ASO Summer School, an experience that he does not usually have at school. He is particularly excited for the competition and the environment the International Biology Olympiads will offer. He is also keen to visit Europe for the first time.

Cameron Wong
Scotch College
VIC

Cameron, an alum of the 2025 International Junior Science Olympiad team, enjoyed the 'atmosphere of camaraderie and collegiality' that permeated the ASO Summer School. Being surrounded by likeminded peers who were equally focused and eager to learn was both rewarding and humbling. He is fascinated by the intersection of biology and chemistry and is amazed by how simple chemical properties combine to form complex biological structures.

Outside of science, Cameron is a very talented musician who plays three instruments - the piano, clarinet, and saxophone.

Tiffany Yi
Presbyterian Ladies' College
NSW

The ASO Summer School connected Tiffany with others who are also passionate about biology and allowed her to expand her knowledge with the support of tutors and peers. Biology is her favourite science, and she finds it fascinating to learn how life functions and the complexities that enable us to exist. She particularly enjoys 'learning about the human body and the brain, and the ways in which our bodies manage to keep us alive through the interconnected complex relationships between cells, tissues, organs that carry out all of our functions.'

Tiffany's dream is to be become a Doctor of Medicine, specialising in either neurology, neurosurgery, or oncology. She is most looking forward to meeting lots of people from around the world at the International Biology Olympiad.

CHEMISTRY

Chloe Jain
Rossmoyne Senior High School
WA

The intellectually challenging environment was one of Chloe's favourite aspects of ASO Summer School. She enjoys chemistry because it beautifully connects both the physical and biological worlds, acting as a bridge between disciplines and allowing her to understand how fundamental principles of matter give rise to the complexity of life.

Chloe is looking forward to travelling and exploring Uzbekistan at the International Chemistry Olympiad, and meeting people from all over the world.

When Chloe isn't in the lab, she plays the flute, enjoys chess, and spends time with her dog.

Daniel Lin
James Ruse Agricultural High School
NSW

Daniel previously represented Australia at the 2025 International Chemistry Olympiads in United Arab Emirates, winning Bronze.

The hands-on laboratory sessions were Daniel's favourite part of ASO Summer School. Having the opportunity to work with specialised lab equipment – and make a mess along the way – has him hooked on chemistry.

Daniel is equally excited about the food and friendships that the International Chemistry Olympiad will offer.

He loves chemistry because it allows him to see and understand the world around him better, from industrial processes to pretty crystals, chemistry has it all. Outside of the Olympiads, Daniel is a keen badminton player and coach.

Ishan Umranikar
Melbourne Grammar School
VIC

Aside from being able to connect with people who are also interested in chemistry, Ishan's favourite part of ASO Summer School was probably the practical component. 'The opportunity to work in a real university lab as a high school student was pretty amazing.'

Ishan plans to test his Specialist Maths teacher's claim that Tashkent has 'the best food in the world' at the International Chemistry Olympiad. His teacher, proudly from Uzbekistan, will be cheering the team on!

Ishan's biggest dream is to study science abroad at an internationally acclaimed institution, with MIT and Cambridge at the top of his list. Outside the lab, he expresses his creativity through music, playing guitar and producing his own tracks.

Dylan Win
Normanhurst Boys High School
NSW

Dylan has a genuine passion for chemistry, loving the way it bridges real-world thinking with logical problem-solving, a challenge he finds both exciting and deeply rewarding. The unique and intensive learning environment of ASO Summer school pushed Dylan to give his very best and grow in unexpected ways.

Dylan's journey into science was sparked by his teacher, Ms Chau, whose enthusiasm was infectious, and further nurtured by Ms Kim, both of whom have been incredible mentors.

When he's not exploring the world of science, Dylan loves spending quality time with his family and practising martial arts, particularly Muay Thai and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

EARTH SCIENCE

Hazel Chan
The Mac.Robertson Girls' High School
VIC

Hazel loves all disciplines of science but has a particular interest in geology 'because there's so much mixed application, a good amount of math, and it's just fun to recognise shapes and draw conclusions from incomplete data.' She valued the cohort and friendships she built at ASO Summer School and recommends anyone interested in sitting an Olympiad exam to do it!

The International Earth Science Olympiad will be Hazel's first trip to Europe, and while she is excited to explore a new continent, she is also a little nervous. In her spare time, you will find Hazel crocheting, sewing, and playing her cello.

Stephanie Cheng
James Ruse Agricultural High School
NSW

Stephanie's sister inspired her to try the Science Olympiad exams, an opportunity she is very grateful for. Earth science is her favourite discipline, as it 'combines parts of physics, biology and chemistry, and applies it to our Earth systems and beyond, which I find really interesting.'

Stephanie enjoyed how ASO Summer School introduced her to a whole new world of Earth Science she hadn't encountered before. She is excited about trying the local cuisine at the International Earth Science Olympiad in Italy, along with 'having a lot of fun studying, learning, and working with my friends, and hopefully making some new ones as well.'

Mali Hart
Bunbury Catholic College
WA

Learning about and exploring the local geological history in Turin and the Alps is something Mali is eager to do at the International Earth Science Olympiad. Mali enjoys Earth science as allows her to 'understand the processes that have created Earth, and that will continue to shape it into the future.'

The like-minded community at the ASO Summer School allowed her to share her passions with others and discuss her favourite topics with those who share similar interests. Mali enjoys volleyball, karate, art, cooking, hiking, and rock climbing in her spare time.

Yukai Yan
Sydney Church of England Grammar School - SHORE
NSW

'We were all unashamedly nerdy about science, and it was so awesome to get to know everyone.' Yukai embraced the people and culture at ASO Summer School, with his passion for Earth science growing from learning and chatting with the Earth and Environmental Science teachers there. He is particularly excited about exploring the culture, history, and food of Italy with his teammates.

Outside of science, Yukai enjoys history and languages, cooking, trivia, playing video games such as Silksong and Balatro, and playing basketball.

INFORMATICS

Justin Goh
Christ Church Grammar School
WA

Justin's interest in informatics began in primary school, leading him through advanced camps and ultimately to the IOI. He is especially drawn to computational geometry for its abstract thinking, elegant reductions, and consistently thought-provoking problems that continue to shape his approach to problem solving.

When faced with difficult tasks, Justin prioritises persistence, observation, and steady progress over intimidation.

He values the satisfaction of solving hard problems and the connections and ideas informatics brings.

Matthew Lin
Scotch College
VIC

Matthew developed an interest in informatics after a friend introduced him to the field when he moved schools in Year 9. He is particularly interested in combinatorics and number theory as he is drawn to their depth and elegance.

Matthew is motivated by the intrigue of complex problems and the excitement of discovering new techniques.

He hopes to continue developing his skills to prepare for future opportunities in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.

Philip Liu
Scotch College
VIC

Philip is an enthusiastic informatics student drawn to the field for its immediate feedback and engaging problem solving challenges. Inspired by a peer, he developed a strong interest in algorithms and programming, with a particular appreciation for efficient computation and ideas like the Fast Fourier Transform.

Philip aspires to pursue a future in software engineering within high-performance environments. Outside of informatics, he enjoys playing tennis.

He is also known for rapidly implementing complex techniques like Heavy-Light Decomposition, a sophisticated method used for advanced tree and graph problems.

Nathan Zhou
Knox Grammar School
NSW

Nathan is a passionate informatics student who discovered coding in kindergarten and quickly developed a love for problem solving. After sitting the Australian Informatics Olympiad in Year 7, he began practicing extensively, drawn by the challenge and creativity of the field.

He particularly enjoys data structures, which allow him to solve complex and interesting tasks efficiently.

Inspired by ambition and peers, Nathan aims to win IOI gold and pursue research.

MATHEMATICS

Liam Celinski
North Sydney Boys High School
NSW

Liam's relationship with mathematics began in a surprising way. Although he was strong in school maths, he didn't truly enjoy it until Year 8, when the Tournament of Towns exposed him to the creativity and depth of real problem solving and sparked a lasting passion.

Liam is especially drawn to combinatorics, enjoying the challenge of counting and constructing ideas. Inspired by his dad, Liam hopes to study mathematics at university.

Outside maths, he enjoys gym training, basketball, and water polo, and looks forward to learning from others' approaches at the IMO while representing Australia.

Amber Li
Pymble Ladies College
NSW

Amber's interest in mathematics began in primary school through the AMC, and by Year 7 she was drawn into Olympiad mathematics after discovering the AIMO. Immersing herself in this world revealed the subject's creativity and depth, sparking a lasting passion. She particularly enjoys geometry and is increasingly interested in topology.

Inspired by both the history of mathematics and the people around her, Amber hopes to contribute to future discoveries.

At the IMO, she aims to push her abilities and perform strongly, with the goal of earning a medal of a favourable colour.

Jayden Pan
Shore School
NSW

Jayden's passion for mathematics began in kindergarten while playing snakes and ladders, where a fascination with probability sparked a deeper curiosity. This early interest grew into a love of combinatorics, which he enjoys for its mix of accessible ideas and elegant challenges.

Inspired by mathematicians he met at last year's IMO, Jayden hopes to study mathematics and computer science at university and explore future opportunities in artificial intelligence.

At this year's IMO, he aims to perform, learn from others' approaches, and make the most of his final competition experience.

Kevin Tang
Glen Waverley Secondary College
VIC

Kevin first discovered his love for mathematics in Year 3, when a new teacher made the subject come alive. Since then, he has developed a strong interest in geometry, drawn to its clarity, structure, and visual beauty.

Through working on challenging problems, he has learned to break ideas into smaller parts, step back when needed, and refine his thinking with patience and persistence.

Inspired by his teacher Mr Gu, Kevin hopes to continue studying mathematics and ultimately pursue a career as a professor, sharing his passion with others.

Matthew Wang
Scotch College
VIC

Matthew's interest in mathematics began through watching YouTube videos that explored fascinating ideas, sparking an early curiosity about the subject. He is particularly drawn to game theory, enjoying its blend of strategic thinking and unexpected insights.

Through tackling challenging Olympiad problems, he has developed an approach centred on exploring patterns, testing small cases, and building intuition. Motivated by the challenges mathematics presents, Matthew prefers to let his future path unfold naturally.

At the IMO, he aims to sharpen his skills and critical thinking. Outside maths, he enjoys songwriting and playing chess.

Tao Wong
St Peter's College
SA

From a young age, Tao was fascinated by numbers and shapes, discovering a love for mental maths at just three years old. His passion deepened through maths competitions from age seven, fuelling his interest in problem solving. He particularly enjoys geometry and number theory, inspired by Olympiad mentors and camp peers.

Outside maths, he plays piano and violin, and enjoys chess, running and table tennis.

Passionate, conscientious and dedicated, Tao hopes to study mathematics and if given a chance he would love to build an intelligent Olympiad training app for learners that adapts problems and enables expert feedback.

PHYSICS

Aditya Chauhan
Sydney Technical
High School
NSW

Aditya has always loved physics as it 'combines both difficult mathematics and logical reasoning to produce models that help us understand the mysterious universe we live in'.

'My school teachers were particularly encouraging for me to challenge myself in the scientific field, they would always provide me with difficult problems and extended content, which really sparked my interest in physics.' It was this encouragement that drove him to take the Australian Physics Olympiad exam in the first place, 'I will be forever grateful for the opportunities I've been granted thanks to their encouragement.'

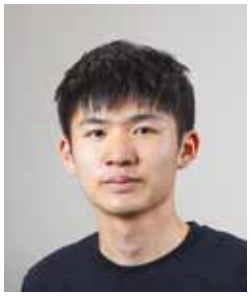
Outside of Olympiads, he enjoys astronomy, in particular astrophotography, and playing the piano.

Luke Hackett
Marist College Canberra
ACT

Luke loves physics as it presents with an opportunity to work things out for yourself. 'Whilst you may be taught a rudimentary formula, it is up to you to find out how to apply it to the problem at hand.' His teachers encouraged him to explore science, giving opportunities to inquire and work through answers.

'If I am having any issues in a project or experiment or especially in the lab I just try to think about what the best way to still get results is. If I get a section completely wrong, I try to look at what sections I can still do, and what results I can still get.'

In his spare time Luke enjoys playing football, as well as golf, especially on the weekends with his friends.



Yifan (Evan) Liao
James Ruse Agricultural High School
NSW

Evan initially studied physics because his school offered it and he then realised that ‘physics is a really fun subject’. He loved the hands-on practical component of ASO Summer School, especially the opportunity to work in university laboratories.

Evan’s advice when dealing with a challenge is, ‘Never give up! Even when it seems hopeless, keep trying and see if you can salvage the experiment. At the very least, try to learn something new for next time.’ This approach saw him awarded a silver medal at the 2026 Asian Physics Olympiad.

Outside of science, Evan enjoys programming, table tennis, tennis, archery, and occasional piano playing.

Michael Tikhanov
John Monash Science School
VIC

Physics is Michael’s favourite discipline of science. ‘I really enjoy the process of understanding phenomena by understanding what is involved and then going through the mathematical derivation to ascertain how the phenomena behave.’

Through Michael’s science-focused high school and the ASO Summer School, he gained a strong grasp of all the fundamentals of physics which he applied at the 2026 Asian Physics Olympiad to secure a silver medal.

In his spare time, Michael enjoys playing piano, in particular, late classical and romantic era music form Beethoven and Tchaikovsky.

Owen Zhai
Brisbane State High School
QLD

Owen represented Australia at the 2024 International Junior Science Olympiad, where he earned a gold medal, and the 2025 Asian Physics Olympiad and 2025 International Physics Olympiad, being awarded silver at both. He recently returned from the 2026 Asian Physics Olympiad with a silver medal.

He loves physics ‘because it’s cool how you can derive some pretty amazing results from such fundamental principles and some simplifying assumptions’. Owen hopes to pursue condensed matter physics in the future, as he is drawn to the creativity and problem solving it demands.

Outside the lab, he is a devoted karaoke regular, never missing a chance to belt out Mr Brightside!

The International Science Olympiads

The Olympiad programs of the Australian Maths Trust and Australian Science Innovations reach thousands of talented students and involve hundreds of committed teachers and schools every year.

These programs offer diverse activities, first in schools under the supervision of teachers, and then through extension activities, national competitions, summer schools and training camps, all designed to build skills and encourage excellence in science, informatics and mathematics.

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