

**Attention: Head Teachers of TAS and Teachers of Years 7 and 8 Technology (Mandatory) in areas such as Agriculture • Computing • Home Economics • Industrial Arts**

The Minister's Young Designers Awards (MYDA) provide an opportunity to acknowledge student achievement and to raise the profile of technology education in the school and in the broader community.

In 2008, MYDA will operate under slightly modified arrangements and entries are open to all students of Technology (Mandatory) in Years 7 and 8 in NSW.

The awards are consistent with the requirements of the *Technology (Mandatory) Years 7–8 Syllabus*. Students can enter individually or as a group (with a maximum of four students per group).

Entries submitted by schools will be judged in two stages.

- Initial judging will be based on the design folio that should fully describe the project, document the design process used and explain the decisions made. Photographic evidence of the solution needs to be included in the folio. Students' design folios (but not solutions) are to be submitted directly to the Office of the Board of Studies NSW. The judging of submitted design folios will result in the short-listing of some projects.
- Final judging will be based on the design folio and the solution. Schools with short-listed projects will be notified to allow collection of the solutions.

Design solutions may be products (including information products) or models, and should be in a form that can be transported to the Office of the Board of Studies. The criteria to be used for judging entries are available on the Board of Studies website and projects can be entered in any area of study.

All students who are entered in MYDA in 2008 will receive a certificate.

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**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Friday 1 August 2008**

Design folios including photographic evidence demonstrating the nature and quality of the solution must be submitted to the Office of the Board of Studies, 117 Clarence Street, Sydney, for initial judging by **Friday 17 October 2008**. A maximum of five project entries may be submitted by each school.

Finalists will be notified by phone and project solutions will be collected from schools for final judging during the week beginning **27 October 2008**.