

The Next Lap Challenge Terms & Conditions

Personal Information & Privacy	<p>When participating in The Next Lap Challenge, "personal information" refers to any photographic images, videos, or sound recordings where an individual can be identified, or their identity is reasonably discernible.</p> <p>STEM Hub is committed to protecting personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles. For more information, refer to the STEM Hub Privacy Policy on our website.</p>
How to Enter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review these Terms & Conditions prior to registration. • Register for the Challenge and access the official resources. • A link to the official submission form will be provided upon registration and via email. • Complete the Challenge as outlined in the official Guidelines. • Create a narrated video presentation (maximum 3 minutes in duration). • Upload your video to YouTube as an unlisted video and ensure the link remains accessible until the conclusion of the Challenge. • Submit your entry via the official submission form using your YouTube link. • Finalist teams may be required to provide a downloadable video file or file upload upon request for judging and promotional purposes.
Student Privacy & Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must not include surnames in any video, presentation, file name or supporting material. • Students should use first names only or team names. • School names may be included. • Where schools or parents prefer not to show student faces, submissions may use voiceover narration with slides, models or visuals instead of on-camera presentation.
Resources	<p>Teachers will receive the following resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge Guidelines – Full instructions outlining investigation, design and submission requirements • Student Workbook – Activities and prompts supporting learning in speed, aerodynamics, safety and systems • Marking Rubrics – Assessment criteria for Primary and Secondary divisions
Key Dates	<p>Submission Deadline: Friday 12 February 2027</p> <p>National Division Winners Announced: Friday 26 February 2027</p> <p>Victorian Live Finals: To be confirmed</p>

Student Team Numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools may enter multiple teams • Each team must consist of 2 to 5 students • Entries exceeding this limit will not be accepted.
Team Divisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary School Division: Years 4–6 • Junior Secondary Division: Years 7–9 • Senior Secondary Division: Years 10–12
Judging & Finals	<p>All submissions will be evaluated by an expert judging panel using the official marking rubrics.</p> <p>Victorian Teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The top three teams in each division (Primary, Junior Secondary, Senior Secondary) will be selected as finalists. • These teams will be invited to present live on stage at the Formula 1® Australian Grand Prix (Albert Park). • Winners will be determined following the live presentations. <p>Other States and Territories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submissions will be judged remotely. • One Overall Winner per division (Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary) will be selected to represent the rest of Australia. • There is no live presentation component for these teams. <p>Judging decisions are final and will not be subject to review or appeal.</p>
Announcement and Use of Winning Entries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victorian winners will be announced at the live finals event at the Formula 1® Australian Grand Prix. • Winners from other states and territories will be announced via the STEM Hub website and email. <p>By entering the Challenge, participants agree that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEM Hub may publish team and school names. • Submitted video presentations, images and project content may be used for judging, promotional and educational purposes. • Finalist and selected entries may be uploaded to and publicly displayed on STEM Hub’s official YouTube channel. • Content may also be shared across STEM Hub’s website, social media platforms and partner channels. <p>STEM Hub will make reasonable efforts to credit participating schools and teams where appropriate. Schools and teachers confirm that they have obtained all necessary permissions from students and/or parents or guardians for the recording and public sharing of video content.</p>
<p>STEM Hub reserves the right to alter the Terms and Conditions of the Challenge if required.</p>	