On Saturday the 14/10/2017 the school will take part in the South Pacific Central Divisional Contest for the ACM Programming Contest.

ANU hosts the Canberra Site. The ANU teams will be competing against other teams from NSW and Queensland. The top 2 teams in the Central Division will qualify for the Regional Finals in November (other teams may also qualify based on performance across all the divisionals). The top 2 teams from the Regional Finals will qualify for the 2018 World Finals.

In 2014 a team from the ANU, comprising Andrew Haigh, Benedict Morrissey, Dmitry Brizhinev, won the South Pacific Regional finals and represented the ANU at the 2015 World Finals in Morocco.

Teams of 3 students work together to solve about 9 problems within a 5 hour period. Each team only has access to one computer. Programs may be written in Java, Python, c or c++. The contest involves problem solving, programming, and lots of teamwork. There are prizes, a t-shirt, and some food. Entry costs $100 (including GST) per team. The school will pay for 4 teams. Selection of these teams will be based on the selection contest on Thursday (5/10/2017).

If you wish to get involved:
- Come along to the information session on Thursday 21/9/2017 between 3:30pm and 4:30pm in n108 of the CSIT Building. We will go over what is involve and give you some problems to practice on.
- On Thursday 28/9/2017 between 3:30pm and 4:30pm in n108 of the CSIT Building we will have a training session.
- On Thursday 5/10/2017 between 9am-11am in n114 we will have a selection contest (involving 4 questions and about 90 mins to complete as many questions as you can). This will decide which 4 teams the School will pay the entry costs of for the divisional, other teams are welcome to enter (although they will need to pay the entry fee, I am happy to act as “coach” for these teams also).
- The contest is on Saturday 14/10/2017 11:00am-5:00pm n108/n112 of the CSIT Building.

To get an idea of the types of questions have a look at some previous years problems. See https://acmicpc.unisa.edu.au/

It is a lot of fun and a great way of extending yourself in terms of your programming and software engineering abilities.

If you have a team and the entire team is unable to make it to the selection contest then this is okay as part of the team can go into the selection contest on the 5/10/2017, however, the entire team, if selected, MUST be at the divisional contest on 14/10/2017.

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