



GOVERNOR'S CIVICS AWARDS FOR SCHOOLS



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Year 7 and 8 Individual entry checklist

A written response (maximum of 800 words) or multimodal (3-4 minutes) addressing the following inquiry question:

Why is an understanding of diversity important in Australian society today?

The question

Have you identified what you consider the term diversity relates to in our society? Is it just about culture or does it involve other societal aspects ie differences across society?

Have you clearly addressed the **why an understanding of diversity is important** aspect of the question? The question asks you to talk about the reasons why an understanding of diversity is important.

Have you addressed the concepts of diversity and social cohesion?

Does your essay provide examples and/or case studies of how the understanding of diversity contributes to a socially cohesive society?

Key terms

Diversity is a concept relating to the different cultures, races, individual qualities and preferences that make up our society.

The concept of social cohesion relates to the idea that such differences in our society should not result in division and exclusions of particular groups or individual.

The premise of the question is that the idea of a united and cohesive society stems from an understanding of diversity.

Democracy is the involvement of individuals in the governance and functions of a group of people living as a community. Such a community of people is referred to as a society and in that context, democracy relates to their voting rights and freedom to be involved in and contribute to society in a variety of ways.

Multi-modal refers to a presentation of a visual and audio nature, ie video, PowerPoint.

Entry requirements

Is the response a maximum of 800 words if written and 3 to 4 minutes if multi-modal?

Has a maximum of 4 entries from a year level been submitted for the school? (Teacher information).

Does the multi-modal response have attractive and relevant visuals, a voice over and a minimum of writing on each slide?



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Judging criteria

Have you:

Used a range of data and information from a variety of sources?

Used terms relevant to the topic?

Written the essay to be grammatically correct, clear and concise?

Made an attempt to be original in your thinking?
To think a little differently than others on the topic.

Read your essay to someone to see if they find it an interesting (engaging) piece of writing?

Clearly addressed the concept of diversity in society?

Made sure that you have answered the question and really thought deeply about the question of understanding diversity in our society? Not just a piece of descriptive writing about all the groups in our society.

Enter student submission here

