



# Ocean Acidification Art Challenge

## \$50,000 Prize Money plus 'People's Choice' Ocean Study Trip

Australia's largest environmental art show has been created to stimulate a deeper understanding of Ocean Acidification.



The prize money consists of School Environmental Project Grants and Student Study Grants.

**1st Prize = \$25,000 (School \$20,000, Student \$5,000)**

**2nd Prize = \$15,000 (School \$12,500, Student \$2,500)**

**3rd Prize = \$10,000 (School \$8,500, Student \$1,500)**

**People's Choice Award = Ocean Study Trip**

### Entry Requirements

- Theme:** The impact of Ocean Acidification
- Topic options:** Coral Reefs, Southern Seas, Polar Seas, Marine Life, Coastal Communities & Economic Wealth
- Open:** To all Victorian students Years 9 - 12
- Format:** Unframed works on paper, canvas, board or bark using oil, acrylic, watercolour, charcoal or pastel. No larger than 1200mm x 750mm in size. Each work is to be accompanied by 100 words on the student's inspiration behind the piece submitted.

### Stimulating learning

Rising to the artistic challenge requires students to first gain a deeper understanding of the subject matter. In an engaging way, this initiative will further reinforce the importance of both ocean studies and environmental responsibility as key components of the National Curriculum.

The exhibition launch and prize giving will be held at Federation Square on 12 August 2013. The challenge and registrations of interest are open now at [www.OceanAcidification.net](http://www.OceanAcidification.net)

Submissions to participating Regional Galleries open beginning of Seaweed **3 March 2013**. Final deadline **3 July**.

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Ocean Ark Alliance is committed to delivering compelling educational packages, events and interactive experiences. The focus being on sharing science-based evidence that highlights the present and potential future effects of Ocean Acidification – the other CO<sub>2</sub> challenge.



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## Imagine losing all this colour and life

Substantiated by the world's leading marine scientists, these facts highlight the importance of sharing the very latest intelligence concerning Ocean Acidification.

- The huge amounts of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> being absorbed by the world's oceans is making them more acidic than they have been for tens of millions of years.
- Coral Reefs are presently being destroyed twice as fast as the rainforests.
- This places in jeopardy at least a quarter of all marine species and an estimated 500 million people who depend on coral reefs for their livelihood.
- Within decades, Ocean Acidification will also start to have major impacts on temperate and polar ecosystems. Our polar seas are already so acidic that they are starting to dissolve some shells.

### Delivery Capabilities

Ocean Ark Alliance has already established the infrastructure to ensure the success of this major environmental art initiative. The core team has extensive experience in art and event management. This includes involvement in The Shirley Hannan National Portrait Award.

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