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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Australian students successful in International Olympiad in Informatics**

Australia's brightest informatics students have competed at the International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI), held 28 August to 4 September 2023 in Szeged, Hungary.

"Informatics" is competitive computer programming – using mathematics and coding to solve problems. The IOI is the highest-level pre-tertiary competition of its sort in the world, with 87 countries and 350 students participating in this year's event.

This year's Australian team of four achieved a Gold Medal, two Silver Medals and an Honourable Mention.

The four students who participated were:

- Evan Lin from Melbourne High School (VIC) – Gold Medallist (26<sup>th</sup> overall)
- Jerry Zirui Li from James Ruse Agricultural High School (NSW) – Silver Medallist (55<sup>th</sup> overall)
- Miles Conway from Melbourne Grammar School (VIC) – Silver Medallist (75<sup>th</sup> overall)
- Arthur Wenqi Sun from Scotch College (VIC) – Honourable Mention (204<sup>th</sup> overall)

This is the first time that Australian students have travelled to the IOI since 2019, with COVID-19 risk mitigation measures limiting in-person attendance over the last several years. During the COVID-19 period, the team competed remotely.

"Our team performed really strongly in their first year back at a face-to-face event – it's wonderful that we are able to provide this opportunity for our students to showcase their talents in person once again" said Ben Kirk, Director of Performance and Pathways at the Australian Maths Trust (AMT).

The Australian Maths Trust's CEO Nathan Ford also praised the students for their achievements.

"Evan, Jerry, Miles and Arthur represent Australia's best young informatics students and their outstanding results at the IOI are a testament to their hard work, creativity and perseverance. These are incredibly challenging problems to solve under intense time pressure. Congratulations to them and all our staff and volunteers who have supported their journey this year," said AMT CEO, Nathan Ford.

The Australian Olympiad programs, including both Informatics and Mathematics, are supported by funding from the Australian Federal Department of Industry, Science and Resources and National High-Performance Program Sponsor [Optiver](#).

For more information about the Olympiads program, visit <https://www.amt.edu.au/olympiad-programs>

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## **MEDIA BACKGROUNDER**

Australia's Mathematical and Informatics Olympiad programs are run by the not-for-profit Australian Maths Trust.

### **International Olympiad in Informatics**

28 August to 4 September 2023 in Szeged, Hungary

Miles Conway	Year 11	Melbourne Grammar School	VIC	Silver
Jerry Li	Year 12	James Ruse Agricultural HS	NSW	Silver
Evan Lin	Year 12	Melbourne HS	VIC	Gold
Arthur Sun	Year 12	Scotch College Melbourne	VIC	Honorable Mention

Gold Medals were awarded to the top 30 students in 2023.

There were 350 students contesting the event this year.

Evan Lin has contested the IOI before, with his results improving each time:

- 2021 – Bronze
- 2022 – Silver
- 2023 – Gold

Jerry Li and Arthur Wenqi Sun have also attended multiple Olympiads (2022, 2023), with each earning a Silver Medal in 2022.

Miles Conway debuted in 2023 with the team, and he remains eligible for 2024.