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Dear Parent/Carer,

BEBRAS Australia Computational Thinking Challenge

This year students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in the BEBRAS Australia Computational Thinking Challenge. Bebras Australia is an international student challenge run by CSIRO Digital Careers. The goal is to promote computational thinking to students in a way that highlights students' abilities beyond traditional science or maths skills. Bebras is aligned with and supports the new Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum.

The Challenge is delivered online and will be held in the **Information Services Centre** during normal ISC lesson times in Week 8. Attached you will find more information and a parental permission slip in order for your child to participate. Please fill in the permission slip and return to Mrs Tindall in the ISC by **Friday, 13 March 2020**.

For more information about the challenge, please go to www.bebbras.edu.au or email Mrs Melissa Tindall at mtindall@tareeccs.nsw.edu.au.

Kind regards

Mrs Melissa Tindall

Primary Coordinator

Information Services Centre

Mr Rob Storrie

Head of Primary

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PARENTAL PARTICIPATION AND PRIVACY CONSENT FORM

2020 BEBRAS AUSTRALIA COMPUTATION THINKING CHALLENGE

About the Challenge

The 2020 Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge (www.bebbras.edu.au) is part of an international initiative whose goal is to promote computational thinking amongst students. Bebras is aligned with and supports the Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum.

The Challenge is delivered online and will be held, at the discretion of your child's school, in a school hour during the period of March and August - September, 2020.

How your child can participate?

Participation in the Challenge is **voluntary**.

If you wish for your child to participate, please give your consent by completing and returning this form.

If you do not provide your consent, your child will not be able to participate.

If you have given consent for your child to participate, your child's school will register your child online by providing your child's first name, last name, class grade and gender to one of the Challenge website.

If you wish, you may choose for your child to participate in the Challenge using a pseudonym. If you choose this option, your child's teacher will know your child's pseudonym but your child's first name and last name will not be stored on any computer systems and your child's participation certificate will display the pseudonym.

Collection and use of personal information

The Challenge has been organised by CSIRO. CSIRO is committed to protecting your child's privacy in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). CSIRO will collect your child's personal information for the purposes of administering their participation in the

Challenge and will share information about your child's participation, including their results, with your child's teacher.

CSIRO will also prepare a report about the Challenge for the Australian Government. The report may include participating children's results, but it will not include any names or other identifying information.

Your child's personal information will not otherwise be used or disclosed by CSIRO without your consent, except in accordance with CSIRO's privacy policy.

The Challenge website is administered on CSIRO's behalf by Eljakim Information Technology bv, which also operates management systems for similar challenges in other countries. All personal information is stored on the Bebras Australia Challenge Server located in Canberra, in accordance with the terms of an agreement between CSIRO and Eljakim Information Technology bv.

CSIRO's privacy policy (see <http://www.csiro.au/privacy>) contains information about how you can make a complaint about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles, how CSIRO will deal with any complaints, and information about access to and correction of any personal information held by CSIRO.

Bebras Honour Roll

Each year students from the March Challenge, who attain a 100% score (135/135), are eligible to be included in the Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge Honour Roll.

Students eligible for this may, with parental consent, have their name and school published on the Bebras Australia website (<https://www.bebbras.edu.au/honour-roll/>) and have a certificate of achievement sent to them.

Further information

Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge Consent 2020

If you do not understand any part of this form, or you would like more information, please contact your school, visit <http://bebras.edu.au>, or contact CSIRO using the details below: Email: digitalcareers@csiro.au

Your authority and consent

By signing below you confirm that you have read and understood this Participation and Privacy Consent Form and give permission for your child to participate in the Challenge on these terms.

- ☐ **(Optional – tick if you consent) If my child attains a 100% score for the March round of the Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge, I grant permission for their name and school to be published on the Bebras Australia Honour Roll.**
- ☐ **(Optional – tick if you if you consent) I would like my child to use a pseudonym chosen by their teacher.**

Name of Child (please print)	
School Name	Taree Christian College
Name of parent/guardian/carers (please print)	
Signature of parent/guardian/carers	

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