

the CensusAtSchool

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Key Dates

CensusAtSchool Project Dates

Complete	Project Development
Complete	Release Testing
Now	Registration opens
Now	Questionnaire opens
07 July 06	Questionnaire closes
11 July 06	Data Usage opens



CensusAtSchool:

Welcome to the first exciting phase of CensusAtSchool

This year the action begins. I'm delighted with the way CensusAtSchool is progressing. The web pages (www.abs.gov.au) provide an invaluable resource for schools. Students will be able to engage with real data about themselves and that they are part of and improve their statistical skills in the process. Your students can now go online and complete a CensusAtSchool Questionnaire.

Already over 2100 schools have registered to participate. I'm pleased to say that there is strong representation from all states and territories. I look forward to seeing many more schools become involved. The more schools that are involved the richer the database will be for students to use when the data usage phase begins on 11 July 2006.

I would like to take this opportunity to restate the aim of CensusAtSchool, our school project for the 2006 Census of Population and Housing, in August this year. CensusAtSchool is a facility, provided by ABS, to enable schools to improve the statistical literacy of their students. Statistical literacy is the ability to interpret and critically evaluate data and information. It is a very important life skill. It assists students in understanding the world around them and in making sensible, informed decisions when they reach adulthood.

I congratulate those of you who have registered to participate in CensusAtSchool and encourage you to inform others in the education community of this outstanding online learning opportunity. Please forward this newsletter to your colleagues to help raise the awareness of CensusAtSchool.

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Register now The Registration Form can be downloaded from the first page of CensusAtSchool (www.abs.gov.au and click on the CensusAtSchool icon)

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