Coding and Robotics Results

Grades 1 – 7 • 2026 Olympiad

SA Olympiads produced the Coding and Robotics Olympiads for grades 1 – 7 in 2026. The Olympiad was written by grades 4 – 7 in 2025; grades 1 – 3 sat it for the first time this year, so this report covers the full primary phase.

An Olympiad asks a learner to do more than recall what has been taught. It sets unfamiliar problems in a familiar subject, and rewards the learner who reads carefully, reasons clearly and is willing to attempt a question whose method is not obvious.

That is a different skill from writing a school test, and it is one that grows with practice. Learners who sit Olympiads tend to approach their own examinations more confidently, because they have met questions that cannot be answered by memory alone. The habits it builds – structured reasoning, persistence, checking your own work – carry well beyond the subject itself.

Our thanks to every school that entered this year, and to the teachers who prepared learners and ran the sittings.

A. Overall Results

The total number which entered this Olympiad was approximately 4 242 learners. Grade 2 was the standout grade, with 47% of learners achieving gold and a further 31% silver, leaving a participation band of only 5%. Grade 1 and Grade 3 sat the Olympiad for the first time and placed 8% and 12% in the gold band respectively, with Grade 1 adding a further 32% in silver. The four grades which also wrote in 2025 improved sharply. Grade 4 moved from no gold or silver gradings at all to 7% gold and 12% silver; Grade 5 lifted its gold share from 2% to 13%; Grade 6 raised silver from 3% to 15%; and Grade 7 made the largest gain of the phase, from 1% silver in 2025 to 23%, cutting its participation band from 72% to 15%. At a high level there are key areas of development which need to be addressed, but the direction of travel across the phase is clear. Where your school has performed better than below, these educators must be applauded for their outstanding work.

A summary of the performance in terms of the gold, silver, bronze and participation categories is detailed below:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Participation
Grade 1	8%	32%	45%	15%
Grade 2	47%	31%	17%	5%
Grade 3	12%	20%	53%	15%
Grade 4	7%	12%	42%	39%
Grade 5	13%	19%	46%	22%
Grade 6	6%	15%	48%	31%
Grade 7	11%	23%	51%	15%
Overall	**13%**	**21%**	**44%**	**22%**

Table 1

B. Top Learners per Grade

The lists below show the top 5 for grades 1 – 3, and the top 10 for grades 4 – 7, being the learners with the highest marks for that grade-specific Olympiad. Where several learners from one school placed in the leading positions, a maximum of three learners per school is listed, so that the table reflects the spread of performance across schools. These learners will receive medals and discounted fees on the digital courses at www.saolympiads.co.za, and those shaded in gold will receive cash prizes.

Grade 1

Position	Name	School
1	Ayudh Singh	Maidstone
2	Josua Fouche	Eduden
2	Amara Kyd	Maidstone
2	Mikeo Pillay	Maidstone
3	Leemo Nong	Curro Roodeplaat

Grade 2

Position	Name	School
1	Abriella Munsamy	Maidstone
1	Ahaan Gokulpersadh	Maidstone
1	Inamandla Wanda	Maidstone
2	Kopano Raphiri	Acudeo
2	Hawulesizwe Khanyile	Grantham Park

Grade 3

Position	Name	School
1	Oritonda Magadagela	Mickey & Friends
2	Thato Makua	Acudeo
2	Tshegofatso Mogalanyane	Acudeo
3	Oarabile Makgoba	Acudeo
3	Nozibusiso Mtshali	Grantham Park

Grade 4

Position	Name	School
1	Kal Saminathan	Maidstone
2	Ela Kasvell	Maidstone
3	Avhay Maharaj	Curro Rivonia
3	Vaishavi Naicker	Curro Rivonia
4	Aarav Rangasamy	Maidstone
5	Nikraad Manouchehri	Blouberg International
5	Tanaka Mabiginye	Curro Roodeplaat
6	Msibi Asibonge	Bambanani
7	Mazibuko Samkelo	Bambanani
7	Mahir Jaganath	Curro Aurora

Grade 5

Position	Name	School
1	Ayize Mtolo	Grantham Park
1	Ezekiel Chiwaridzo	Grantham Park
2	Zenande Mchunu	Grantham Park
3	Alissa Poonsamy	Curro Rivonia
3	Edward Fraser	Curro Rivonia
4	Kayur Moodley	Curro Rivonia
4	Ahmad Arbee	Maidstone
4	Zahraa Hassim	Maidstone
5	Lonwabo Mpehle	Acudeo
5	Syon Sahah Govender	Maidstone

Grade 6

Position	Name	School
1	Alanna Muringisi	Curro Roodeplaat
2	Hawa Iddris	Grantham Park
3	Regina Owoo	Grantham Park
3	Malatsi Mpho	Groblersdal Academy
3	Sayishan Doorsamy	Maidstone
3	Sayan Reddy	Northdene
4	Diego Naude	Curro Aurora
5	Amy Payne	Blouberg International
5	Vaishnav Rajesh	Blouberg International
5	Alexis Joubert	Northdene

Grade 7

Position	Name	School
1	Kwezi Thabete	Curro Rivonia
2	David Jonathan Theron	Curro Aurora
3	Aarna Sutram Rai	Curro Rivonia
3	Armaan Parman	Curro Rivonia
3	Andzisa Mahlale	Curro Roodeplaat
3	Ariyana Renesmae Mohanlal	Maidstone
4	Anthony Van Tonder	Blouberg International
4	Logan Matthee	Blouberg International
4	Sayur Ramsaru	Maidstone
5	Afulela Lisakhanya Ngcobo	Maidstone

C. Concluding Remarks

An Olympiad exists to find the learners who think well under an unfamiliar question, and to give schools a measure of where their learners stand against the country rather than against one another.

The performance in the 2026 Olympiads is a marked improvement on 2025 in every grade which wrote both years, and the two new grades have started from a strong base. Schools should not be disappointed if the results did not meet their expectations. They should rather see this as an opportunity to improve learners in the gaps identified.

Past papers and guides are available on **www.saolympiads.co.za** which should help you prepare for the Olympiads.

Digital courses for learners are now available on **www.saolympiads.co.za** as well, provided by our partner the Virtual School of Africa.

D. Important Dates to Diarise

Registration:	Open now at saolympiads.co.za
2026 prices held until:	31 March 2027
Written – 3-term schools:	Last school week before Term 2 closes
Written – 4-term schools:	August 2027, on the published subject dates

Register and pay before 31 March 2027 to hold 2026 prices – from R35 per learner per subject; every price rises by R5 from 1 April 2027. Papers are emailed to your school one week before the write date.