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# ASX Schools Sharemarket Game 2 2013 winners: girls take top spots

Winners of the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) Sharemarket Game 2 for secondary students have been decided, with Philippa Nolan becoming the first female national winner since 2003.

ASX conducts the Sharemarket Game twice a year to provide students with the chance to get first-hand experience of investing in the sharemarket. Each syndicate is given a hypothetical \$50,000 to invest and the winner is the syndicate that grows its investment by the most over the period of the game. Game 2 ended on 30 October.

Female students performed strongly, taking out the top spots in New South Wales/ACT, Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria.

Philippa Nolan from PLC Sydney was the national winner of Game 2. She held a diversified portfolio of health care, consumer discretionary, financials, consumer staples and industrial stocks. Philippa also regularly read newspapers to keep up to date on the activities of the companies she had invested in.

"I chose some stocks because I was familiar with what the companies did such as Bega and Cochlear. I tried to diversify across a variety of industry sectors including health, banking, leisure and food. I originally invested in a mining stock but I sold out of that because I was concerned that it might be too volatile," Philippa said.

Craig Trigwell-Lindley from Dural High in New South Wales was runner-up in the national Game. Craig focussed his efforts on investing in companies outside the blue chip and resource sectors.

"After extensive research, I decided it best to purchase shares with a lower holding value so as to maximise my percentage return on my portfolio. I kept up to date on market movements by reading media articles and press releases," said Craig.

Tony Hunter, ASX Head of Investor Education said: "For more than 30 years, the ASX Schools Sharemarket Game has given participants practical, real-world experience investing in the market. It was fantastic to see female students in the top rankings, though all our national winners did exceptionally well to build profitable portfolios."

The ASX Schools Sharemarket Game, sponsored by Citi, is conducted twice yearly and is available to students in Australian secondary schools. More than 1,000 teachers registered and 32,000 students played Game 2.

Over the Game period, the market was positive which is reflected in the numbers below:

- the All Ordinaries (XAO) was up 7%
- all sectors ended in positive territory, the best performing sector was financials up 9.26% and the least was materials up 3.06%

- the top stock was Bega Cheese up 50.34% all of the National and State first place winners chose Bega Cheese for their portfolios
- 67.26% of players finished in profit
- the average portfolio value was \$50,712.

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#### **ASX Schools Sharemarket Game Results 2013**

#### National Winners Game 2

Syndicate Name	School	Student Names	Portfolio Value	Ranking	State
PN	PLC Sydney	Philippa Nolan	\$62,495	1	NSW
CLT Pty Ltd	Duval High School	Craig Trigwell-Lindley	\$61,215	2	NSW/ ACT
Monstertrucks 101	Marist College North Shore	Karun Bhandari Thomas McGowan Zachary Munro Zachary Richmond	\$60,557	3	NSW/ ACT

### **State Winners**

South Australia / Northern Territory

Syndicate Name	School	Student Names	Portfolio Value	Ranking
BRH32	Mount Compass Area School	Bianca Huntington	\$57,007	1
Friendship is Magic	Mount Compass Area School	Kimberley Perry	\$57,005	2
Praew	Darwin High School	Jiraporn Srisunon	\$56,899	3

New South Wales / Australian Capital Territory

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## Western Australia

Syndicate Name	School	Student Names	Portfolio Value	Ranking
Taisha M	Gingin DHS	Taisha McComish	\$58,493	1
Batman	Mazenod College	Ryan McFadyen	\$57,516	2
Meerkat Traders	Bunbury Catholic College	Caroline Heslop	\$57,309	3
		Liam Murphy		

## Victoria

Syndicate Name	School	Student Names	Portfolio Value	Ranking
Olivia	Aitken College	Olivia Bonnici	\$59,494	1
Yanez, Stephanie	St. Francis Xavier College	Stephanie Yanez	\$59,209	2
Moneybuyshappiness	Korowa Anglican Girls' School	Weng Yi Wong	\$58,843	3

### Tasmania

Syndicate Name	School	Student Names	Portfolio Value	Ranking
The Money Makers	The Friends' School	Mia Shaddock Rhys Hunt Sarah Dutton	\$57,252	1
I love Dorah and Vascah	Burnie High School	Daniel Batt Matthew Last	\$55,521	2
Noah and Lach Ark	Penguin High School	Lachie Nothrop Noah Lade	\$55,241	3

## Queensland

Syndicate Name	School	Student Names	Portfolio Value	Ranking
Centrelink	Cunnamulla P-12 State School	Brett Murphy Jake Widgell Michael Nelson	\$60,238	1
TS	The Cathedral School	Shane Smith Tom Whitney	\$57,366	2
DMB	Gold Coast Christian College	Duncan Kirkland	\$56,894	3