Research Project teachers are encouraged to spend some class time prior to the expo introducing students to the subject, and preparing them for their time at the event. Based on feedback from 2014, this preparation helps students gain maximum benefit from the expo. A range of materials are available to assist with this preparatory process.

New video – ‘Introduction to the Research Project’
A new, four-minute Introduction to the Research Project video has been produced and is now available on the SACE website. Teachers are encouraged to use this video in early Research Project classes, to provide students with an idea of what to expect from the subject.

The video includes students reflecting on their completed projects, similar to those who will be exhibiting at the expo. It is recommended viewing for all students attending this year’s event.

Student activities
To help your students engage with student exhibitors and organisations at the expo, you may wish to consider preparing an activity for them to complete during the event. A template with sample questions is available on the SACE website.

Frequently Asked Questions
A ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ Information Sheet is available on the SACE website, and is a useful tool for teachers when talking about the Research Project with students. Copies of the FAQs will also be available from the SACE Board booth at the expo.

Who will be at the expo

Student Exhibitors
For many visiting students, the biggest drawcard is the opportunity to speak with previous Research Project students about their projects. Exhibiting students from 17 schools will talk about what inspired their projects, how they developed their research, the challenges they faced, and their outcomes.

Organisations
A range of organisations will also host exhibits, and representatives will be available to speak to students about potential Research Project ideas, and the sort of information and advice they can offer students. Confirmed exhibiting organisations include:

- Flinders University
- University of Adelaide
- TAFE SA
- State Library of SA
- ASC
- Cancer Council SA
- Natural Resources
- Australian Institute of Fitness
- Department for State Development
- Primary Industries & Resources of SA
- SACE Board of SA
- Association for Secondary Research Teachers (ASRT)

SACE Board staff
SACE Board staff will be available to answer any specific questions you and your students might have about the Research Project. There will also be a small presentation area at the SACE Board booth, with staff providing a series of short presentations relating to various components of the subject.

What next?
A week prior to the expo, details of the presentation schedule, together with the Research Project titles of student exhibitors, will be emailed to you. Hard copies of this information will be available for collection on the day of your visit.

You will also be emailed further information on the registration process, parking and transport arrangements, and other information to assist with your planning.

Live updates from the expo – photos, videos, and highlights from booths and presentations – will be posted on the SACE Board Twitter account @saceboard with the hashtag #RPexpo