

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the ***International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)***.

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:

- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 4–13; assessments are available in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in New Zealand
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please pay for the subjects your child would like to sit through the Wrap it Up service:

by **THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2017, 4pm. Late entries will not be accepted.**

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on 0800 778 010.

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Kind regards

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Subject/Paper	School Year	Official Sitting Date	Participation Fee	
Digital Technologies		23 May 2017	\$9.75	
Science		30 May 2017	\$9.75	
Writing		14 June 2017	\$21.00	
Spelling		14 June 2017	\$11.80	
English		1 August 2017	\$9.75	
Mathematics		15 August 2017	\$9.75	