



18 June 2021

2021 International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parents/Carers,

The ICAS Competitions will take place at our school on the following dates:

English – Wednesday 18th August 2021

Science – Tuesday 24th August 2021

Mathematics – Wednesday 2nd September 2021

These Extra Curricular Competitions provide opportunities for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external test situation. The students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will all sit a different test, but within the same time period (see above). The information from the tests provides schools and teachers with comprehensive reporting of results and also gives parents helpful information regarding their child's performance.

Every student entering ICAS receives a certificate acknowledging their participation. Students are eligible for awards including UNSW Medals and High Distinction, Distinction and Credit Certificates.

These competitions are not appropriate for every child. Your child's teacher will be able to provide advice regarding readiness for participating in this competition.

Mrs Anderiesz will be coordinating test sessions and will inform families of test dates a week before each test period begins, however, families must be aware that sometimes test sessions may not go ahead on the scheduled date due to other factors eg: poor internet connectivity, these test sessions will be made up. Any child absent on the day of their scheduled test will have an opportunity to participate at a later time, if they return to school within the given test period.

This year, these assessments will be entirely online. Each student will complete the individual assessments at the allocated time on either an iPad or Chromebook. With the assessments all being online, this will allow for students results and feedback to be given in a more timely manner to previous years.

The total cost of each test is \$17.05 and your child may partake in any of the three individual tests.

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

The web link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Our school access code is: YKM781

Online parent payment closes on Sunday, 1 August 2021.

IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name accurately into the system as it will appear on their ICAS certificate.

Yours sincerely,
Nick Jones

