



12 March 2015

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools



Dear Parents and Carers

For the last 30 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in 2015.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 3 – 12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

All students receive a certificate and an **individual student report** indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for National tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses. The UNSW certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

High quality UNSW certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

A UNSW Global medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each state is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. These medals are presented at either a Medal Presentation Ceremony or at a school assembly. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible for a medal.

The entry fee per student is as follows:

- ☐ Digital Technologies (Computer Skills) – 19 May 2015 (\$8.80 GST inclusive)
- ☐ Science – 3 June 2015 (\$8.80 GST inclusive)
- ☐ Writing – 15 June to 19 June 2015 (\$18.70 GST inclusive)
- ☐ Spelling – 16 June 2015 (\$12.10 GST inclusive)
- ☐ English – 28 July 2015 (\$8.80 GST inclusive)
- ☐ Mathematics – 11 August 2015 (\$8.80 GST inclusive)
- ☐ All of the above (\$66.00 GST inclusive)

Please return the permission slip and entry fee by **Thursday 1 April 2015** so that the correct number of test papers can be organised. For more information please visit our school website or contact Mr Clarke.

If you would like your child to sit more than one test and will require a payment plan please see Mr Clarke.

Jason Clarke
Deputy Principal (R)

Jan Holt
Principal (R)

**2015 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)
PERMISSION SLIP**

Please return THIS section to Mr Clarke in the office.

I give permission for my child _____ of _____
Child's Name *Class*

to participate in the following 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

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Please find enclosed _____ entry fee.
Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Jason Clarke
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