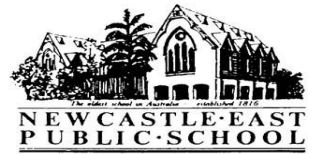


2018 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Newcastle East Public School will be implementing ICAS, a comprehensive skills-based assessment program that assesses the higher order thinking and problem-solving skills of students. Student participation is voluntary.

HOW ICAS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER ASSESSMENTS YOUR CHILD WILL TAKE:

1. ICAS can help us discover student talents and student weaknesses that don't always get picked up by the curriculum testing framework.
2. ICAS will not add extra workload to any student's study or homework regime because ICAS is an assessment they can't study for. It evaluates thinking and problem-solving ability, not memory.
3. ICAS's diagnostic reports will give all of us (teachers and parents) far more insight into your child's strengths and weaknesses. At school, we can act on that by tailoring our teaching and learning programs; at home, you will know where to direct more encouragement.
4. ICAS will also give us an external benchmark we can rely on to ensure our school is keeping pace with national and international standards—ICAS is the most comprehensive international assessment program, with schools in over 20 countries participating in ICAS every year.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

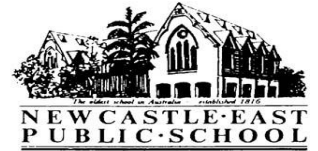
If you would like your child to participate, please complete the permission slip and return it, with payment to the school office no later than 16th MARCH. PLEASE NOTE - LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Megan Thompson

ICAS coordinator

19th February, 2018



2018 ICAS Entry Form

Please return this form with your payment, to your school no later than Friday, 16th MARCH

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

to participate in the following 2018 ICAS assessments.

Please select the subjects you would like your child to participate in:

Subject/Paper	Years	Official Sitting Date	Participation Fee	Student's Year Level	Fee Enclosed
Digital Technologies	3-6	8 May 2018	\$9.00		
Science	2-6	29 May 2018	\$9.00		
Spelling	2-6	13 June 2018	\$12.00		
Writing	3-6	14 June 2018	\$18.00		
English	2-6	31 July 2018	\$9.00		
Mathematics	2-6	14 August 2018	\$9.00		
			TOTAL		

Please find _____ enclosed for payment of the total fee.
Amount

 Name of Parent/Guardian

 Date

 Signature of Parent/Guardian