



2019 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.

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.

ICAS is **not compulsory**. ICAS is run by the University of NSW.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the permission slip and return it, with online payment to the school no later than Friday MAY 31. PLEASE NOTE - LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please note: ICAS tests are available to students in **Years 2-6 only, but please check the table below as to which subjects are open to which grades:**

ICAS Subject	Years	ICAS Test Dates	Cost
Digital Technologies	3-6	Tuesday 3 September 2019	\$14.50
Science	2-6	Thursday 4 September 2019	\$14.50
Writing	3-6	Tuesday 10 September 2019	\$14.50
Spelling	2-6	Thursday 12 September 2019	\$14.50
English	2-6	Tuesday 17 September 2019	\$14.50
Mathematics	2-6	Thursday 19 September 2019	\$14.50

ICAS assessments are online this year with the exception of Year 3 and Year 4 Writing which remains paper-based.

Kind regards,

Mrs Amanda Munro

ICAS coordinator

May 6, 2019

2019 ICAS Entry Form



Please return this form with your online payment (via the school website) to the school office no later than Friday, MAY 31.

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

to participate in the following 2019 ICAS assessments.

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

Please tick	Student Name	Grade	Class
	ICAS Subject	Assessment Date - 8am	Cost
	Digital Technologies (Years 3-6)	Tuesday 3 September	\$14.50
	Science (Years 2-6)	Thursday 5 September	\$14.50
	Spelling (Years 2-6)	Tuesday 10 September	\$14.50
	Writing (Years 3-6)	Thursday 12 September	\$14.50
	English (Years 2-6)	Tuesday 17 September	\$14.50
	Mathematics (Years 2-6)	Thursday 19 September	\$14.50
		Total	

My online payment receipt number is: _____

I understand that my child is required to be at school by 7:50am of the morning of the assessment. If they are late or absent the assessment is unable to be rescheduled.

Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian