



2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Dear Parent

Welcome to the 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). For over 30 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2013.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 4 to 13 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. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses.

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 certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

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 medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each subject is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible for a UNSW medal.

The entry fee per student is as follows:

- Computer Skills – 21 May 2013 (NZD8.50)
- Science – 5 June 2013 (NZD8.50)
- Writing – 17 June 2013 to 21 June 2013 (NZD19.50)
- Spelling – 18 June 2013 (NZD10.50)
- English – 31 July 2013 (NZD8.50)
- Mathematics – 13 August 2013 (NZD8.50)
- All of the above (NZD64.00)

Please return the permission slip and entry fee by: _____
[Insert School's closing date]

Your child can now prepare for ICAS and other skills-based tests with EAA's new Practice Online series. Practice Online is a series of ten interactive online tests designed for school children in Years 4 to 13 developed by our team of subject experts. Each child that participates receives a comprehensive individual report detailing their overall results and their performance in each area assessed. Practice Online is now available for Mathematics and will soon be available for Science and other subjects.

For more information please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au or contact Customer Service on 0800 778 010 or by email at info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

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Please return THIS section to your child's school.

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

to participate in the following 2013 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