



ICAS - International Competitions and Assessment for Schools

This year, ICAS will be moving to online tests. We will be offering tests for students from Year 3 to Year 6, in English, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Mathematics.

Payments will be made online and we will inform you of how to pay and apply for the tests in the next coming weeks.

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in 20 countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students. St Martin's offers testing for students from Year 3 – 6.

Each test:

- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised **in-school** online test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- awards achievement certificates to all students at a range of levels:
 1. **High Distinction** to the top 1% of students
 2. **Distinction** to the next 10% of students
 3. **Credit** to the next 25% of students
 4. **Merit** to the next 10% of students
 5. **Participation** to all other students
- provides results to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio.

The entry fees and sitting dates are:

SUBJECT SITTING DATE AND COST OF STUDENT ENTRIES
Digital Technologies – Tuesday 3 September 2019 - \$14.50
Science – Thursday 5 September 2019 - \$14.50
Spelling – Thursday 12 September 2019 - \$14.50
English – Tuesday 17 September 2019 - \$14.50
Mathematics – Thursday 19 September 2019 - \$14.50

SPORT COMPETITIONS/CARNIVALS – should a sporting event fall on the same day as an ICAS assessment this year, students will need to make a choice of whether they are participating in the ICAS assessment or the Sport Competition / Carnival.

Kind regards,

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