ICAS - International Competitions and Assessment for Schools

St Martin’s will be offering ICAS online tests for students from Year 3 to Year 6, in English, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Mathematics.

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 designed to target students’ higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

**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.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment, that has been running for years. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

ALL PAYMENTS ARE MADE ONLINE NOT AT THE SCHOOL. PLEASE FOLLOW DIRECTIONS BELOW ON HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD AND MAKE PAYMENTS.

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| **Subject sitting date and cost of student entries** |  **Final payment date** |
| Digital Technologies – Tuesday 10th August $17.05 | 25th July |
| Science – Monday 23rd August $17.05 | 8th August |
| Spelling – Tuesday 24th August $17.05 | 8th August |
| English – Tuesday 17th August $17.05 | 1st August |
| Mathematics – Tuesday 31st August $17.05 | 15th August  |

The entry fees and sitting dates are:

**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. If your child chooses to not participate in the ICAS assessment, these is no refund for the test.

**ABSENT**

If a student is absent or at an appointment during the period, the test will not be rescheduled. ICAS do not refund tests due to absence or other appointments. All refunds need to be direct to ICAS.

**PAYMENTS AND REGISTRATION ONLINE**

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessment Parent Payment System (PPS) for all subjects listed above. Through this system, parents can pay for ICAS directly online. Please use the following details to register your child no later than the FINAL PAYMENT DATES listed above.

PARENT PAYMENT LINK: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

SCHOOL ACCESS CODE: VKF148

**ICAS - PRIVACY COLLECTION STATEMENT**

To analyse your child’s progress effectively, our school conducts an ongoing

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assessment program. The assessment we are using is a product of Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (**Janison**). In order to deliver the assessment St Martin’s Catholic Primary School and Janison (through our school) collect your child’s personal information, such as their name, date of birth, year level and school results when you register your child to sit an assessment in the program. You must ensure that this information is accurate and current.

Janison does not:

* Collect any personal information or data of students other than as required for the purposes of completion of the exam;
* Transfer any personal information or data obtained during the delivery of the ICAS exam out of Australia;
* Share any personal information or data relating to children or students with any third parties;
* Retain any personal information or data acquired during the delivery of the ICAS exam and all such information or data is deleted from all Janison systems immediately upon completion of Janison’s contractual reporting to the school.

As the parent or guardian of a student who intends to sit an assessment, by registering your child into the assessment, you consent to our school and Janison collecting and using your child’s personal information for the purposes outlined above.

If you do not provide your child’s personal information to us or Janison, we may not be able to deliver the assessment to your child. If you wish to access or correct your child’s personal information or to make a complaint about how we have handled your child’s personal information, please contact Janison’s Privacy Officer at privacy@janison.com or by writing to Legal and Compliance Team, Janison Solutions Pty Ltd, 80 Bay Street, Ultimo, Sydney NSW 2007.

We are proud to offer the ICAS Assessments, and look forward to some fantastic results later in the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Dylan George

ICAS Coordinator

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