



3rd March 2014

2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Dear Parents

Each year we offer our students in Years 3 to Year 6 the chance to participate in The University of New South Wales **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales. ICAS provides an opportunity for students 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. ICAS gathers performance information through a 30-60 minute supervised in-school test.

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 tests are an excellent preparation for National tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses. The UNSW certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

Achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Merit to the next 10% of students
- Participation to all other participating students.

Medals are awarded to the top students in each subject in each school year in each state when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official test date.

The dates and entry fee per student are as follows:

- Computer Skills – 20th May 2014 (AUD8.80 GST inclusive) OPTIONAL
- Science – 4th June 2014 (AUD8.80 GST inclusive) OPTIONAL
- Writing – 16th June 2014 (AUD18.70 GST inclusive) OPTIONAL
- Spelling – 17th June 2014 (AUD12.10 GST inclusive) OPTIONAL
- English – 29th July 2014 (AUD8.80 GST inclusive) OPTIONAL
- Mathematics – 12th August 2014 (AUD8.80 GST inclusive) OPTIONAL

All subjects listed above are optional. The entry fee will be charged to your son's excursion and amenities levy.

If you would like your son to participate in the OPTIONAL subjects listed above please complete the attached form and return to Wyvern office by Friday 28th March, 2014.

Yours sincerely

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2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) PERMISSION SLIP

Please complete and return to Wyvern office by mail, fax or email to kobrien@newington.nsw.edu.au. by 28th March, 2014.

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

to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

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- All of the above

Name of Parent/Guardian Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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