



Growing Together For Success

# ASHGROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

## ICAS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is conducted by Educational Assessment Australia, UNSW.

This year we are offering the students the opportunity to take part in the following subjects:

<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Competition Date</b>
Digital Technologies	Years 4-8	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Science	Years 4-8	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Spelling	Years 4-8	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
Writing	Years 4-8	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018
English	Years 4-8	Tuesday 31st July 2018
Mathematics	Years 4-8	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018

The cost of entry is \$10.00 per entry for Digital Technologies, Science, Mathematics and English.

The cost for Spelling is \$12.00 and the cost for Writing is \$21.00 due to individual hand marking.

The Competition is an initiative of the Educational Testing Centre (ETC) of the University of New South Wales.

The Competition provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides schools and teachers with comprehensive reporting of results and also gives parents helpful information regarding their child's performance in the competition subject.

The Competitions take place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region and your child is invited to participate.

All students receive a Certificate and an individual Results Letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for New Zealand. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio. The Results Letter is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses in the skills and processes of the subject.

High quality Certificates are awarded for each Year Level as follows:

**High Distinction** for the top 1% of entrants in each Year Level in New Zealand; **Distinction** for the next 10% of entrants in each Year Level in New Zealand; **Credit** for the next 20% of entrants in each Year Level in New Zealand; **Achievement** for the students who are placed within the top 20% of their school, but who do not qualify for a national Certificate; **Participation** for all other participating students.

Medals are awarded to the top student(s) in each Year Level in New Zealand, at the discretion of ETC.

If you would like your child(ren) to participate in one or more of the tests please complete the form on Kindo indicating which subjects s/he will do and pay the required entry fee by **Friday 16th March**.

Past papers can be purchased. These provide a good indication of the types of questions used as well as their difficulty and give students experience in the test format. For full details please visit the website below and follow the link to Buy Past Papers.

For more information please visit the EAA website at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au) or contact Customer Service on 0800 778 010 or by email at [info@eaa.unsw.edu.au](mailto:info@eaa.unsw.edu.au)

Yours sincerely

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