



Growing Together For Success

# ASHGROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

## ICAS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

Every year we offer students the opportunity to extend and challenge themselves by taking part in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). These optional assessments are an initiative of the Educational Testing Centre (ETC) of the University of New South Wales. The competitions take place in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region.

We are offering the below competitions on the following dates:

Digital Technologies	Tuesday 3 September
Science	Thursday 5 September
Writing	Tuesday 10 September
Spelling Bee	Thursday 12 September
English	Tuesday 17 September
Mathematics	Tuesday 19 September

The cost of entry per assessment is \$17.80 per student and is payable via Kindo until the end of term, Friday 12 April.

The competitions provide an objective ranking of performance, encourage students to attain greater academic success, requires students to think beyond the classroom, and recognises students success through certificates. It is also 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.

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.

If your child would like to participate in one or more of the competitions, please return the slip on the reverse of this notice to the office drop box by **Friday 12 April**.

For more information please visit the EAA website at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

Jo Keane  
Deputy Principal

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My child \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (homeroom) \_\_\_\_\_ (Year) would like to participate in the following competitions:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Technologies | \$17.80 | Tuesday 3 September   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | \$17.80 | Thursday 5 September  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> English              | \$17.80 | Tuesday 17 September  |
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I have paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ via Kindo.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_