

Monday 27 May 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are delighted to inform you that St Thomas' Primary School will be participating in the **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**Assessments again this year.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, and Digital Technologies.

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

Students from Years 2-6 are eligible to enter the ICAS Competition.

To learn more about this year's exciting ICAS competition, visit this **LINK**.

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

- 1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices **HERE**.
- 2. Read the Privacy Collection Statement **HERE**.
- 3. Read the terms and conditions **HERE**.
- 4. Go to the Parent Portal to sign up to chosen subject areas. Your parent page link can be accessed <u>HERE</u>.
- 5. Enter our school access code: RTZ976
- 6. Enter your child's details, select the subject areas your child would like to participate in, then proceed to payment.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

Online payment closes **Monday 15 July.**

IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name accurately into the system as it will appear on their ICAS certificate.

ICAS results and certificates

All assessments will be conducted online, at school.

Date that we will run ICAS assessments at St Thomas' can be seen below.

Subject	Year Levels eligible to sit the assessment	Sitting date – St Thomas' Primary School
ICAS Digital	Years 3-6	5 August – 9 August
Technologies	(Online)	
ICAS English	Years 2-6	12 August - 16 August
	(Online)	
ICAS Science	Years 2-6	19 August -23 August
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ICAS Mathematics	Years 2-6	26 August – 30 August
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Your child's ICAS certificates will be delivered to school. Once we have received them, we will present them to your child to bring home.

You are encouraged to visit the ICAS website to gather more background information on these competitions and to access practice items to help your child prepare for the competition.

We are excited to be offering ICAS to our students this year and look forward to celebrating their achievements. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards Natalia