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2018 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives you broad insights into your child's performance across English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

When your child takes part in ICAS assessments, we can track their learning as they progress from year to year. It also helps us identify potentially gifted students and those who may need more focused and purposeful teaching to achieve their best.

Each student receives:

- an engaging and challenging full-colour test booklet
- an individual diagnostic report highlighting strengths and weaknesses and year to year progression
- login details to access their online results which can be analysed and downloaded
- a High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation Certificate acknowledging their level of achievement
- the chance to receive an individually-engraved UNSW medal for the highest scoring student in each year level for each subject.

The competitions focus on the following areas:

Digital Technologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common operating systems and hardware • Graphics and multimedia • Internet and email • Programming and scripting • Spreadsheets and databases • Word processing 	English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading for meaning in factual texts • Reading for meaning in literary texts • Syntax • Writer's Craft • Vocabulary 	Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra and patterns • Chance and data • Measures and units • Number and arithmetic • Space and geometry
Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observing and measuring • Interpreting data • Applying data • Investigating • Higher-order skills 	Spelling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying rules and conventions • Dictation • Error correction • Proofreading 	Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language choices that enhance the writing • Punctuation • Spelling • Syntax and grammar • Text purpose and structure

To learn more about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about . Remember, EAA has some very helpful tools to help your child prepare. You can access practice assessments at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation.

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to the school no later than Wednesday 14 March 2018. Please note that late entries cannot be accepted.

Kind regards

Mark Bormann

ICAS Coordinator and Executive Teacher



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PERMISSION FORM

Please return this form to your child's school by 14 March 2018.

I give permission for my _____ of _____ in _____
child, *Child's name* *Class* *Year Level*

to participate in the following 2018 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Note that Year 2 students are not eligible for the Digital Technologies & Writing competitions.

Subject/Paper	School Year	Official Sitting Date	Entry Fee, ex. GST	Fee Enclosed
Digital Technologies*	3-6	8 May 2017	\$9.00	
Science	2-6	29 May 2017	\$9.00	
Spelling	2-6	13 June 2017	\$12.00	
Writing	3-6	14 June 2017	\$18.00	
English	2-6	31 July 2017	\$9.00	
Mathematics	2-6	14 August 2017	\$9.00	
			TOTAL	

* Previously known as Computer Skills.

Students must sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

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Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/ Guardian



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PAYMENT FORM

Please sign and return the permission note on the reverse side with payment to the school by **14 March 2018** to allow for your child to be registered for the ICAS competitions.

I enclose \$_____being the cost of the competition/s.

Payment Options: Cash / Cheque / Online / Direct Deposit / Credit Card (Complete details below)

Cheque: Make payable to Giralang Primary School

Online: <http://www.giralangps.act.edu.au/payment> (only credit cards are accepted)

Direct Deposit:

Bank: Westpac

Branch: Government Banking Centre

Account: Giralang Primary School

BSB: 032-777

Account No : 001332

Reference: your **Child/Family_ICAS**

Please send remittance advice to info@giralangps.act.edu.au if paid by Direct Deposit

Credit Card Details: Visa MasterCard Amount: \$_____

Card No: _____ CCV: _____

Card Expiry Date: ____/____ Print name on card _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____