

Dear Parents and Caregivers

ICAS Assessments 2020

We are delighted to inform you that St Thomas' Primary School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments again this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years' experience in educational assessments.

Students from Years 2-6 are eligible to enter the ICAS Competition. ICAS is designed to target students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

2020 Participation

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to computer-based assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

You are invited to choose all or any of the competitions for your child to sit.

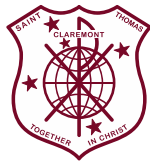
In 2020, payment for the online assessments can now be done **via the Parent Payment Portal**.

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed below, please visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global and to nominate the assessments you would like your child to participate in. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.



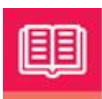

The web link is: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Our school's unique access code is: **ACQ290**

Online payment closes Friday, **17 July 2020**.



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

Subject	Year Levels eligible to sit the assessment	Sitting date – St Thomas' School
ICAS Science 	Years 2-6 (Online)	Wednesday 19 August 11am
ICAS Digital Technologies 	Years 3-6 (Online)	Monday 24 August 9.15am
ICAS English 	Years 2-6 (Online)	Tuesday 25 August 11am
ICAS Mathematics 	Years 2-6 (Online)	Tuesday 1 September 9.15am

Cost per test: \$14.50 + GST = \$15.95

Parents are also encouraged to visit the ICAS website unsw.global/ICAS to gather more background information on these competitions and to access practice items to help your child prepare for the competition. I have past papers you are welcome to borrow.

We are proud to partner with UNSW Global in offering the ICAS Assessments and look forward to some fantastic results later in the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Natalia Thomson
Principal



ICAS Assessments 2020 Permission Form

(Please return this form to your school no later than 1 August 2020)

I give permission for my child _____ in Year _____
to participate in the 2020 ICAS Assessments listed below.

Please indicate the assessment that your child will be sitting in 2020.

Subject	Available for Years	Official Sitting Dates	If you have accessed the parent payment portal, please indicate which assessments you have nominated for your child
Science	2-6	Wednesday 19 August 11am	
Digital Technologies	3-6	Monday 24 August 9.15am	
English	2-6	Tuesday 25 August 11am	
Mathematics	2-6	Tuesday 1 September 9.15am	

I understand that to be eligible to sit the assessments, I must use the Parent Payment Portal to pay for the assessments **prior to 17 July 2020**.

Name of Parent/Caregiver: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Caregiver: _____

Privacy notification

UNSW Global stores, uses and modifies the ICAS Assessments data in order to generate reports, conduct research and analysis, and improve its products and services. UNSW Global will not hold or use ICAS Assessments data that constitutes personal information for longer than 15 years. As the parent or guardian of a student who intends to sit ICAS Assessments, you consent to the school collecting the ICAS Assessments data that relates to the student, disclosing it to UNSW Global and to UNSW Global's use of it in the manner outlined above. You also consent to the school assigning this consent to UNSW Global.