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## **2023 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)**

Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to inform you of the opportunity for your child(ren) to participate in the 2023 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNSW Sydney, with over 35 years experience in educational assessments. ICAS provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement and compete in an international assessment.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The UNSW certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

UNSW certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

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. Entry is available for students in Years 2-6 for Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling, English and Mathematics. Writing is available for Years 3-6.

Competition dates are as follows:

Subject	Cost	Date/s
ICAS Writing	\$19.25 (Inc. GST)	7 Aug – 11 Aug 2023
ICAS Digital Technologies	\$19.25 (Inc. GST)	
ICAS English	\$19.25 (Inc. GST)	14 Aug – 18 Aug 2023
ICAS Science	\$19.25 (Inc. GST)	21 Aug – 25 Aug 2023
ICAS Spelling Bee	\$19.25 (Inc. GST)	
ICAS Mathematics	\$23.65 (Inc. GST)	28 Aug – 1 Sept 2023

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the new online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment to UNSW Global. 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.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Our school's unique access code is: **FC0705**

Online payment closes **Monday 31 July 2023**.

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

It would be greatly appreciated if you could advise me of the competitions your child(ren) are participating in via email at [blackheath-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:blackheath-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

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