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## Educational Assessment Australia

Dear Parents,

In our rapidly changing world, it is becoming more and more important for our young people to develop strong skills as they progress through their education. While our curriculum-based assessments test a student's ability to recall what they have learned in a variety of subject areas, we think it's important to do more than that, particularly in the foundation years of schooling.

Therefore, St Anthony's will be implementing ICAS, a comprehensive skills-based assessment program that assesses the higher order thinking and problem-solving skills of students. ICAS is a product of our partner UNSW Global Pty Limited. We believe ICAS will give us deep insight into our students' true capabilities and help us plan more effectively their future years at school.

### HOW ICAS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER ASSESSMENTS YOUR CHILD WILL TAKE:

1. ICAS can help us discover student talents and student weaknesses that don't always get picked up by the curriculum testing framework.
2. ICAS will not add extra workload to any student's study or homework regime because ICAS is an assessment they can't study for. It evaluates thinking and problem-solving ability, not memory.
3. ICAS's diagnostic reports will give all of us (teachers and parents) far more insight into your child's strengths and weaknesses. At school, we can act on that by tailoring our teaching and learning programs; at home, you will know where to direct more encouragement.
4. ICAS will also give us an external benchmark we can rely on to ensure our school is keeping pace with national and international standards. ICAS is the most comprehensive international assessment program, with schools in over 20 countries participating in ICAS every year.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION:

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the permission slip and return it, with payment to the school no later than **Friday 23rd March 2018**. In order to analyse student results over time, we and UNSW Global collect and use data such as student names, year levels, student results, school results and contact details of school staff (ICAS Data). By permitting your child to sit ICAS, you consent to our and UNSW Global's use of the ICAS Data in the manner outlined below \*. **PLEASE NOTE LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Kind regards

Ms Janet Colusso and Mrs Sue Haigh  
ICAS Competition Organisers

***\*Privacy notification:** UNSW Global stores, uses and modifies the ICAS Data in order to generate reports, conduct research and analysis, and improve its products and services. UNSW Global will not hold or use ICAS Data that constitutes personal information for longer than 15 years. As the parent or guardian of a student who intends to sit ICAS, you consent to the school collecting the ICAS 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.*

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## 2018 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

### Years 3 - 6 Registration Form

Please return this form to the school office by **Friday 23rd March 2018**. Forms returned after this date will result in your child not being able to participate.

I give permission for my child

of

*Child's name*

*Class*

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

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter by ticking the last column

Subject/Paper	Official Sitting Date	Please tick
Spelling	Wednesday 13 June 2018	
English	Tuesday 31 July 2018	
Mathematics	Tuesday 14 August 2018	

*Students should 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.*

Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Kind Regards,

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