



26 February 2018

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Dear Parents

Each year the University of New South Wales (Australia) conducts a series of tests called the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). These tests are held in schools throughout New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Asia and the Pacific.

We are offering the opportunity for Year 3-6 children from Stella Maris to participate in these tests. The tests available are Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling, Writing, English, Mathematics. The tests are held between May and August. There is a fee for each test that the child participates in (see below – please note there has been an increase of the fee for each test this year). As the spelling and writing tests are hand marked, their fees are higher than the other tests that are computer marked.

There are also introductory tests available in Maths, English and Spelling for Year 3, all other tests are for Yr 4-6 only.

SUBJECT	YEAR LEVEL	TEST DATE	FEE
Digital Technologies	Yr 4-6	Tuesday 8 May	\$11.00
Science	Yr 4-6	Tuesday 29 May	\$11.00
Spelling	Yr 3-6	Monday 11 June	\$13.50
Writing	Yr 4-6	Tuesday 12 June	\$23.50
English	Yr 3-6	Tuesday 31 July	\$11.00
Mathematics	Yr 3-6	Tuesday 14 August	\$11.00

While the tests are administered in school on the set dates, the children's answer sheets are then sent to Australia for marking. The children will receive an individual report showing results, strengths and weaknesses, and a certificate and personalised letter when the results are returned to school. They will also receive login details to access their results online.

The children should be capable, confident and independent mathematicians, writers and readers to participate in these tests. If you are unsure if your child is able to participate in these tests please contact your child's teacher to discuss this with them.

We need to have a minimum of 3 children who are sitting each test. If we do not get a least 3 children for each test you will be given the option of a refund or paying the substantially higher fee (3 times the original fee) that is charged for any children sitting a test with less than 3 entrants

If you wish for your child to participate in any or all of the tests please fill in the attached slip and return it with the appropriate fee/s (or pay via Internet banking – see details on the return slip. If paying via Internet note your child’s surname and ICAS as reference.)

All entries and payments must be received by Thursday 23 March to allow time for processing. As entries need to be sent to Australia by 1 April no late entries can be accepted.

A reminder that Year 3 can only sit the English and Maths tests – the other tests are not available to them.

Regards

Catherine Cyprian
Associate Principal

Please return this slip to the school office, with fees, in a sealed envelope by Friday 16 March

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My child _____ in St _____ has permission to participate in the following tests (please tick to show which tests):

Year Level (please circle): 3 4 5 6

Mark with ✓ tests your child is sitting	SUBJECT	YEAR LEVEL	FEE	FEE Enclosed
	Digital Technologies	Yr 4-6	\$11.00	
	Science	Yr 4-6	\$11.00	
	Writing	Yr 4-6	\$23.50	
	Spelling	Yr 4-6	\$13.50	
	English	Yr 3-6	\$11.00	
	Mathematics	Yr 3-6	\$11.00	
Total Enclosed:				
<p>OR I have paid through internet banking on _____ (date)</p> <p>If paying by internet please pay to: 12 3046 0362238 00 place your child’s surname and ICAS as reference</p>				

Parent’s name: _____

Phone: _____

Parent’s signature: _____