



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) SCIENCE COMPETITION 2019

Dear Parent

Your son/daughter is invited to participate in the ICAS Science Competition to be held on **Thursday 5th September, 2019.**

The ICAS has made some changes to the science competition this year. It has been moved from June to September and is now an online test. The entry fee has also increased considerably.

The entry fee for this competition is \$14.50 per student. Please accept the invitation and pay entry fee online through Parent Lounge Portal by Friday 9th August 2019.

This ICAS competition is an initiative of the Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) of the University of New South Wales. ICAS competitions form the largest independent assessment program for schools in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, India, South Africa, Hong Kong, China and the Pacific region. Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. The test provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides schools and teachers with comprehensive reporting of results and also gives parents helpful information regarding their child's performance in Science.

Students receive a Certificate and an individual Student Results Letter indicating which questions they answered correctly, as well as the average mark for their state. The Student Results Letter is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses. The documents are suitable for inclusion in a portfolio.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows: High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants in each year level in the state; Distinction to the next 10% of entrants in each year level in the state; Credit to the next 20% of entrants in each year level in the state; Achievement to students who were placed within the top 20% of the year group in their school, but who have not qualified for a higher certificate; Participation to all other participating students. Medals are awarded to the top student(s) in each year level in each state.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Debbie Bishop

Science Competition Coordinator