

21 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling 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.

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.

Learn more about ICAS here: unsw.global/ICAS

2020 Participation

In 2020 students have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:

Subject	Sitting date
ICAS Science	Monday 17 th August at 8am in the school library
ICAS Digital Technologies	Monday 24 th August at 8am in the school library
ICAS English	Wednesday 26 th August at 8am in the school library
ICAS Mathematics	Monday 31 st August at 8am in the school library
ICAS Spelling Bee	Wednesday 2 nd September at 8am in the school library

Cost per test: \$15.95 including GST

Payment Instructions

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed on the previous page, 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: <http://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Our school's unique access code is: **VZE515**

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.

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.

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,

Kym Ferrario
ICAS Coordinator

Nicole Gilmore
Principal

ICAS Assessments 2020 Permission Form

Please return this form to the office no later than MONDAY 17 JULY 2020

I give permission for my child _____ in _____ (class) to participate in the 2020 ICAS Assessments listed below. I have made a direct payment to UNSW Global via the online parent payment system.

Subject	School Year	Official Sitting Dates	Participation Price	Please tick if participating in ICAS Assessment
Science	2-6	Monday 17 August	\$15.95	
Digital Technologies	3-6	Monday 24 August	\$15.95	
English	2-6	Wednesday 26 August	\$15.95	
Mathematics	2-6	Monday 31 August	\$15.95	
Spelling Bee	2-6	Wednesday 2 September	\$15.95	

Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian