



Educational Assessment Australia

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2012 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Dear Parent

Welcome to the 2012 international Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). For over 30 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2012.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

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 tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

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.

A UNSW medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each state in each subject is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. These medals are presented at either a UNSW Medal Ceremony or at a school assembly. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible for a UNSW medal.

The entry fee per student is as follows:

- Computer Skills – 22 May 2012 (\$7.00) (IST & Digital Media Students exempt) (Years 7-10 only)
- Science – 6 June 2012 (\$7.00)
- Spelling – 19 June 2012 (\$10.00) (Year 7 only)
- Writing – 18 June 2012 to 22 June 2012 (\$15.00)
- English – 31 July 2012 (\$7.00)
- Mathematics – 14 August 2012 (\$7.00)

Please return the permission slip and entry fee by: **24 April 2012**

For more information please contact Macksville High School and speak with Kelli Dykes, Head Teacher English or Lynette Howle, Community Engagement Officer on 0265681066 or lynette.howle@det.nsw.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

Kelli Dykes
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Macksville High School



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Please return **THIS** section to your child's school by **24 April 2012**.

I give permission for my child _____ of _____
Child's name *Class*

to participate in the following 2012 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

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Please find enclosed _____ entry fee.
Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian