

7 June 2023

Dear Parents and Parent Liaisons,

RE: ICAS Competitions for Primary Students

This year Alphington Grammar Primary students have an opportunity to participate in a number of National Competitions.

These are not a compulsory test, but it is a suggested experience for those students in Years 2-6 who are particularly able in the subject areas.

Parents are urged to have realistic expectations and understand the nature of this competition.

These assessments are purposely designed to be challenging so that students can be ranked against each other.

It is much more difficult than any NAPLAN test and is aimed well above the normal expected achievement level for each year group. Feedback about which questions students answered correctly or incorrectly is provided by the competition organisers.

Some students who perform at a satisfactory level (or below) in the school setting find their results disappointing when compared with highly able peers across the rest of Australia. Nonetheless most students are resilient in this regard and can recognise the wide ranging and challenging nature of the test.

If you have any doubts about whether your child should participate, please seek guidance from your child's teacher.

If you would like your child to participate in the assessment, please fill out the form below and return it to school no later than **Friday 23 June** so your child can be registered.

No students will be able to be registered after this date.

Yours Sincerely,



Dianne Downey

Primary STEM/ASPIRE Coordinator

Competitions 2023 REPLY

Student name: _____ Class: _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the following tests:

2023 ICAS English Assessment week beginning 14 August Years 2-6

2023 ICAS Science Competition, week beginning 21 August Years 2-6

2023 ICAS Maths Competition, week beginning 28 August Years 2-6

I acknowledge that this assessment is designed to be challenging and that sections of the test are aimed well above the normal expected achievement level for my child.

Signed _____ Date: _____

This slip must be returned to class teacher by **Friday 23 June** (End of Term 2)