

5 June 2024

Dear Parents and Parent Liaisons,

RE: Primary ICAS online Academic Competition

This year Alphington Grammar Primary students have an opportunity to participate in ICAS online academic competition. The ICAS gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics and Science.

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online result report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

To learn more about this year's exciting ICAS competition. [Click here](#)
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.

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices. [Click here](#)
2. Read the Privacy Collection Statement below.
4. Read the terms and conditions. [Click here](#)
5. Go to the Parent Portal to sign up to chosen subject areas. [Click here](#)
Enter our school's access code -KOK502
6. Enter your child's details, select the subject areas your child would like to participate in, then proceed to payment.

Please note that the ICAS subject areas shown for selection are at the school's discretion.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records. **Order must be received by Monday 29 July.**

ICAS results and certificates.

All assessments will be conducted online, **at school in August** and we will notify you when your child's ICAS results are ready. Your child's ICAS certificates will be delivered to school. Once we have received them, we will present them to your child to bring home. The back of the certificate will show your child's ICAS results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin". - Use these to enter the **Results Portal** orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent.

Privacy collection statement

The following information is a privacy notification about how your child's data is kept private and secure.

ICAS Assessment is owned by Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (**We, Us, Our**).

To deliver assessment products, Janison will require your child's School to obtain your consent to provide Janison with certain personal information of students. Janison will collect, store, use, disclose and otherwise deal with such personal information in accordance with its privacy policy (below). We are aware of our responsibility to protect personal information related to children and students from being disclosed when we deliver an ICAS Assessments product. Unless you, as the child's legal guardian consents, we **will not**:

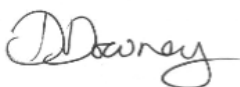
- collect any personal information or data of children other than the information we need for the successful completion of an assessment, test, or exam.
- transfer any personal information we obtain from a child in the delivery of assessments and tests to any jurisdiction outside of Australia.
- share any personal information relating to children with any third parties (except for those third parties necessary for us to carry out our Services or provide our Products e.g., medal engraving).
- use any personal information or data relating to children for marketing purposes.

You can view our full privacy policy. [Click here](#)

We may retain personal information and data relevant to a child for their future purposes or for research purposes by Janison for the duration of the school life cycle of the child. However, if you or your child at any time wish to have their personal information or data removed from our systems, they or you may opt out by simply contacting our Privacy Officer at privacy@janison.com or by contacting icasassessments@janison.com

We are excited to be offering ICAS to our students this year and look forward to celebrating their achievements. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



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