



## **2020 UNSW ICAS Assessments**

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to inform you that St Thomas More's 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, Writing, 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](https://unsw.global/ICAS)

In 2020 our students from Year's 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:

Subject	Sitting dates
ICAS Science	Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2020
ICAS Writing (Year 3 & Year 4 will still be paper tests)	Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August 2020
ICAS Digital Technologies	Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020
ICAS English	Monday 24 August to Friday 28 August 2020
ICAS Mathematics	Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020
ICAS Spelling Bee	Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September 2020

Cost per test: \$15.95 including GST

These assessments will take place at school during the week listed above.

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

Our school's unique access code is: **OJJ265**

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,

Aaron Wells

Assistant Principal: Administration