

Dear **[Parents/Guardians]**,

We are delighted to inform you that Beacon Hill 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 and Mathematics. This year students from Year 2 to 6 can enter.

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 online assessments. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results.

Learn more about ICAS here: unsw.global/ICAS

(*Writing not available in 2020.)

2020 Participation.

1. *Online parent payment:*

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

Subject	Sitting date
ICAS English	Friday 28 August 2020
ICAS Mathematics	Tuesday 1 September 2020

Cost per test: \$15.95 including GST

[These assessments will take place before school at 08.00am].

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: **MYJ543**
Online parent payment closes Sunday, **2 August 2020**.

IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate.

Privacy Collection Statement

To analyse your child's progress effectively, our school conducts an ongoing assessment program. The assessment we are using is a product of our partner, UNSW Global Pty Limited (UNSW Global). In order to deliver the assessment, **Beacon Hill Public School** and UNSW Global (through our school) collect your child's personal information (e.g. name, year level and school results) when you enrol your child to sit an assessment in the program. UNSW Global also stores, uses and modifies the personal information in order to generate reports, conduct research and analysis, and improve its products and services. UNSW Global may share your child's personal information with its subsidiary companies and subcontractors located overseas so it can provide the assessment products and services to our school. Most of these overseas recipients are located in the Asia-Pacific region. As the parent or guardian of a student who intends to sit an assessment, by enrolling your child into the assessment, you consent to our school and UNSW Global collecting and using your child's personal information for the purposes outlined above. This includes the disclosure of your child's personal information outside Australia consistent with the UNSW Global Privacy Policy at <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/our-company/policies/>. By consenting, you acknowledge that UNSW Global is not required to ensure that overseas recipients handle your child's personal information in accordance with Australian privacy laws. However, where practical in the circumstances, UNSW will take reasonable steps to ensure overseas recipients use and disclose personal information in accordance with the UNSW Global Privacy Policy. If you do not provide your child's personal information to us or UNSW Global, we may not be able to deliver the assessment to your child. We and UNSW Global will deal with your child's personal information in accordance with privacy laws. If you wish to access or correct your child's personal information or to make a complaint about how we have handled your child's personal information, please contact the school on **0294516328** or UNSW Global Privacy Officer at legalandcompliance@unswglobal.unsw.edu.au or by writing to Legal and Compliance Team, UNSW Global Pty Ltd, 12-22 Rothschild Avenue ROSEBERY NSW 2018.

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,

Mr. Cam Matthewson

Year 6 Teacher – Beacon Hill Public School