

OPTIONAL COMPETITION

15 July 2021

Dear Parents

This email is to inform you that St Joseph's students have the option of participating in the 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 various subjects. These assessments are a competition level of assessment, available to students of high ability in Years 2-6.

Every student who participates 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.

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. The assessments can be challenging, going beyond the expected year level, unlike NAPLAN assessments.

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.

You can learn more about ICAS **here**: <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>

2021 Participation

In 2021 at St Joseph's students have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:

Subject	Sitting date
ICAS English	Monday 16 Aug - Fri 20 Aug
ICAS Mathematics	Monday 30 Aug - Fri 3 Sept

Cost per test: \$17.05 including GST

These assessments will take place during the day **or before school at 8.30am**. We shall notify students exactly when before the sitting dates.

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.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Our school's unique access code is: **UEZ201**

Online parent payment closes **Sunday, 25 July 2021**. **Late entries will not be accepted.**



IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate. Students must sit the assessments designed for their school year level.

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, Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (Janison). In order to deliver the assessment, St Joseph's Narrabeen and Janison (through our school) collect your child's personal information, such as their name, date of birth, year level and school results when you register your child to sit an assessment in the program. You must ensure that this information is accurate and current. Janison also stores, uses and modifies the personal information in order to generate reports, conduct research and analysis, and improve its products and services. Janison may disclose that information to third parties that help us deliver our services (including information technology suppliers, communication suppliers and our business partners) or as required by law. We may also disclose your personal information to recipients that are located outside of Australia.

As the parent or guardian of a student who intends to sit an assessment, by registering your child into the assessment, you consent to our school and Janison 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 Janison's Privacy Policy www.janison.com/privacy-policy. Where practical in the circumstances, Janison will take reasonable steps to ensure overseas recipients use and disclose personal information in accordance with the Janison Privacy Policy.

If you do not provide your child's personal information to us or Janison, we may not be able to deliver the assessment to your child.

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 sn@dbb.catholic.edu.au or Janison's Privacy Officer at privacy@janison.com or by writing to Legal and Compliance Team, Janison Solutions Pty Ltd, c/o Automic Group Pty Ltd, level 5/126 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

Kind regards

Brenda Paul
Assistant Principal





**ICAS Assessments™
2021 Permission Form**

Please return this form to your school no later than Friday 23rd July 2021

I give permission for my child(full name) in
.....(year) to participate in the 2021 ICAS Assessments listed below.

Subject Official	School Year	Sitting Dates	Entry Fee \$17.05 - Paid online
English		Mon 16 to Fri 20 Aug	
Mathematics		Mon 30 to Fri 3 Sept	

Your child's registration is not valid until paid online.

Payment deadline Sunday 25 July 2021

Unfortunately, no late entries can be accepted.

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Name of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date

