

## ICAS Entry 2020

Wednesday 21 July 2020

Dear Parents/Caregiver

Each year, Halswell School offers Years 4-8 students the chance to participate in the University of New South Wales' International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) programme. These exams have been conducted for over 35 years and provide students with the chance to challenge themselves and monitor their achievement in a range of subjects. The assessments have been designed to recognise academic excellence. Students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. While the tests are administered by the school, they are independent of the school programme.

The system and timings changed in 2019, with almost all exams now being online instead of paper based and the testing all completed within a couple of weeks. Children in Years 4-8 are able to take part with the charge for each test being \$16. All payments will need to be made at the time of registration.

Subject	Sitting Dates
ICAS Writing	Not available in 2020
ICAS Science	Thursday 20 August 2020
ICAS Digital Technologies	Monday 24 August 2020
ICAS English	Thursday 27 August 2020
ICAS Mathematics	Monday 31 August 2020
ICAS Spelling Bee	Tuesday 1 September 2020

Should you wish your child to participate in any of the above assessments, please fill out the slip below and return it to the **school office with payment by Wednesday 29 July.** **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE ACCEPTED.** Hard copies of this form can be picked up from the Office.

If you would like to give your child a chance to 'practice' these tests, ICAS past papers can be purchased online at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/shop](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/shop). There are also limited copies available at school (please see me). If you have any questions, you can visit the ICAS website ([www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)) and are welcome to contact me ([rob.naysmith@halswell.school.nz](mailto:rob.naysmith@halswell.school.nz))

Yours sincerely, Rob Naysmith

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I would like \_\_\_\_\_ from T group: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr: \_\_\_\_\_

to sit the following ICAS assessments:

*Please tick the appropriate test:*

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Technologies..... \$16.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing ..... \$N/A      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science ..... \$16.00             | <input type="checkbox"/> English ..... \$16.00    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spelling..... \$16.00             | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics .....\$16.00 |

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please note that this entry slip and payment need to be returned by Wednesday 29 July. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.***

### **Payment Information**

*Parents/caregivers – please fill out your child's name, T group and Payment amount on both sides of the receipt and return to the school office by Wednesday 29 July.*

Halswell School Receipt (school copy)

Received: \$

Cash/Eftpos/Internet Banking

Name:.....

Teacher Group:..... For: ICAS Entry

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Date:

Signed:

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