

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to inform you that Thomas Mitchell Primary School will be participating in ICAS Assessments again 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, 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.

The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. If you are unsure whether your child should participate in the ICAS Assessments, please contact your child's classroom teacher by phoning the office or emailing the school.

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](https://unsw.global/ICAS)

## 2020 Participation

**In 2020 students in years 2–6 have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:**

**\*\**(please note Digital Technologies is only available for students in years 3-6)*\*\***

Subject	TMPS Sitting dates
ICAS Science (Years 2-6)	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> August
ICAS Digital Technologies (Years 3-6)	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> August
ICAS English (Years 2-6)	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August
ICAS Mathematics (Years 2-6)	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August
ICAS Spelling Bee (Years 2-6)	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
<b>ICAS WRITING</b>	<b>WITHDRAWN FOR 2020 DUE TO COVID-19</b>

Cost per test: \$15.95 including GST

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. **Please be aware that we will not be accepting any payments via the Thomas Mitchell Office.**

The web link is: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

Our school's unique access code is: EVG020

Online parent payment closes Sunday, **26 July 2020**.

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

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mark Reid & Joe Rasasane  
ICAS Co-ordinators