



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Macgregor Primary School will be offering students the opportunity to participate in ICAS assessments this year. ICAS is a comprehensive skills-based assessment program that assesses the higher order thinking and problem-solving skills of students. ICAS is a product of our partner UNSW Global Pty Limited.

## **HOW ICAS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER ASSESSMENTS YOUR CHILD WILL TAKE:**

1. ICAS can help us discover student talents and student weaknesses that don't always get picked up by the curriculum testing framework.
2. ICAS will not add extra workload to any student's study or homework regime because ICAS is an assessment they can't study for. It evaluates thinking and problem-solving ability, not memory.
3. ICAS's diagnostic reports will give all of us (teachers and parents) far more insight into your child's strengths and weaknesses. At school, we can act on that by tailoring our teaching and learning programs; at home, you will know where to direct more encouragement.
4. ICAS will also give us an external benchmark we can rely on to ensure our school is keeping pace with national and international standards—ICAS is the most comprehensive international assessment program, with schools in over 20 countries participating in ICAS every year.

## **HOW TO PARTICIPATE AND PRIVACY NOTIFICATION:**

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the permission slip and return it, with payment to the school no later than **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018**. In order to analyse student results over time, we and UNSW Global collect and use data such as student names, year levels, student results, school results and contact details of school staff (ICAS Data). By permitting your child to sit ICAS, you consent to our and UNSW Global's use of the ICAS Data in the manner outlined below.

Kind regards

Michelle Sochacki  
ICAS Co-ordinator

***\*Privacy notification:** UNSW Global stores, uses and modifies the ICAS Data in order to generate reports, conduct research and analysis, and improve its products and services. UNSW Global will not hold or use ICAS Data that constitutes personal information for longer than 15 years. As the parent or guardian of a student who intends to sit ICAS, you consent to the school collecting the ICAS 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.*

## 2018 ICAS Permission Form

Please return this form with your payment, to your school no later than Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Child's name* *Class*

to participate in the following 2018 ICAS assessments.

Please select the subjects you would like your child to participate in:

Subject/Paper	School Year	Official Sitting Date	Participation Fee (incl. GST)	Fee Enclosed
Digital Technologies		8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	\$9.90	
Science		29 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	\$9.90	
Writing		14 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	\$19.80	
Spelling		13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	\$13.20	
English		31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	\$9.90	
Mathematics		14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	\$9.90	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	

Students must sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals.

Name of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Payments for the ICAS can be made via the following ways:

- Quickweb (preferred method) – go to [www.macgregorps.act.edu.au](http://www.macgregorps.act.edu.au) – via secure payment tab
- I have enclosed cash/cheque of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Deposited the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ via Internet banking into **BSB: 032777 A/C: 001578** (please put your child's name & what the payment is for as your reference)
- Please deduct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from:  Mastercard  Visa  
 Card No: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Card Holder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_