



# Colonel Light Gardens Primary School

## 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear families,

Colonel Light Gardens Primary school is offering students in Years 3 to 7 an opportunity to participate in the ***International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)***.

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in 20 countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

### ICAS:

- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2-12; assessments are available in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students in each subject in each school year in each state when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official test date
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  1. **High Distinction** to the top 1% of students
  2. **Distinction** to the next 10% of students
  3. **Credit** to the next 25% of students
  4. **Merit** to the next 10% of students
  5. **Participation** to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form  
overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to school by

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

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Please return *THIS* page to the front office along with your payment OR pay online through BIZgate by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

To pay with Bizgate, go to the school website [www.colgrdnspss.sa.edu.au](http://www.colgrdnspss.sa.edu.au) and select "Parent information". Choose, "Online Payments" Choose "Pay your school invoice online now!". In the student's ED ID box, type 999999999s (9 9s followed by an s). Halfway down the screen under "item/description" type ICAS competition and then put the amount. In "other comments" type your child's name and the names of the test(s) you wish your child to take. If paying by Bizgate, you **STILL NEED TO RETURN THE SLIP BELOW**.

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I give permission for my child

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
*Child's name* *Room no.* *Year level*

to participate in the following 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

- Science – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 (\$8.80 inc GST)
- English – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 (\$8.80 inc GST)
- Mathematics – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 (\$8.80 inc GST)
- All three competitions (\$26.40)

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