

HUAPAI DISTRICT SCHOOL



Dear parents/guardians,

Every year, students from Year 3 up have the opportunity to complete ICAS exams. Please read the information below and complete the permission form if you wish your child/ren to take part.

Learning is lifelong. However, now is the time your child most needs you to help them learn, grow and reach their full potential, and ICAS can help you do this.

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives you broad insights into your child's performance across English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

When your child takes part in ICAS assessments, we can track their learning as they progress from year to year. It also helps us identify potentially gifted students and those who may need more focused and purposeful teaching to achieve their best.

Each student receives:

- an engaging and challenging full-colour test booklet
- an individual diagnostic report highlighting strengths and weaknesses and year to year progression
- login details to access their online results which can be analysed and downloaded
- a High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation Certificate acknowledging their level of achievement
- the chance to receive an individually-engraved UNSW medal for the highest scoring student in each year level for each subject.

To learn more about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about Remember, EAA has some very helpful tools to help your child prepare. You can access practice assessments at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation

If you would like your child to take part in the ICAS exams, please go to the HDS School Shop (which can be accessed through the Kindo tab on our website), to choose the ICAS exam/s, and make payment.

Note: the ICAS Digital Technologies exam and Writing exam are not available for Year 3 students.

Kind regards,

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