



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to inform you that Nareena Hills Public School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments™ this year.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition and development. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment, that has been running for 40 years. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

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: <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>

Parent Payment System

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS) for English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies. Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school. Please use the following details to register your child and order tests no later than **Sunday 31 July, 2022**. Also, complete and return the accompanying permission slip to school no later than Monday 1 August, 2022.

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Code: **MXP472**

A timetable regarding exactly when each assessment will take place will be posted on SkoolBag in the week before the assessments.

Privacy Collection Statement

To analyse your child's progress effectively, our school conducts an ongoing assessment program. The assessment we are using is a product of Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (**Janison**). In order to deliver the assessment Nareena Hills Public School and Janison (through our school) collect your child's personal information, such as their name, date of birth, year level and school results when you register your child to sit an assessment in the program. You must ensure that this information is accurate and current.

Janison does not:

- Collect any personal information or data of children other than as required for the purposes of completion of the exam;
- Transfer any personal information or data obtained during the delivery of the ICAS exam out of Australia;
- Share any personal information or data relating to children or students with any third parties;
- Retain any personal information or data acquired during the delivery of the ICAS exam and all such information or data is deleted from all Janison systems immediately upon completion of Janison's contractual reporting to the school.

As the parent or guardian of a student who intends to sit an assessment, by registering your child into the assessment, you consent to our school and Janison collecting and using your child's personal information for the purposes outlined above.

If you do not provide your child's personal information to us or Janison, we may not be able to deliver the assessment to your child. If you wish to access or correct your child's personal information or to make a complaint about how we have handled your child's personal information, please contact Janison's Privacy Officer at privacy@janison.com or by writing to Legal and Compliance Team, Janison Solutions Pty Ltd, 80 Bay Street, Ultimo, Sydney NSW 2007.

We are proud to offer the ICAS Assessments, and look forward to some fantastic results later in the year.

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

Kind regards,
Andrew Donnan
ICAS Coordinator