School to parents communications template:

Information pack from school to parents/guardians about ICAS

This document contains two templates to use when communicating with parents about your school sitting ICAS.

Go to the preferred template, then copy and paste the text into your preferred communication channel to send to parents.

**Please Note**: The Privacy Collection Statement **MUST** be sent to your students’ parent/ guardian if they are sitting ICAS.

Template 1: For schools using the Parent Payment System (PPS)

Note: If your school chooses to use the Parent Payment System (PPS), distribute this letter to your parent community AFTER signing-up to the PPS.

Template 2: For schools purchasing ICAS on behalf of the students and parents.

Key to understanding the templates.

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| [blue text in brackets]   | Customisable text to suit your school   |
| Black text  | Copy this text into your communication letter/email to parents.     |
| **Purple and underlined text**  | This text, when clicked, will direct the reader to a page on the ICAS website or shop. The URL of this page is also next to the text in case you wish to give parents and guardians the whole URL.    When copying and pasting into a document that will be distributed:  * in hard copy, we suggest showing the URL in full.
* electronically, please check to see if the existing hyperlink copies over to your document and, when clicked, opens the hyperlink in your internet browser.
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**Template 1 – For schools using the Parent Payment System (PPS) – PLEASE REMOVE THIS TEXT**

Dear [Parents/Guardians],

Within our school community there are students who shine brightly, displaying exemplary dedication and academic talent. They deserve to be recognised and this year we are giving them the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their talents in the world-renowned ICAS competition.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

ICAS results are in-depth and meaningful, and ICAS evaluates student performance against other competition entrants across the state and nation. The data reveals student strengths and weaknesses and can help you recognise and support your child's academic journey.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://janison.sharepoint.com/sites/FileShare-Marketing/Documents/01.%20ICAS%20Assessments/Collateral%20and%20creative/icasassessments.com/products-icas): ([icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/)).

ICAS results and certificate
Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

Your child’s ICAS certificates will show their results and the login details, “TAP ID and Pin”. - Use these to enter the [**Results Portal**](https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiSchool) (<https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent>).

How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please go to the Parent Portal to sign up to your chosen subject areas using the link and code below.

Registration for all subject areas closes on **Monday 29 July at 11:59pm.**

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| **Sign up here** | [shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps) |
| **Access code**  | [insert your school’s access code]   |

This year, our students can elect to sit the following assessments:

**Use below for Australia – PLEASE REMOVE THIS TEXT and NZ table below**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Subject** | **Sitting Date** | **Cost (AU$)** |
| Digital Technologies | 5-9 Aug | $19.95 |
| Writing  | 5-9 Aug | $23.95 |
| English | 12-16 Aug | $19.95 |
| Science | 19-23 Aug | $19.95 |
| Spelling Bee | 19-23 Aug | $19.95 |
| Mathematics | 26-30Aug | $19.95 |

**Use below for New Zealand – PLEASE REMOVE THIS TEXT and Australia table above**

|  |  |  |
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| **Subject** | **Sitting Date** | **Cost (NZ$)** |
| Digital Technologies | 5-9 Aug | $21.50 |
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Read the terms and conditions [**here**](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023_ICAS_Assessments_Parents_PPS_TsCs_P2023V02-1.pdf): ([icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs\_S2023.V6-1.pdf](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf)).

Privacy collection statement  The following information is aprivacy notification about how your child’s data is kept private and secure.

*ICAS Assessment is owned by Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (****We, Us, Our****).

To deliver assessment products, Janison will require your child’s School to obtain your consent to provide Janison with certain personal information of students. Janison will collect, store, use, disclose and otherwise deal with such personal information in accordance with its privacy policy (below). We are aware of our responsibility to protect personal information related to children and students from being disclosed when we deliver an ICAS Assessments product. Unless you, as the child’s legal guardian consents, we* ***will not****:*

* *collect any personal information or data of children other than the information we need for the successful completion of an assessment, test, or exam.*
* *transfer any personal information we obtain from a child in the delivery of assessments and tests to any jurisdiction outside of Australia.*
* *share any personal information relating to children with any third parties (except for those third parties necessary for us to carry out our Services or provide our Products e.g., medal engraving).*
* *use any personal information or data relating to children for marketing purposes.*

*You can view our full privacy policy at https://www.janison.com/privacy-policy/.*

*We may retain personal information and data relevant to a child for their future purposes or for research purposes by Janison for the duration of the school life cycle of the child. However, if you or your child at any time wish to have their personal information or data removed from our systems, they or you may opt out by simply contacting our Privacy Officer at privacy@janison.com or by contacting icasassessments@janison.com.*

We are proud to be offering ICAS to our students this year and encourage you to consider entering your child. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

[Insert appropriate sign-off]

**Template 2 – For schools purchasing ICAS on behalf of the students and parents – PLEASE REMOVE THIS TEXT**

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If you wish to have your child participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. Read about ICAS subjects [**here**](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas) ([icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/))
2. Decide subject areas your child would like to participate in.
3. Read the Privacy Collection Statement below.
4. Buying Past Papers? Read the Terms and Conditions [**here**](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023_ICAS_Assessments_Parents_PPS_TsCs_P2023V02-1.pdf) (<https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf>)
5. Sign and return the Permission Slip with the required fee included in an envelope marked with your child’s first name, last name, and class.

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We are excited to be offering ICAS to our students this year and look forward to celebrating their achievements.

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

Kind regards,

[Insert appropriate sign-off]

**Parent Permission Slip next page**

**Permission Slip – please return to**[staff member/location in the school] **by** [DD/MM/YY].

I give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in ICAS.

*Please tick:*

       I have read and agree to the ICAS Assessments [**terms and conditions**](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023_ICAS_Assessments_Parents_PPS_TsCs_P2023V02-1.pdf) [(https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs\_S2023.V6-1.pdf](file:///C%3A/Users/BHalbert/Downloads/%28https%3A/www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf))

      I have enclosed the correct amount to pay for the tests. (Prices can be found [**here**](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas)**:** (<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/pricing/>)

*Tick the boxes of ICAS subject/s that you are paying for:*

Writing

Digital Technologies

English

Mathematics

Spelling Bee

Science

Signed (Parent signature) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent name (*please print*) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_