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ICAS Testing

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Arthur Phillip High School has a culture of high expectations and as part of our Gifted and Talented policy we offer students in Stage 4 AND 5 (Years 7-10) an opportunity to sit the prestigious ICAS tests offered by UNSW.

ICAS Assessments are designed to recognise academic excellence, students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts using higher order thinking and problem solving skills. They are online tests.

Whilst we encourage students to take part, it is important to note that these competitions are designed for students who have demonstrated a talent in these areas. The standards of the tests are well above the basic expectations for the grade level and have no connection with the NAPLAN levels required at the secondary stage.

Some of the benefits:

- Provide objective ranking of performance
- Encourage students to attain greater academic success
- Require students to think beyond the classroom
- Recognise student success through medals and certificates

Entry into competitions is optional and is open to any student in Stages 4/5 (Yrs 7-10). The tests will be conducted and supervised at school during school hours on each of the competition days. Tests will be conducted online during the days below. Students not at school to complete the test during the designated week will unfortunately not be able to sit the test.

The dates and cost for the competition are as follows:

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| • English | Monday 14th - 18th August \$19.95 |
| • Mathematics | Monday 28th August - 1st September \$19.95 |
| • Science | Monday 21st - 25th August \$19.95 |
| • Digital Technologies | Monday 7th - 11th August \$19.95 |

If you would like your child to enter any of these competitions, please complete payment online through the link below. This link will be open until **Monday 31st July 2023**. We will not be accepting payments through the school.

Link to online payment: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>
School access code: **WHC104**

If you have any queries or concerns please contact Ms Ajetroa (geeta.ajetroa@det.nsw.edu.au) or Ms Tatsis (maria.tatsis@det.nsw.edu.au) on 88518100.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Macleod
Ms Linda Macleod
Principal

Respect

Success

Responsibility