

4th July 2019

## Dear Parents/Guardians

This year all students in Grades 3-10 at St Aloysius Catholic College have the opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to computer-based assessment. This will allow for greater accessibility and faster delivery of results.

ICAS takes place each year throughout Australia and the Pacific nations. ICAS is an initiative of Educational Assessment Australia (EAA). It is a not for profit organisation owned by the University of NSW (UNSW). ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. This year we will be participating in the English, Mathematics and Science assessments.

Students receive a certificate and an online result report. UNSW certificates are awarded for each year level in each state/region as follows:

High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants Distinction to the next 10% of entrants Credit to the next 20% of entrants Participation to all other entrants.

For more information, or to download sample questions to help your child prepare for ICAS, please visit the website www.eaa/unsw.edu.au/practice-online

## **Permission & Payment**

Please return the permission slip in an envelope marked with your child's name and class to Kingston or Huntingfield Office by Wednesday 31st July. Payment can be by cash (please include in the envelope) or through the new parent payment system. To pay online please visit unsw.global/parentpay and enter the school code 7ded4617c2 to make a direct payment to UNSW Global Online. Payment will close Wednesday 31st July.

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