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NSW Tops Australia's ICAS Medal Tally

NSW has scored more medals than any other Australian State or Territory in one of the largest global academic competitions for school students.

ICAS competition is a school-based competition that students from Australia and international schools sit annually across six subject areas – English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling Bee, Writing and Digital Technologies. Owned and operated by Australian EdTech, Janison, the prestigious competition is administered in thousands of schools across the globe. Despite COVID's impact on school education, hundreds-of-thousands of tests were completed in 2020.

State by State the medal tally was: NSW-168, QLD-123, SA-94, VIC-91, WA-85, TAS-55, NT-9 and ACT-8.

"I congratulate the State's 168 students who received ICAS medals placing them in the top 0.3% of the 2020 world cohort. This is designed to be a very challenging competition and Australian students have excelled," said Amy Barouch, Group Executive – ICAS Assessments at Janison.

"ICAS goes beyond the classroom curriculum and focuses on deep subject knowledge and higher order skills such as critical thinking and problem solving. For academic students, the competition represents challenge and an opportunity to stretch, and for others it is about the fun and resilience of seeing how far you can go.

"Australian students performed remarkably well, demonstrating their resilience amidst a pandemic and also how well placed our students are in terms of global competencies."

Highlights of the NSW medal tally were:

- The school with the most medals in NSW was James Ruse Agricultural High School which won 13 medals.
- Other top scoring schools were The King's School (8) and Normanhurst Boys High School (5).
- At the North Shore Coaching College (NSW) which operated as a testing centre for students from nearby schools, 27 students won medals – including one Year 5 student who won medals in both English and Mathematics.
- The following schools had double medal winning students:
 - + Chatswood High School – A Year 8 student won medals in both Science and Digital Technologies. Another Year 8 student also won a medal in Science.
 - + Crown Street Public School – a Year 4 student won a medal in both Mathematics and Digital Technologies.
 - + Rowena Public School – a Year 2 student won medals in both Mathematics and Spelling.
 - + The King's School – a Year 9 student won medals in both Mathematics and Science.



In Australia and New Zealand, students will be honoured in an online medal celebration video available here: www.facebook.com/ICASAssessments

Janison’s CEO, David Caspari said it has been 40 years since the University of NSW first introduced ICAS testing, but it was the transition to the digital environment over the last few years which super-charged the educational value of participation.

“Digital assessments are more interactive and dynamic than the paper-based exams, so increase student engagement and give teachers deeper and faster insights into individual students – allowing them to adjust teaching and learning methods for even stronger outcomes,” said Mr Caspari.

“It is a tribute to the quality and capacity of our learning platform that in 2020 we were able to extend the windows for testing based on pandemic lockdowns in particular areas, and yet there was not a single significant technology hiccup or disadvantage for even the remotest school due to internet connections. Our commitment to equity and accessibility for all has been well-served.

“Janison Education Group is a global force for good seeking to change the world through digital educational assessments such as Check-In, REACH, VALID and the OECD’s PISA for Schools test. Our team of educators, technologists and change agents are passionate about empowering teachers and students to achieve better outcomes.

“We are an Australian success story, now thriving on the global stage by delivering more than 10-million best-in-class assessments annually in 120 countries. From the spare room of a teacher’s house in regional NSW, Janison is now a trusted edtech partner of the OECD, governments and private educators,” said Mr Caspari.

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NSW Schools: ICAS Medal Winners

SCHOOL	English	Mathematics	Science	Spelling Bee	Digital Technologies	Total
ABBOTSLEIGH JUNIOR SCHOOL	YEAR 6	YEAR 3				2
ARANDA PRIMARY SCHOOL			YEAR 6			1
BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL		YEAR 6				1
BERKELEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL			YEAR 2			1
BEVERLY HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL				YEAR 5		1
BLACKTOWN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL				YEAR 7		1
BRINDABELLA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE		YEAR 10				1
BROUGHTON ANGLICAN COLLEGE (SECONDARY SCHOOL)	YEAR 10					1
CAMPISIE PUBLIC SCHOOL	YEAR 6		YEAR 2			2



CARINGBAH HIGH SCHOOL			YEAR 7			1
CARLINGFORD WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL		YEAR 3 YEAR 3	YEAR 3			3
CENTRAL COAST GRAMMAR SCHOOL				YEAR 5		1
CHATSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL			YEAR 8 YEAR 8		YEAR 8	3
CHATSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL	YEAR 2	YEAR 6 YEAR 5				3
COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL			YEAR 6		YEAR 9	2
CRANBROOK JUNIOR SCHOOL					YEAR 4	1
CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL	YEAR 10					1
CROWN STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL		YEAR 4			YEAR 4	2
CURL CURL NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL	YEAR 4					1
EARLWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL		YEAR 4				1
EASTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL		YEAR 4 YEAR 4				2
ELEEBANA PUBLIC SCHOOL			YEAR 3			1
ELIZABETH MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL	YEAR 8					1
EMANUEL SCHOOL			YEAR 3			1
FADDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL			YEAR 5			1
FORREST PRIMARY SCHOOL				YEAR 3		1
GOSFORD HIGH SCHOOL					YEAR 10	1
GREYSTANES PUBLIC SCHOOL		YEAR 6				1
GRIFFITH EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL			YEAR 2 YEAR 4			2
HASTINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL			YEAR 4			1
HOLSWORTHY PUBLIC SCHOOL		YEAR 6	YEAR 5			2
HOLY INNOCENTS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL			YEAR 2			1
HORNSBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL			YEAR 7 YEAR 9			2
HUNTER VALLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL					YEAR 6	1



INTERNATIONAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL					YEAR 4	1
JAMES RUSE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL	YEAR 7 YEAR 7 YEAR 9 YEAR 9 YEAR 9 YEAR 10		YEAR 7 YEAR 7 YEAR 7 YEAR 8 YEAR 9 YEAR 10			13
JEWELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 5					1
JOHN COLET SCHOOL					YEAR 3	1
KINCOPPAL-ROSE BAY SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART	YEAR 3					1
KINGS LANGLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL		YEAR 3				1
KNOX GRAMMAR PREPARATORY SCHOOL		YEAR 6			YEAR 6	2
LANE COVE PUBLIC SCHOOL			YEAR 3			1
LINDISFARNE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL	YEAR 2 YEAR 10					2
LTC TESTING CENTRE		YEAR 6	YEAR 2			2
LYNEHAM HIGH SCHOOL			YEAR 10			1
MACARTHUR ANGLICAN SCHOOL		YEAR 3				1
MELROSE PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL			YEAR 2			1
MEREWETHER HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL					YEAR 4	1
MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL		YEAR 10		YEAR 7		2
MERIDEN SCHOOL	YEAR 7 YEAR 7 YEAR 10					3
MOUNT COLAH PUBLIC SCHOOL				YEAR 3		1
NEW LAMBTON SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL	YEAR 6					1
NEWINGTON COLLEGE - WYVERN HOUSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL		YEAR 5				1
NORMANHURST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL			YEAR 7		YEAR 7 YEAR 8 YEAR 9 YEAR 9	5



NORTH SHORE COACHING COLLEGE - NSW	YEAR 2 YEAR 2 YEAR 2 YEAR 5	YEAR 3 YEAR 3 YEAR 3 YEAR 4 YEAR 5 YEAR 5 YEAR 5 YEAR 5 YEAR 6	YEAR 2 YEAR 2	YEAR 3 YEAR 3 YEAR 4 YEAR 4 YEAR 5 YEAR 5 YEAR 7 YEAR 7	YEAR 4	23
NORTHCROSS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL		YEAR 4		YEAR 5 YEAR 6		3
NORTHERN BEACHES SECONDARY COLLEGE MANLY CAMPUS	YEAR 8					1
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL					YEAR 4	1
PADSTOW HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL					YEAR 4	1
PARRAMATTA PUBLIC SCHOOL	YEAR 6	YEAR 2 YEAR 4 YEAR 4				4
PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' COLLEGE - SYDNEY			YEAR 7 YEAR 7 YEAR 8			3
PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' COLLEGE SYD JNR SCHOOL		YEAR 6				1
QUEENWOOD	YEAR 10					1
QUEENWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL			YEAR 6			1
RANDWICK PUBLIC SCHOOL	YEAR 6		YEAR 3 YEAR 5	YEAR 4		4
REDDAM HOUSE			YEAR 6			1
REDEEMER BAPTIST SCHOOL		YEAR 8				1
ROWENA PUBLIC SCHOOL		YEAR 2		YEAR 2		2
RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL		YEAR 6		YEAR 5		2
SCECGS REDLANDS			YEAR 7			1
SCEGGS DARLINGHURST	YEAR 10		YEAR 7			2
SCHOOL OF THE AIR BROKEN HILL			YEAR 3			
SHELLHARBOUR PUBLIC SCHOOL	YEAR 5					1
ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL				YEAR 5		1
ST CHARLES' PRIMARY SCHOOL					YEAR 5	1
ST PETER'S ANGLICAN PRIMARY SCHOOL					YEAR 5	1



ST THERESE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL			YEAR 4			1
STURT PUBLIC SCHOOL				YEAR 5		1
SUTHERLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL		YEAR 6				1
SYDNEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	YEAR 9		YEAR 7			2
SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL - EDGECLIFF PREPARATORY SCHOOL	YEAR 6	YEAR 5	YEAR 4			3
TARA ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS				YEAR 6		1
TELOPEA PARK SCHOOL	YEAR 9					1
THARAWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL					YEAR 3	1
THE HILLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL		YEAR 3				1
THE ILLAWARRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL		YEAR 3				1
THE KING'S SCHOOL	YEAR 7 YEAR 9	YEAR 7 YEAR 9 YEAR 10	YEAR 9			6
THE KING'S SCHOOL - PREPARATORY SCHOOL		YEAR 2				1
THOMAS HASSALL ANGLICAN COLLEGE			YEAR 5			1
TIGHERS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL				YEAR 5	YEAR 3	2
WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL		YEAR 7				1