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ICAS Medal Winners Honoured

New Zealand has won 133 medals 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.

"I congratulate those 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 medal recipients included:

- A total of 133 medals were won – awarded for students in the top 0.3% of the cohort worldwide.
- St Andrew's College Christchurch students won 11 medals making the school the highest scoring in the country.
- Other schools with high medal counts were:
 - + Bucklands Beach Intermediate and Wakaaranga School with 7 medals each.
 - + St Cuthbert's College (EPSOM) with 6 medals.
 - + Cashmere Avenue School, George Street Normal School, and St Kentigern College (Pakuranga) with 4 medals each.
- Wakaraanga School was the only school in NZ where a single student received four medals. The Year 4 student was a medal winner in English, Science, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.
- St Andrew's College (Christchurch) had the only triple medal winner in NZ. The Year 10 student won medals in Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies.
- The following schools had students who won double medals:



- + Whakatane High School – A Year 11 student received medals in both English and Science.
- + Auckland Normal Intermediate – A Year 8 student received medals in both Mathematics and Science.
- + St Cuthbert’s College (EPSOM) – A Year 6 student received 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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NZ Schools: ICAS Medal Winners

SCHOOL	English	Mathematics	Science	Spelling Bee	Digital Technologies	Total
ACG PARNELL COLLEGE			YEAR 10			1
ACG STRATHALLAN	YEAR 8					1
ALFRISTON SCHOOL			YEAR 4			1
ASHHURST SCHOOL			YEAR 6			1
AUCKLAND NORMAL INTERMEDIATE	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 8			3
BELMONT INTERMEDIATE	YEAR 8					1
BERKLEY NORMAL MIDDLE SCHOOL			YEAR 8			1



BETHLEHEM SCHOOL				YEAR 5		1
BOTANY DOWNS SECONDARY COLLEGE		YEAR 9				1
BROWNS BAY SCHOOL			YEAR 6			1
BUCKLANDS BEACH INTERMEDIATE	YEAR 8	YEAR 7 YEAR 7 YEAR 8 YEAR 8 YEAR 8			YEAR 8	7
BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL			YEAR 9			1
CASHMERE AVENUE SCHOOL			YEAR 3 YEAR 4 YEAR 5 YEAR 5			4
CHILTON SAINT JAMES SCHOOL			YEAR 5			1
CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH INTERMEDIATE				YEAR 7		1
COBHAM INTERMEDIATE				YEAR 8	YEAR 7	2
COCKLE BAY SCHOOL		YEAR 4				1
ELIM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE			YEAR 6			1
ELMWOOD NORMAL SCHOOL			YEAR 6			1
EPSOM NORMAL SCHOOL		YEAR 5				1
FARM COVE INTERMEDIATE					YEAR 7	1
GEORGE STREET NORMAL SCHOOL	YEAR 6	YEAR 5		YEAR 5	YEAR 4	4
GLENDOWIE SCHOOL	YEAR 8					1
HAVELOCK NORTH HIGH SCHOOL	YEAR 9					1
HILLVIEW CHRISTIAN SCHOOL			YEAR 5			1
HOBSONVILLE POINT PRIMARY SCHOOL		YEAR 3				1
HUKANUI SCHOOL			YEAR 3	YEAR 3		2
IONA COLLEGE			YEAR 8			1
JOHNSONVILLE SCHOOL	YEAR 4					1
KELSON SCHOOL			YEAR 4			1
KERIKERI PRIMARY SCHOOL				YEAR 3		1
LINCOLN PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 5					1



LOGAN PARK HIGH SCHOOL		YEAR 9			YEAR 11	2
LONG BAY COLLEGE					YEAR 10	1
LYNMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL		YEAR 3				1
MACLEANS PRIMARY SCHOOL					YEAR 5	1
MAKAREWA SCHOOL			YEAR 6			1
MATUA SCHOOL	YEAR 3			YEAR 3		2
MAUNGAWHAU SCHOOL				YEAR 5		1
MELLONS BAY SCHOOL		YEAR 5				1
MIDDLETON GRANGE SCHOOL (PRIMARY SCHOOL)	YEAR 9					1
MORRINSVILLE INTERMEDIATE				YEAR 8		1
MURRAYS BAY SCHOOL		YEAR 6	YEAR 4			2
NEW LYNN SCHOOL			YEAR 4			1
NORTHCROSS INTERMEDIATE		YEAR 7				1
NORTHLAND SCHOOL	YEAR 7					1
ORANGA SCHOOL			YEAR 6			1
PAROA SCHOOL (GREYMOOUTH)			YEAR 3			1
PEACHGROVE INTERMEDIATE	YEAR 7					1
PIGEON MOUNTAIN SCHOOL		YEAR 6				1
POINT VIEW SCHOOL		YEAR 5				1
QUEEN MARGARET COLLEGE					YEAR 5 YEAR 7 YEAR 9	3
RANGITOTO COLLEGE	YEAR 11	YEAR 10				2
RAWHITI SCHOOL			YEAR 3			1
REMUERA INTERMEDIATE	YEAR 7	YEAR 8 YEAR 8				3
ROTOTUNA PRIMARY SCHOOL				YEAR 6		1
ROYDVALE SCHOOL				YEAR 4		1
SAINT KENTIGERN BOYS' SCHOOL		YEAR 3 YEAR 4	YEAR 5			3
SCOTS COLLEGE - PREPARATORY SCHOOL			YEAR 6	YEAR 6		2
SOMERVILLE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL		YEAR 8				1



SOUTHWELL SCHOOL			YEAR 8			1
ST ALBANS SCHOOL			YEAR 6			1
ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE (CHRISTCHURCH)	YEAR 3 YEAR 11 YEAR 10	YEAR 10 YEAR 11	YEAR 7 YEAR 9 YEAR 10 YEAR 11		YEAR 8 YEAR 10	11
ST CUTHBERT'S COLLEGE (EPSOM)	YEAR 7	YEAR 6 YEAR 8	YEAR 6 YEAR 6 YEAR 8			6
ST JOHN'S SCHOOL (MAIRANGI BAY)			YEAR 3			1
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL (TAKAPUNA)			YEAR 5			1
ST KENTIGERN COLLEGE (PAKURANGA)		YEAR 7	YEAR 9	YEAR 8 YEAR 8		4
ST MARK'S CHURCH SCHOOL (MT VICTORIA)		YEAR 6				1
ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL (REMUERA)		YEAR 5				1
TAURANGA GIRLS' COLLEGE	YEAR 9 YEAR 11					2
THORRINGTON SCHOOL		YEAR 4				1
VILLA MARIA COLLEGE	YEAR 10					1
WADESTOWN SCHOOL	YEAR 8					1
WAIHOPAI SCHOOL				YEAR 5		1
WAKAARANGA SCHOOL	YEAR 3 YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 4	YEAR 3 YEAR 4	YEAR 4	7
WAKATIPU HIGH SCHOOL	YEAR 11					1
WELLESLEY COLLEGE					YEAR 8	1
WESTBURN SCHOOL			YEAR 5			1
WHAKARONGO SCHOOL					YEAR 6	1
WHAKATANE HIGH SCHOOL	YEAR 11		YEAR 11			2