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King's Baptist Grammar School Wins the Most ICAS Medals

SA has won 94 medals in one of the largest global academic competitions for school students – with King's Baptist Grammar School and Immanuel College topping the State with 6 medals each.

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 94 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 South Australian medal tally were:

- The schools which won the most medals are King's Baptist Grammar School and Immanuel College, both receiving 6 medals each.
- Other high scoring schools were:
 - + Dara Village School and Glenunga International High School (5 each).
 - + Burnside Primary, Magill School and St Peter's College (4 each).
 - + Colonel Light Gardens Primary School, Marryatville Primary School, Seymour College (McGregor, Trinity College Gawler River, and Westminster School (3 each).
- The following schools had double medal winning students:
 - + Burnside Primary School – A Year 7 student won medals for both Science and Mathematics.
 - + King's Baptist Grammar School – A Year 3 student won medals for both Science and Digital Technologies. Another student in Year 3 won medals for Mathematics and Digital Technologies.
 - + Magill School – A Year 3 student won medals for both Spelling Bee and Mathematics.
 - + Marryatville Primary School – A Year 6 student won medals for both English 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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South Australian Schools: ICAS Medal Winners

SCHOOL	English	Mathematics	Science	Spelling Bee	Digital Technologies	Total
ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL	YEAR 8					1
BELAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL			YEAR 4			1
BURNSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL		YEAR 7	YEAR 4 YEAR 6 YEAR 7			4
CEDAR COLLEGE				YEAR 6		1
COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 3 YEAR 5		YEAR 6			3
COWELL AREA SCHOOL			YEAR 3			1
CRAFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL				YEAR 2		1



DARA VILLAGE SCHOOL		YEAR 2	YEAR 2 YEAR 4 YEAR 4 YEAR 4			5
EAST TORRENS PRIMARY SCHOOL				YEAR 7		1
GLENUNGA INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL		YEAR 8 YEAR 10	YEAR 8		YEAR 8 YEAR 10	5
HAHNDORF PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 4					1
IMMANUEL COLLEGE	YEAR 8 YEAR 8 YEAR 8 YEAR 9		YEAR 10			6
INVESTIGATOR COLLEGE - VICTOR HARBOR CAMPUS					YEAR 9	1
KING'S BAPTIST GRAMMAR SCHOOL	YEAR 6	YEAR 3	YEAR 3		YEAR 3 YEAR 3 YEAR 7	6
LINDEN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 6					1
LORETO COLLEGE				YEAR 7		1
MAGILL SCHOOL	YEAR 2 YEAR 6	YEAR 3		YEAR 3		4
MARRYATVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 6 YEAR 6		YEAR 6			3
MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE	YEAR 8					1
NORTH SHORE COACHING COLLEGE - SA			YEAR 4	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	3
NORWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 5					1
PARKSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 6					1
PEMBROKE JUNIOR SCHOOL		YEAR 3				1
PEMBROKE SENIOR SCHOOL			YEAR 9			1



PORTSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE					YEAR 6	1
PRESCOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL, NORTHERN	YEAR 6			YEAR 5		2
RICHMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL		YEAR 4				1
ROSTREVOR COLLEGE	YEAR 8 YEAR 10					2
SAINT DAVID'S PARISH SCHOOL			YEAR 6			1
SCOTCH COLLEGE					YEAR 7	1
SCOTCH COLLEGE MITCHAM CAMPUS	YEAR 5					1
SEYMOUR COLLEGE (MCGREGOR)		YEAR 5	YEAR 5	YEAR 5		3
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL					YEAR 4	1
ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE					YEAR 4	1
ST JOHN'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL			YEAR 9			1
ST JOHN'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL - SHEOAK ROAD CAMPUS	YEAR 4					1
ST PETER'S COLLEGE			YEAR 7 YEAR 8 YEAR 9 YEAR 10			4
ST PETER'S COLLEGIATE GIRLS - JUNIOR SCHOOL	YEAR 5	YEAR 5				2
ST PETER'S WOODLANDS GRAMMAR SCHOOL				YEAR 4 YEAR 4		2
STRADBROKE SCHOOL		YEAR 2				1
TENISON WOODS COLLEGE				YEAR 2	YEAR 5	2



THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL	YEAR 2 YEAR 10					2
THE HILLS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL - OAKBANK CAMPUS	YEAR 8					1
TRINITY COLLEGE GAWLER RIVER		YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 3		3
TRINITY COLLEGE SOUTH	YEAR 10					1
UNLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 6			YEAR 7		2
WALKERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL		YEAR 6				1
WESTMINSTER SCHOOL	YEAR 6		YEAR 5	YEAR 3		3