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South Hobart Primary School Wins the Most ICAS Medals

Tasmania has won 55 medals in one of the largest global academic competitions for school students – including three students who won triple medals each.

South Hobart Primary School was the highest medal winning school in the State with students winning 9 medals in total.

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 55 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 Tasmanian medal tally were:

- South Hobart Primary School was the highest medal winning school in the State with 9 medals.
- Other top medal winning schools were:
 - + Howrah Primary School with 7 medals.
 - + Scotch Oakburn College with 7 medals.
 - + Calvin Christian School with 5 medals.
- Three Tasmania students won triple medals:
 - + Scotch Oakburn College– A Year 7 student for Science, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies. Another Year 10 student won medals in Science, Mathematics and Digital Technologies.
 - + South Hobart Primary School – A Year 6 student in Science, Mathematics and Digital Technologies.



- + South Hobart Primary School – A Year 3 student in English, Spelling Bee and Digital Technologies.
- The following schools had students who were double medal winners:
 - + St Therese’s Catholic School – A Year 4 student for English and Spelling Bee.
 - + Triabunna District School – A Year 2 student for Science and Mathematics.

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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Tasmanian Schools: ICAS Medal Winners

SCHOOL	English	Mathematics	Science	Spelling Bee	Digital Technologies	Total
CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	YEAR 6	YEAR 6	YEAR 3 YEAR 4	YEAR 2		5
CIRCULAR HEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL		YEAR 7				1
CLARENCE HIGH SCHOOL	YEAR 8					1
DEVONPORT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL		YEAR 5	YEAR 5	YEAR 6		3
DEVONPORT HIGH SCHOOL			YEAR 9			1
DOMINIC COLLEGE (JUNIOR CAMPUS)		YEAR 3		YEAR 2		2
DOMINIC COLLEGE (SECONDARY CAMPUS)	YEAR 10	YEAR 7 YEAR 10				3
DUNALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 2				YEAR 5	2
EXETER HIGH SCHOOL		YEAR 9				1
HOWRAH PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 4 YEAR 5 YEAR 6	YEAR 3 YEAR 4		YEAR 6	YEAR 6	7
MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE			YEAR 9			1
SACRED HEART COLLEGE		YEAR 4				1
SCOTCH OAKBURN COLLEGE		YEAR 10	YEAR 7 YEAR 10	YEAR 6 YEAR 7	YEAR 7 YEAR 10	7
SHEFFIELD SCHOOL	YEAR 8					1
SOUTH HOBART PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 3	YEAR 6	YEAR 3 YEAR 6	YEAR 3 YEAR 5	YEAR 3 YEAR 5 YEAR 6	9
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE				YEAR 3		1
ST ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC COLLEGE		YEAR 6				1
ST MARY'S COLLEGE	YEAR 9					1
ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGIATE SCHOOL					YEAR 6	1
ST THERESE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL	YEAR 4			YEAR 4	YEAR 4	3
TRIABUNNA DISTRICT SCHOOL		YEAR 2	YEAR 2			2
ULVERSTONE SECONDARY COLLEGE	YEAR 7					1