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Victorian School Student Scores Quadruple ICAS Medals

Victoria's Mount View Primary School is the only Australian school where an individual student received four 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.

"91 students at 43 Victorian Schools won medals in 2020 – an outstanding result given the pressures of a double lockdown and changes to the sitting period. That speaks volumes for resilience," said Amy Barouch, Group Executive – ICAS Assessments at Janison.

"I congratulate the 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.

"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 Victoria's medal tally were:

- Mount View Primary School and Doncaster Gardens Primary School both received seven medals across their student populations – making them the highest scoring schools in Victoria.
- Mount View Primary School – the only student in Australia to win four medals. The Year 5 student won medals in Digital Technologies, English, Science and Spelling Bee.
- Caulfield Grammar (Whealers Hill Campus) – a Year 7 student scored three medals for English, Mathematics and Science.
- The following schools had double medal winning students:
 - + Doncaster Gardens Primary School – A Year 3 student for Digital Technologies and Mathematics.
 - + Trinity Grammar School Kew – A Year 3 student for English and Science and a second student won a medal for English (Y6).
 - + Yarrambat Primary School - A Year 3 student for English and Spelling Bee.



- + Glen Waverley Primary School – A Year 4 student for Digital Technologies and Spelling Bee.
- + Serpell Primary School – A Year 4 student for English and Science, and three other students won medals for English (Y6), Mathematics (Y5) and Spelling Bee (Y2).
- + Camberwell South Primary School – A Year 2 student for English and Spelling Bee.

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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Victorian Schools: ICAS Medal Winners

SCHOOL	English	Mathematics	Science	Spelling Bee	Digital Technologies	Total
ALAMANDA K-9 COLLEGE		YEAR 2		YEAR 2 YEAR 2		3
AUBURN SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL					YEAR 3	1
BALWYN PRIMARY SCHOOL		YEAR 4	YEAR 2	YEAR 2 YEAR 2		4
BELLARINE SECONDARY COLLEGE	YEAR 9					1
BRENTWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE	YEAR 8					1
BURWOOD EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL		YEAR 3				1
CAMBERWELL GIRLS GRAMMAR SCHOOL		YEAR 7 YEAR 10				2
CAMBERWELL GRAMMAR SCHOOL			YEAR 8			1
CAMBERWELL SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 2			YEAR 2		2
CAULFIELD GRAMMAR - WHEELERS HILL CAMPUS	YEAR 7	YEAR 7 YEAR 8 YEAR 8	YEAR 7	YEAR 7		6
CAULFIELD SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL		YEAR 5				1
CHELTENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 6					1
COBRAM ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL					YEAR 9	1
DONBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL		YEAR 4				1
DONCASTER GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL		YEAR 3 YEAR 5 YEAR 5	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 3 YEAR 3	7
DRYSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 6					1
ERASMUS PRIMARY SCHOOL		YEAR 4				1
ESSENDON NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 6					1
ESSEX HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 6					1
GLEN WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL				YEAR 4	YEAR 4 YEAR 5 YEAR 6 YEAR 6	5
GOOD NEWS LUTHERAN COLLEGE		YEAR 4		YEAR 7		2
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL		YEAR 3				1



GOULBURN VALLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL	YEAR 10	YEAR 8	YEAR 9			3
HARVEST HOME PRIMARY SCHOOL					YEAR 4	1
KILVINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	YEAR 6					1
MORDIALLOC COLLEGE					YEAR 7 YEAR 10	2
MOUNT VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 5		YEAR 5	YEAR 5	YEAR 4 YEAR 4 YEAR 4 YEAR 5	7
NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE			YEAR 2			1
OAKLEIGH SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 6			YEAR 2 YEAR 6	YEAR 3	4
OBERON HIGH SCHOOL		YEAR 9				1
SERPELL PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 4 YEAR 6	YEAR 5	YEAR 4	YEAR 2		5
SPECIMEN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 4		YEAR 5			2
ST ANDREWS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE	YEAR 3			YEAR 2	YEAR 4	3
ST LEONARD'S COLLEGE			YEAR 10			1
TARNEIT P-9 COLLEGE					YEAR 4	1
TEMPLETON PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 4	YEAR 2				2
TINTERN GRAMMAR	YEAR 6					1
TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL KEW	YEAR 3 YEAR 6		YEAR 3			3
WAVERLEY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE		YEAR 6	YEAR 6			2
WAVERLEY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE - NARRE WARREN SOUTH CAMPUS	YEAR 6					1
WHEELERS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 6					1
WHITEFRIARS COLLEGE INC					YEAR 8 YEAR 10	2
YARRAMBAT PRIMARY SCHOOL	YEAR 3			YEAR 3		2