



Dear Principal,

Firstly, thank you for continuing to participate in ICAS this year. The education industry has shown outstanding diligence and adaptability due to the unforeseeable circumstances that everyone has gone through with COVID-19. We really hope you enjoy the celebrations for the great achievements students have shown in winning an ICAS Medal.

Whether you hold an in-person or virtual assembly, we really wish we were there to applaud your students for their achievements. To assist with your celebrations, we have put together some fun facts about ICAS that you may want to include in your presentation notes in the Medal Ceremony at your school.

Fun Facts	
General: ICAS Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 20 million tests sat over the past twenty years • Developed tests for over 30 countries globally including the United Kingdom, China, India, South Africa and Singapore • Most popular ICAS year level: Year 5 (AUS) / Year 6 (NZ) • The team that help bring life to ICAS come from every continent on Earth (except Antarctica) • The ICAS team have developed over 22 000 test questions since it was first sat by students.
ICAS Medals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the last decade ICAS have awarded over 16 000 medals to over 12 000 students • Most medals one student has won: 16 ICAS medals over a 4-year period
English subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second most popular ICAS subject • English texts have come from picture books, short stories, novels, poems, play scripts, interviews, letters, diary entries, advertisements, webpages, blogs, feature articles, opinion pieces and even comic strips. Even William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens have written texts for ICAS English.
Mathematics subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most popular ICAS subject • Shortest question ever asked in ICAS: $6^2 = ?$ (Year 7) First ICAS subject to be created (along with Science), when ICAS was created 40 years ago
Writing subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only subject marked by specialised primary and secondary teachers; they focus on both the technical skills and creative skills in every script



Spelling Bee subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Longest word used in the Spelling competition; 'enthusiastically' (16 letters)
Science subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Longest question ever asked in ICAS: A question about polymers and molecules, with 248 words! (Year 11)• First ICAS subject to be created (along with Mathematics), when ICAS was created 40 years ago
Digital Technologies subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There will be a new Introductory paper for Year 2 students in 2022.

Make sure to post and share your school's Medal Ceremony photos and/or videos on the **ICAS Assessments** Facebook page, by tagging us in your posts and/or by using the hashtag **#ICASmedalwinner**.

The photos and videos will be used in the ICAS 2021 Medal Celebration video that can be shared throughout your school community including each student's families and friends. Check out the ICAS Assessments Facebook page www.facebook.com/ICASAssessments to keep updated on our medal celebration video and to see what other students and schools are sharing. We look forward to your participation, so we can celebrate the achievements of your school's medal-winning students.

Thank you again for your support throughout 2021. We are very excited for 2022 and can't wait to see the return of your students for ICAS and Reach next year.

Sincerely,

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