



NZ version: News Article: 2021 ICAS Medal Winners NZ

New Zealand scores 125 ICAS 2021 medals, with 13 double medal winners

New Zealand students have scored 125 first-place medals in one of the largest and most prestigious global academic competitions for school students. The 2021 ICAS Assessments also saw 13 New Zealanders win medals in two subjects – more than any Australian state or territory.

ICAS 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 company Janison, the prestigious competition is administered in thousands of schools across the globe. Despite COVID's continuing impact on school education, hundreds of thousands of online tests were completed in 2021.

Students with the top score in each year level, in each subject, are awarded an ICAS medal and a medal winner's certificate.

"Congratulations to every student who participated in ICAS 2021, and the wonderful families and teachers that supported them. At ICAS Assessments, our aspiration is to help unlock the potential in every learner, and to recognise and reward their academic excellence. As we celebrate our 40th year delivering the ICAS competition, we could not be prouder of you and what you've achieved during another challenging year," said Amy Barouch, Group Executive – ICAS Assessments at Janison.

"The ICAS competition goes beyond the classroom curriculum, giving students the opportunity to demonstrate the higher-order skills that are essential for success in the modern world: critical thinking and problem solving.

"To our medal winners, your current resilience and love of learning is an inspiration to us, and we can't wait to hear of your future successes. We look forward to seeing you again this year!"

Students will be honoured in an online medal celebration video available late March/early April. Details including the date are yet to be confirmed. Keep a look out on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ICASAssessments.

Janison's CEO, David Caspari said it has been 40 years since the University of New South Wales first introduced ICAS testing, but it is the future that he is most excited about.

"In what's been an absolutely extraordinary 2021, we could not be more delighted with how many students and how many schools participated in ICAS in our 40th anniversary year.

ICAS is entirely unique globally. Where some seek to achieve on the sporting field and others seek to achieve in performing arts, those that are passionate about academics want to succeed in ICAS – and so many of you did this year. One of the things that excites me so much is that our ICAS participants often go on to achieve such great things in their lives beyond school. I cannot wait to see all of you come back for ICAS 2022."

ICAS is just one of the ways in which Janison helps to unlock the potential in every learner.

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“Janison seeks to change the world through digital educational assessments such as Check-In, Reach Assessments, 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,” said Mr Caspari.

“We are an Aussie-based success story, now thriving on the global stage by delivering more than 6.5 million best-in-class assessments annually in 117 countries. Founded by a teacher from regional NSW, Janison is now a trusted edtech partner of the OECD, governments and private educators.”

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NZ: ICAS Multiple Medal Winners

Student		Medals by Subject					
School	Year Level	Digital Technologies	English	Mathematics	Science	Spelling Bee	Writing
Cockle Bay School	Year 5			✓	✓		
Lincoln Primary School	Year 6	✓			✓		
Logan Park High School	Year 11		✓				✓
Logan Park High School	Year 13			✓	✓		
Long Bay College	Year 11	✓	✓				
Macleans College	Year 9			✓	✓		
Macleans College	Year 9			✓	✓		
Saint Kentigern Boys' School	Year 5	✓	✓				
Saint Kentigern Boys' School	Year 5			✓	✓		
St Peter's School (Cambridge)	Year 8			✓		✓	
Wakaaranga School	Year 5	✓					✓
Wakaaranga School	Year 5	✓				✓	
Wakatipu High School	Year 12		✓				✓

NZ: Top Schools by Medal Count

School	Medal Count
Macleans College	13
Bucklands Beach Intermediate	9
Saint Kentigern Boys' School	9
St Andrew's College (Christchurch)	6
Logan Park High School	6
Wakaaranga School	6
Northcross Intermediate	6

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