NZ Version: News Article: 2022 ICAS Medal Winners NZ

97 medals have been awarded across NZ with students being recognised for their outstanding performance in ICAS 2022.

New Zealand (NZ) has scored 97 medals this year in one of the largest and prestigious global competitions for school students including 6 double medal winners and 1 quadruple medal winner for ICAS 2022.

Marking the third year that Janison, an Australian-based edtech pioneer, has run ICAS after their acquisition of ICAS Assessments (formerly UNSW Global's Educational Assessments / formerly Educational Assessments) in 2020.

Hundreds of thousands of students from all around the world sit ICAS annually across the schoolbased competition's six subject areas – English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling Bee, Writing and Digital Technologies. Developed by a team of former teachers and psychometricians, ICAS is designed to encourage and recognise academic achievement for students ranging from primary to secondary levels.

Students with the top score in their year level for each subject are awarded an ICAS medal and a medal winner's certificate. In Australia, the state-by-state medal results are: New South Wales (125), Victoria (97), Queensland (97), South Australia (77), Western Australia (84), Tasmania (55), ACT (6) and Northern Territory (13). With New Zealand receiving 97 medals.

"It is with great pleasure that we once again applaud the bold and inspired thinking of all our students who took part in another sensational ICAS," said Amy Barouch, Group Executive – Educational Assessments at Janison. "Every year we know what it takes for each student – whatever their ultimate result – to decide to sit this remarkable competition in the spirit of pursuing excellence, challenging themselves and stretching beyond their comfort zone. We also applaud the commitment of the families and educators who support them with the daily steps and efforts they take in order to set ICAS participants up for success."

An online medal celebration video will be available in March. The video will be published via our social media platforms on Facebook and YouTube, and on the ICAS Assessments website: <u>www.icasassments.com</u>

"All our ICAS medal winners share exceptional traits. You thrive on challenge, you are resilient and show true grit, and you have a thirst for knowledge and a love of learning. These attributes are certain to pave the way to your great success, not just academically, but as you grow into a global citizen who will make an impact," said Amy Barouch.

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

"Janison seeks to change the world through digital educational assessments such as Check-in, Reach Assessments, VALID and the OECD's PISA-based Test for Schools. Our team of educators, technologists and change agents are passionate about empowering teachers and students to achieve better outcomes," said David Caspari, CEO of Janison.

"We are an Aussie-based success story, now thriving on the global stage by delivering more than 6+ 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."