



# ST ALOYSIUS

## CATHOLIC COLLEGE

28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **RE: International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

This year, all students in Grade 3 -10 at St Aloysius Catholic College have the opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

ICAS takes place each year throughout Australia and the Pacific nations. ICAS is an initiative of Educational Assessment Australia (EAA). It is a not for profit organisation owned by the University of NSW (UNSW). ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. This year we will be participating in the Mathematics, English and Science assessments.

Students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, their total score as well as their average compared with the rest of the students in Tasmania. UNSW certificates are awarded for each year level in each state/region as follows:

High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants  
Distinction to the next 10% of entrants  
Credit to the next 20% of entrants  
Participation to all the other entrants

Students who achieve the highest score in each state/region receive a UNSW medal.

The entry fee per student and assessment dates are as follows:

Science	Tuesday	30 May 2017	\$8.80
English	Tuesday	1 August 2017	\$8.80
Mathematics	Tuesday	15 August 2017	\$8.80

For more information, or to download sample questions to help your child prepare for ICAS, please visit the website [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online)

Please return the attached permission slip and entry fee in an envelope marked with your child's name and class to the Kingston or Huntingfield Office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

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Co -Principals