



16 February 2017

Kurwongbah State School International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parents / Carers

Each year, the University of New South Wales conducts Australia-wide and international testing. Our school participates in four of these competitions - English, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies.

The aims of the competitions are to:-

- Provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation,
- Recognise and reward achievement at all levels,
- Provide students, parents and teachers with a comprehensive analysis of student performance.

Our competitions include:-

English Competition – tests, vocabulary, language usage, reading, comprehension and document and data analysis. (Years 3 to 6)

Mathematics Competition – tests the skills of estimation, calculation, investigation, analysis and comparison. (Years 3 to 6)

Science Competition – tests the skills of observation, reading and interpreting information, prediction, conclusion, experimental design, reasoning and critical thinking. (Years 3 to 6)

Digital Technologies Competition – tests general computer, software and internet usage and basic understanding of hardware, networks and programming. (Years 3 to 6)

The competitions are conducted on different days during the year at school under teacher supervision.

Participation in the competitions is **voluntary with parent approval**. The cost to parents is **\$8.00 per student, per Competition**. Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS/Credit Card (payments over \$10.00), cheque (payable to Kurwongbah State School), or BPOINT (preferred). Due date for payment to our Office for **all** competitions will be Friday 17 March 2017.

The dates for the competitions are as follows:-

Digital Technologies	Monday	22nd May 2017
Science	Monday	29th May 2017
English	Monday	31st July 2017
Mathematics	Thursday	10th August 2017

If you would like your child to participate in some or all of the competitions, please complete the form attached and return it to the Office with your payment by **Friday 17 March 2017**. If your child is absent on the day of the competition, they will be given the competition booklet and answer sheet which can be completed at home. Unfortunately the paper will not be marked by the school or ICAS, nor will a refund be available.

Yours sincerely
Steve Wood

Deputy Principal

Kurwongbah State School
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Student Name: _____ **Class:** _____ **Year Level:** _____

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- Mathematics Competition (\$8.00 Entry Fee)
- Science Competition (\$8.00 Entry Fee)
- Digital Technologies Competition (\$8.00 Entry Fee)

**To participate in all four competitions,
the cost will be \$32.00**

I enclose \$ _____ to cover the entry fees.

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY: **Friday 17 March 2017**
Payments over \$10.00 can be paid using the Credit Card slip below.

KURWONGBAH STATE SCHOOL - CREDIT CARD PAYMENT SLIP

Please charge my: Visa Master Card

Credit Card Number:

Expiry Date: ____ / ____ Amount: \$ _____.

In payment of: ICAS – 2017 Student Name: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____ Cardholder's Signature: _____

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