



**Year 4 to 6 Optional International Competitions  
and Assessment in Schools Exams**

16 March 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This letter is to inform you about the ICAS exams. These exams are **completely optional** and **best suited for students who are showing an academic strength in that subject**, as they can be quite challenging.

These exams are independently run by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA). EAA is a non-profit organisation owned by the University of New South Wales. The exams are run internationally and have taken place annually for over 20 years in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, The Pacific region and South Africa. For more information you can visit the EAA website at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

These exams are available for students from Year 4 to 6 as an extra academic experience. There is an entry fee cost for each exam. Students who elect to sit the exam do so at school and the test is forwarded to EAA for marking. Practise papers are available. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions were answered correctly, and their total score as well as their average compared to other students of the same year level in New Zealand.

If you wish your child to sit any of the exams listed below, please complete the form and return this to school with the correct money by **Friday 23 March**.

Please make cheques out to Long Bay Primary School, as the school will be forwarding a single payment. Please also note that we cannot make any refunds if your child is absent on the day of the exam as we need to prepay in advance.

The reason for the variation in prices of exams is because the writing and spelling exams need to be individually marked by experienced trained teachers, whereas the other exams have multi-choice answers.

Please note that we cannot extend the timeline for entries as we need to post them away to Australia.

Thank-you

Linda Barton  
Principal

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Please only return this form if you wish your child to sit an **optional** International exam

I wish for my child \_\_\_\_\_ from room \_\_\_\_\_, Year Level \_\_\_\_ to sit the following exams (please tick in the table below):

Tick here	Test:	Test date	cost	Total
	Digital Technologies note: this is a paper test – students are not assessed working on a computer	8 May	\$ 9.50	
	Science	29 May	\$ 9.50	
	Spelling	13 June	\$ 11.50	
	Writing	14 June	\$20.50	
	English	31 July	\$ 9.50	
	Mathematics	14 August	\$ 9.50	
	Contribution to Postage			.50 c
	<b>Total</b>			

I understand that there cannot be a refund if my child is absent.

I enclose the correct entry fee

(please make cheques out to Long Bay Primary School, if paying by internet banking to our account at **ASB Browns Bay 12-3080-0105403-00** please include 'ICAS entry' and your surname as the reference)

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_