

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are ICAS Assessments?

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) Assessment is a prestigious academic competition testing the academic excellence of students.

2. Who are the exams suitable for?

They are suitable for all students from Grade 3 to Grade 12. The Digital Technologies is open to all students from Grade 3 to Grade 7 and the other subjects (English, Mathematics, Science, and Writing Skills) are open to all students from Grade 3 to 12.

3. What are the benefits of students taking the UNSW exams?

The series is designed to assess students' ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts using higher order thinking and problem-solving skills, to recognise and to challenge students to integrate their learning in new ways and to complement current international curricula.

4. What do the students receive?

The top 46% of students will receive achievement certificates while all other students will receive a certificate of participation. ICAS Global Medals are awarded to students who display an exceptional level of achievement in each subject, year level and region.

5. How are the exams conducted?

Exams are conducted online.

6. Where will the exam be conducted?

The venue for the exam will be NPS School.

7. What subject assessments can students take?

The assessments are English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, and Writing Skills.

8. What type and level of questions are asked in the exam?

The details are found at: <https://www.eats.com.sg/icas/>

9. What are the dates for the assessment?

The assessments will be conducted from 1st to 29th of August 2025. Across all subjects, the assessments can be conducted on any day at any time within this window. The exact day, session, subject, and time will be shared with you closer to the assessment date.

10. How can I register my child for the UNSW Exam?

You can register for the assessments using the Google Form link given in the circular. Please submit one response for all the entries per student. Multiple responses for single student and incorrect details will not be entertained. **The registration will be confirmed only after the entry fee is paid.** The entry fee for English, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies is \$20 each per student per Assessment. For Writing Skills, the fee is S\$30.

11. What level and paper should my child sit for?

☐ Year 3/Primary 2		Grade 3 NPSI student: Paper A
☐ Year 4/Primary 3		Grade 4 NPSI student: Paper B
☐ Year 5/Primary 4		Grade 5 NPSI student: Paper C
☐ Year 6/Primary 5		Grade 6 NPSI student: Paper D
☐ Year 7/Primary 6		Grade 7 NPSI student: Paper E
☐ Year 8/Secondary 1		Grade 8 NPSI student: Paper F
☐ Year 9/Secondary 2		Grade 9 NPSI student: Paper G
☐ Year 10/Secondary 3		Grade 10 NPSI student: Paper H
☐ Year 11/Secondary 4&5		Grade 11 & 12 NPSI student: Paper I

12. What is the test format?

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Full Name	Primary 2	Primary 3	Primary 4	Primary 5	Primary 6	Secondary 1	Secondary 2	Secondary 3	Secondary 4 & 5
Abbreviation	P 2	P 3	P 4	P 5	P 6	Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4 & 5

Science	Test format	Number of questions:	30	30	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
		Test duration:	45 mins	45 mins	55 mins	55 mins	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour
English	Test format	Number of questions:	45	45	50	50	50	50	55	55	55
		Test duration:	45 mins	45 mins	50 mins	50 mins	55 mins	55 mins	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour
Digital Technologies	Test format	Number of questions:	30	30	35	35	40				
		Test duration:	30 mins	30 mins	35 mins	35 mins	40 mins				
Mathematics	Test format	Number of questions:	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
		Test duration:	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour
Writing	Test format	Number of questions:	1								
		Test duration:	35 mins								
		Word limit:	450 words								
		Access:	Lock-down browser required								

13. Does the school facilitate any other Olympiad exam?

Yes, NPS also facilitates the various exams conducted by Science Olympiad Foundation (SOF). The SOF Exams will be held in school from September. A circular with further details will be sent soon.
