

Science Competitions 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Students at Stromlo will be offered the opportunity to participate in two science competitions this year:

- **The Big Science Competition** (6 - 17 May 2024, Term 2 Week 2 & 3)
- **ICAS Competition for Science** (19 - 23 August 2024, Term 3 Week 5)

These competitions will take place during a science lesson in their respective sitting windows and will take approximately 1 hour each. Students can participate in one competition or both.

While students in the Science Lex@s program are expected to participate, we encourage all students in years 7 to 10 to take part.

Participating in these competitions isn't just about showcasing scientific knowledge; it's an opportunity for your child to challenge themselves on a global stage and gain valuable skills. The experience can enhance their resumes and applications for extracurricular activities and work experiences, particularly those related to STEM fields.

Moreover, participants will not only receive certificates but also stand a chance to win prizes and medals. For instance, simply participating in The Big Science Competition enters students into a draw for a \$250 EFTPOS voucher. Additionally, the school will enter draws to win exciting prizes such as functional torso models, geology kits, seismometer kits, a 3D printer, and sets of smartphone microscopes.

High-achieving students may be selected for prestigious science extension programs run by ASI (Australian Science Innovations), including the Junior Science Olympiad Training Squad and Curious Minds - promoting girls in STEM.

More information can be found at these websites:

- <https://www.asi.edu.au/program/big-science-competition/>
- <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/subjects/science/>

Payment Information

The entry fee for **The Big Science Competition** is **\$7.00**. This is to be **paid to the school** via the online payment website or in person at the Finance Office.

Reference: SCICOMP24

Westpac Quickweb: <https://www.mountstromlohs.act.edu.au/payment>

The entry fee for the **ICAS Competition for Science** is **\$19.95**. This is to be **paid directly to ICAS** through the payment portal linked below using the unique access code. Once accessed, input student details and select the appropriate year.

ICAS Payment portal: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Access code: MVQ071

Please return the completed permission note to the **Finance Office** and make payment by **Wednesday 1st of May 2024**. If you have any questions about the competitions or concerns with payment, please contact **Ms Flynn** on **6142 3444** or emi.flynn@ed.act.edu.au.

Warmest regards,

Emi Flynn

Science Teacher

Mount Stromlo High School Science Competition Permission Note

I give permission for my child _____ in Year _____
to participate in *[tick applicable]*:

- The Big Science Competition (\$7.00 payment to school)
- ICAS Competition for Science (\$19.95 payment to ICAS)

I have read the attached information regarding the competitions and made payment
using the relevant method.

Full name of parent/carer: _____

Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: / /

Please return the completed permission note to the **Finance Office** and make payment
by **Wednesday 1st of May 2024**.