

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who can register for the Kiwi Competitions?** - Only students who are currently in the advertised year groups can enter the competitions. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- **When do registrations for Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions close?** - 17th May 2024.
- **What dates are the Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions online?** – 17th June – 26th July 2024 (School term only).
- **When do registrations for Kiwi Spelling Bee close?** – 2nd August 2024.
- **What dates are the Kiwi Spelling Bee online?** – 9th September 2024 – 27th September 2024.
- **Where do the students get their usernames and passwords?** – Coordinators log-in and download these and distribute to the students (Coordinators will be emailed when these are available for downloading).
- **Where do I find the URL?** – The URL is printed on the slips with the student’s usernames and passwords.
- **Can I enter a younger year group?** – Students who are not currently in year’s 5 to 10 cannot participate in the competitions.
- **What computer specifications are suitable to take the competition?** – (See attached sheet for full specs).
- **What if a student’s laptop/device fails during the competition?** – It is the school’s responsibility to ensure that students have the correct equipment, fully charged and allow enough time to participate in the competitions.
- **Are there any past papers available for students or teachers?** – NO, test papers are not available to students or teachers, as prizes are awarded for top scorers and some items may be used in subsequent years. The skills based assessments are designed as competitions, not a teaching resource.
- **What is the cost for the Kiwi Competitions?** - \$9.90 per competition entered.
- **When should we send payment for the competitions?** – Schools should collect the money from students, but wait to send to CAM until you have received an invoice (after the competition has been completed). NOTE: Students that do not sit the competition but had registered will not be charged.
- **Do the students receive a certificate?** – Yes, all students receive a certificate and in addition is an ‘Individual Student Report’ outlining performance overall and for each section, their level of completion and accuracy. These reports are available for the schools to download for parents/caregivers.
- **Do the students receive a prize?** – A prize is awarded to the overall top student in each competition and year group. If two or more students share the same top score then the prize is awarded to the student with the highest speed and accuracy.
- **When are the results available for the Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions?** – Results should be available before the end of Term 3.
- **When are the results available for the Kiwi Spelling Bee Competitions?** – Results will be available during Term 4.
- **How do I know if the students have submitted their answers?** – Answers automatically submit, once the time has expired or the students end their session.
- **Is a Reader/Writer allowed during the competition?** – If the student would normally have a reader/writer in the classroom and for other assessments, then it is fine for the student to have a reader/writer for the Kiwi Competitions.

For more information go to

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/kiwi-competitions/> or email:
cam@canterbury.ac.nz

On-line Kiwi Competition Assessments

User System Specification

The on-line Kiwi Competition assessments **MUST** be administered on a desktop computer, laptop, Chromebook or iPads. All users should have more than one browser on their device.

There may be some drag and drop questions included in the competition. If your students are not confident using the trackpad on a Chromebook or similar then we would recommend the use of a mouse.

Use of the on-line KIWI Competition assessments requires a **reliable network connection** and a **modern web browser**.

Internet Browsers

The assessments will work in any modern web browser. However, the following browsers work best:

- Google Chrome
- Firefox
- Microsoft Edge
- Safari

The browser should also have both cookies and JavaScript enabled. These are typically enabled by default, but if you think these settings might need enabling, check the documentation for your particular browser for how to do this.

Internet Connection

- For the assessment to run successfully we recommend a broadband connection.

The Kiwi Competition assessments recommends the availability of IT support during the assessment.

Spelling Bee only

Students will need their own individual **headphones/air buds** so they are able to listen to the audios throughout the competition.