

# NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

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## Back to School



### A Message from National Principal: Mr Andy Mak

Welcome back to a new term at North Shore Coaching College. We hope you return well-rested and had a great holiday, and are looking forward to an exciting and productive term ahead!

Congratulations to North Shore HSC class of 2019 students on achieving Top ATARs. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 12 students, Class of 2019, on their outstanding achievements in the HSC.

An exceptionally high proportion of our students achieved an ATAR of 95 - 99.95. North Shore was well represented on the All - Rounders List for students with Honours (marks over 90%) in 10 or more units.

We thank our students and teachers for their hard work and dedication. Your outstanding efforts have been rewarded! Any Year 12, 2019 students who have not informed us of your results, please contact our office if your ATAR was above 95, as you are eligible for our supersize Trophy.

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- Cover nose and mouth with tissues when coughing or sneezing, and
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

As an additional safety precaution, we will be providing alcohol-based hand rubs at the North Shore campus.

Should a student become unwell at North Shore, we will follow our usual procedure and promptly contact parents to pick up their child and seek medical attention.

## Update: Coronavirus

There has been extensive coverage of the coronavirus, its effects in China (including Hong Kong), and effects in Australia. We are closely monitoring national and state department health alerts.

**ANY PARENT, STAFF, TEACHER OR STUDENT WHO HAS RETURNED FROM**

**CHINA, SHOULD NOT ATTEND NORTH - SHORE COACHING COLLEGE FOR AT LEAST 14 DAYS AFTER RETURNING TO AUSTRALIA.**

Any parent, staff, teacher or student who is unwell should not attend class and should seek medical attention as soon as possible. We also recommend that you follow the national and state department health alerts and in particular to:

- Wash hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub;



## Primary Matters

by Tony Hanlon - Director of Teaching

In the previous edition of the newsletter I stressed the importance of primary school education for establishing the foundations that lead to a successful life and a lifelong love of learning. In this edition I will highlight two more of our **BOOSTER PROGRAMS** that provide excellent opportunities to ensure your child receives a superior, well-rounded education. These programs support our Fastrain, Young Achiever and High Achiever programs that have resulted in thousands of students achieving academic success.

# "Write like you have never written before!"

**Future Writers Course Years 3 to 6 (and Beyond)**

In a world of constant change the future can be hard to predict. Educators and economists can however agree that the future for employment opportunities will favour students with highly developed communication skills. The ability to convey a message clearly and creatively in written form will be of benefit

throughout your child's life. Whilst NAPLAN, Selective Schools and Scholarship examinations are pressing concerns over the next few years, writing will be crucial for success in the HSC and beyond.

Our Future Writers Course is an advanced writing course that builds skills across the range of text types. Persuasive, informative and imaginative text types are all covered in this comprehensive course. Each week the Future Writers Course provides 90 minutes of direct instruction in writing by a qualified educator who can motivate your child to build their powers of written communication. Interesting, purposeful class and homework tasks build skills essential for writing success. The extra writing tuition provided by this course will prove beneficial, possibly critical, in your child's Selective Schools and ACER Scholarship success. The next J.K. Rowling or Roald Dahl may actually be the child you tuck into bed each night!

If you have children in Years 7 to 10 we also offer the Future Writers Course for high school students.

### Robotics & STEM - Kindergarten to Year 6

Technology affects every aspect of our lives. Make sure your child keeps up with the skills and knowledge that are rapidly evolving! Our Robotics & STEM Course provide your child with wonderful opportunities to build robots, write code and experience the joy of a robot they create come to life! Learning can be fun, productive and engaging under the guidance of a qualified educator who will guide your child through their journey of discovery.

Whether a beginner or an advanced student, our course can provide a world of learning fun for your child.

Enquire today as to the course availability and times. Places fill quickly each term!

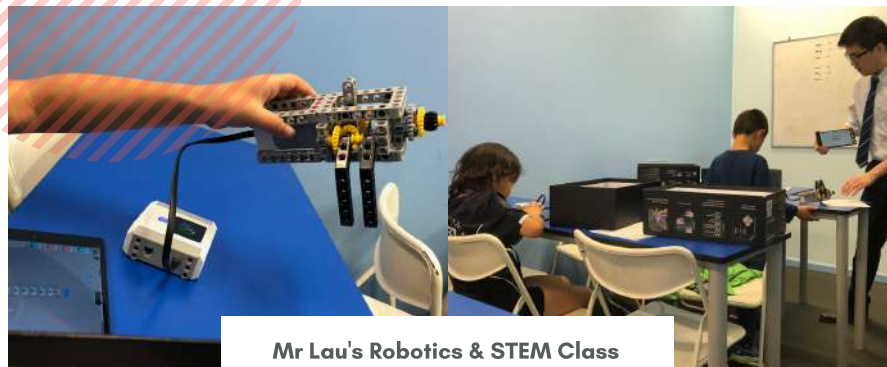




# School Holiday Programs At North Shore:



Bankstown Campus' Student Entries into the Colour-in Competition



Mr Lau's Robotics & STEM Class

# Register Your Child for: Computational & Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) Competition

**North Shore Coaching College is an Authorised Testing Centre for the Australian Maths Trust**

The CAT competition is a one-hour problem solving competition designed to encourage student curiosity and promote multiple modes of thinking. The competition is an ideal activity to encourage students to solve real-world problems. It is suitable for all students as it enables them to become more confident and willing to take on new challenges.

The CAT competition is administered by the Australian Maths Trust (AMT), which is under the Trusteeship of the University of Canberra. The competition has four divisions: Upper Primary (Years 5 - 6), Junior (Years 7 - 8), Intermediate (Years 9 - 10) and Senior (Years 11 - 12).

Your child is invited to register online to sit the CAT competition at the Principal North Shore Campus in Chatswood. Online registration and payment will open Tuesday 11 February 2020 and close on 7 April 2020.

Visit <http://bit.ly/nsCAT20> for more information and to register your child.



# Important Update: Fastrain Online Now Available for Year 3 Students!



Fastrain Online is an online platform where students can access guided videos to assist in completing Maths and General Ability (GA) homework in the comfort of students' preferred learning environment, and at their own pace.

As of Term 1, 2020, Fastrain Online is available to provide video homework assistance for Year 3 students; having launched for Years 4-5 in 2019.

Years 3 - 5 students facing difficulties in understanding concepts or attempting their homework questions will find Fastrain Online a great resource to prepare for success when completing their Maths and GA homework.

**Access Fastrain Online by logging into the 'Student Area' on the North Shore Coaching College website.**

## Did You Know?

### We have a new look and new name shop!

For many decades our parents and students would shop online and/or in-store at "The Enrichment Corner", located on the Ground Floor, 65 Archer St Chatswood.

In late 2019 we re-launched our store and renamed it "**North Shore Shop**"; giving our website a new home and refreshing our physical store with new shelving and paint.

Visit our new look educational shop at [www.northshoreshop.com.au](http://www.northshoreshop.com.au)

We have over 1,000 educational book titles and past papers to help you prepare for your exams, puzzle books to help build your problem solving skills and more! To celebrate the re-launch of our educational online shop, use promotional code: **NSW10** when finalising your shopping cart and receive 10% off your purchase.

We continue to offer FREE Education Seminars at our Principal Campus in Chatswood, to give parents a greater understanding of important educational topics and issues, and to allow parents to better plan for their child's education.

Our Education Seminar is especially suitable for parents of Years 3-5 students who are unsure about how to complete the Opportunity Class (OC) placement application, the Selective High School placement test forms, how to select schools, and importantly how to best prepare for the placement tests, scholarship tests and more.

Our next FREE Education seminar will be held on Saturday 14 March 2020 at our Principal Campus. **This upcoming seminar will have more of an OC focus** and will be available in 3 languages - English, Cantonese and Mandarin. We will be running 3 sessions on the day:

- English session will commence at 9:30am - 10:50am;
- Cantonese session will commence at 11:10am - 12:30pm; and
- Mandarin session will commence at 2:00pm - 3:30pm.

**Register online to attend our upcoming FREE Education Seminar sessions on the 14 March 2020. Seats are limited so please visit: <http://bit.ly/nsEDUSeminar> to register today!**



## Register For: FREE Education Seminar

