

NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

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*A Message
from
National
Managing
Director*



Mr Anson MAK

Welcome to Spring and thank you for your ongoing support to North Shore Coaching College as we head towards the end of Term 3 2023. Spring is always a wonderful season to spend time outdoors and to maintain a healthy balance between study and other activities - whether it be going for a bush walk, growing plants, shooting a basketball, kicking a ball around, or swimming at the beach with friends and loved ones. Increasing the amount of fresh air can provide clarity to the brain to promote optimal function to help think, focus and concentrate better, boost your mood, lower your heart rate and increase your energy levels.

Congratulations to our students who have been successful in gaining entry into NSW Selective High Schools. If you have not yet notified us, please do so, so that we can share your successes with a big trophy. It is the “North Shore” way to say well done and to provide you with a reminder of your hard work and dedication both past and into the future. It is always important to pause from our busy lives and celebrate success and achievement no matter big or small. We are always excited when our students report back that the real exam was similar to the types and styles of questions being practised during North Shore classes.

Scholarship season for Year 5 students has already kicked off and will continue into early 2024. Check out the [blog](#) on our website for some of these important dates.

More and more we are hearing the word “AI” or Artificial Intelligence in the education space and beyond. Whilst innovation will continue around us and change the way that our children live in the future, problem-solving will remain critical for success in life against any developments in AI. Children need to learn problem-solving, logical, critical and creative thinking skills to face challenges and think “outside the box” to solve real-life problems. **North Shore Coaching College is excited to build on our 30+ years and history of educational research in problem-solving intervention to pilot a newly-developed online Problem-Solving platform.** It will analyse problem-solving behaviour and ability, develop, remediate and extend problem-solving skills in your children. **We will begin with a pilot project exclusive to North Shore Year 3 and 4 students who will be invited to complete a Problem-Solving Assessment.** Look out for future communications about this exciting initiative!

September is also the month of RUOK? Day. By taking the time for an RUOK? conversation and genuinely listening with an open mind, we can all help the people in our world feel supported and connected. Let the people in your world know you’re here, to really hear because a conversation could change a life.

We are excited to be relocating our Parramatta campus to a new location effective from Term 4. If you have friends who may be interested in joining us, we would be happy to offer you and your friend a **special relocation offer.**

Our charity organisation – **North Shore Coaching College Charity Foundation in memory of Mrs Demi Mak has recently supported The Kids' Cancer Project - Future Cure Project of improving brain cancer treatments.** Brain cancer accounts for 40 percent of paediatric cancer deaths. The project focuses on improving treatment and survival for children with some of the most high-risk brain cancers.

Wishing you a happy experience with North Shore Coaching College for the remaining weeks of Term 3. If you have had a great experience with us, we would be most grateful if you could review us on Google or social media. Our team definitely values this positive energy!

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The Future Belongs to the **PROBLEM SOLVERS**

Mr Tony HANLON

National Deputy Principal

Any discussion of education will involve the importance of the key areas of literacy and numeracy. As a society, we place a high value on the ability to read, write and understand mathematical concepts. Success across schooling from Kindergarten to Year 12 revolves around these key areas.

Literacy & Numeracy are not Enough:

It would seem that mastery of the important concepts in Maths and English in each school year will guarantee success. Unfortunately, this is not necessarily the case. Having a wide vocabulary, knowing the timetables and being able to spell a variety of words just isn't enough for success in the modern world.

The Key to Success is Application:

Knowledge and skills need to be applied if students are to meet with true and lasting success. They have to know how to use the knowledge if it is to be of any value in the short, medium and long term. This is where the skills of problem-solving will play a critical role.

Knowing how and when to use knowledge is the key to problem-solving.

On the surface, problem-solving skills seem self-explanatory. Skills that allow you to solve problems. Or as it is defined by Oxford: the process of finding solutions to difficult or complex issues. But what does this mean?

The Importance of Problem Solving:

In your parent-teacher interviews, the topic of problem-solving may have been raised. It is often spoke about as though it is one idea or concept:

“Nathan has very good problem-solving skills.”

“Tao’s problem-solving skills have shown significant improvement this term.”

How do we tell a student has good problem-solving skills?

How do we go about remediating these skills if they are lacking?

Problem-solving needs to be Taught like any other Skill Set:

We do not come into this world being able to naturally solve problems any more than we can read, write or undertake mathematical operations. We need to learn the skills.

The Problem-solving Process:

Here is one successful method by which we can go about solving our problems in our day-to-day and professional lives. The steps in this process include the following:

- Define the problem.
- Generate alternate solutions.
- Evaluate and select a singular solution.
- Implement the said solution.

Let's apply this process to an example:

Tao doesn't know the quickest way to the soccer grounds. He begins by acknowledging his lack of knowledge and makes the decision to rectify this situation.

Tao will now generate alternate solutions by entering the address of the soccer grounds into his GPS. He is now able to see four different routes he could take. By using a quick analysis of how long each route will take him, Tao decides to take route C as it will be the quickest.

Finally, Tao hops on his skateboard and is on his journey.

This process, whilst simple, is critical to our day-to-day lives. We use the problem-solving approach so much, that often we do not even realise that it is happening.

Superior Problem-solving Skills:

Not all problem-solving is as simple as the above example. The teaching of effective problem-solving involves exposing students to challenges of increasing complexity. Those who master the more challenging problem-solving skills will be well-placed for a demanding and unpredictable future.

Career Success is About Problem Solving Skills not Qualifications:

Careers stall not because we are not qualified but because we are not mentally agile. Mental agility is reliant on our problem-solving skills. We are rewarded in the workplace for our ability to solve problems. Often a less qualified person is promoted due to their ability to rise to the challenge in the face of a problem. It becomes quickly apparent who are the problem solvers in the organisation. Qualifications may put you in the job - results secure your tenure. We often refer to these successful problem solvers as "the people who can get the job done" without actually acknowledging their superior problem-solving skills.

So problem-solving is not just something we need for our everyday lives. It can be the key to a successful career and it will be the key to all our futures.

Raise a Hero for Challenging Times:

All parents dream that their children will grow up to do something special; that they leave their mark on the world and be met with success. We are living in challenging times. The environment is facing pressures we have not seen in human history. There are looming water and food shortages due to the changing climate. The continued habitation of certain regions of the planet may become questionable in as little as a decade. We are in need of solutions to problems we have never faced before. This is where our most gifted problem solvers will find their niche.

Geo-politically we are also facing significant challenges. The problem solvers who can effectively employ soft skills such as diplomacy and find positions of compromise between combatants will assist us in avoiding further conflicts and potential disasters. In short, we need to find amongst us some everyday 'heroes' who can step forward to face these challenges.

Your child can be one of these 'heroes' through an effective education in problem-solving skills.

In Closing:

This is the last column I will be writing for the College's monthly newsletter. From next month the column will be written by our new Assistant Principal, Mr David Koina. I encourage you to look out for his fresh and informative reflections.

Stay well and stay excited about learning.





NORTH SHORE COACHING COLLEGE CHARITY FOUNDATION

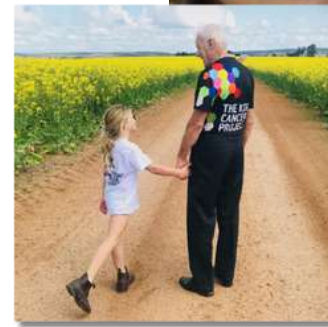
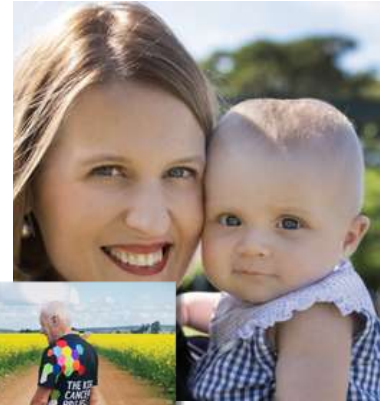
North Shore Coaching College Charity Foundation in Memory of Mrs Demi Mak was formed in 2020 to continue Mrs Mak's philanthropic legacy, generous heart and desire to make a difference in the education space.

IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR KIDS WITH CANCER - THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT - FUTURE CURE

North Shore Coaching College Charity Foundation has recently supported The Kids' Cancer Project - Future Cure Project. This endeavour is set to revolutionise the fight against childhood brain cancer, a disease responsible for 40 percent of paediatric cancer-related fatalities.

The 'Future Cure' project is all about transforming the landscape of paediatric cancer treatment, giving hope to children with some of the most high-risk brain cancers. And guess what? You can be a part of this impactful journey too!

Discover how you can contribute to 'Future Cure', support groundbreaking research and make a difference in the lives of these courageous young souls.



Pre - Y12 Programs



NEW LOCATION SPECIAL OFFER

JOIN NOW TO SAVE

\$100*

PARRAMATTA CAMPUS

NEW LOCATION PARRAMATTA CAMPUS

Exciting News! We will be relocating to a new Parramatta Campus location. We're dedicated to enhancing your learning experience in the heart of Parramatta.

As a thank you for your continued support, we're giving all students who register for the upcoming term a **\$100 discount**. Don't miss out!

Speak to our Parramatta Campus staff for more details at **0478 292 823!**

📞 0478 292 823

🌐 www.north-shore.com.au

SPRING HOLIDAY & TERM 4 PROGRAMS

Secure your spot with our **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**

Available before:

12 September 2023

DEBATE & PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP

Develop your child's confidence to be a better public speaker. Learning the art of debating equips children with the skills not only for effective communication at school but also in their future working world.

Y4 - Y6

MORE PROGRAMS

ENGLISH & MATHS
CREATIVE WRITING
EXAM PREPARATION
HSC SUBJECTS
AND MORE ...



KINDY - Y6

ARTS & CRAFT WORKSHOP

Inspire your budding artist with our exciting arts and craft workshop. Students engage in art and craft activities designed to bring out their creativity as they experiment with shape, colour and form. All materials included.



SPEECH & DRAMA WORKSHOP



KINDY - Y3

An exciting & enjoyable program to develop your child's creative nature whilst boosting their self-esteem. A comprehensive exploration of vocal and performance skills that will engage your child's imagination culminating in a play performance.

SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

- English & Maths
- Thinking Skills
- Writing Skills
- Competitions
- Exam Preparation
- Arts & Craft
- Speech & Drama
- Debate & Public Speaking
- And More...

(Selected campuses)

TERM PROGRAMS

Pre - Y12



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OC/SELECTIVE/ SCHOLARSHIP EXAM PREPARATION

Whether it's the private school scholarship, high stakes exam, a national examination, or any other exams and assessments, thousands of North Shore students have attributed their academic success to our expert tuition, refined through 30+ years of experience.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



At North Shore Coaching College, we believe learning doesn't have to stop when the school term ends. School holidays are a perfect time to catch up and revise on concepts and skills learnt during the term and we offer a huge range of Holiday Programs which change every term, so there's bound to be an exciting course for your child's enjoyment and enrichment. Our intensive Holiday Program is available during the public school holiday dates.

**ENGLISH & MATHS &
THINKING SKILLS &
WRITING SKILLS &
COMPETITIONS
& MORE...**

**PRE SCHOOL -
YEAR 12 PROGRAMS**

Contact your local Campus Director today for further information and to enrol.

EXAM SEASON! SITTING EXAMS IN 2024?

A big congratulations to all our NSW Year 6 students who received selective school offers recently. Your effort and determination do not go unnoticed. North Shore is so honoured to share this important milestone with you all.

Sitting the Scholarship / Selective School Exam in 2024?

The ACER-CSTP Scholarship Exam date is Saturday 24 February 2024.

The Selective School Placement Test date is Thursday 9 May 2024.

The 2024 exams are not far away! Join our 🏆 [\[Exam Preparation Program\]](#) to allow your child to have mock exam practice. It is vital that students are familiar with the test format and the demands of the exam situation in order to maximise their success in the Scholarship / Selective School Placement Test.

2024 ACER Participating Schools - NSW				
School name	Scholarship levels	Close date	Test date	Scholarship program type
All Saints Grammar	Primary, Secondary	Sun, 04 Feb 2024	Sat, 24 Feb 2024	Cooperative
Arndell Anglican College	Secondary	Sun, 04 Feb 2024	Sat, 24 Feb 2024	Cooperative
Australian International Academy	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Bishop Druitt College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College	Primary, Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Broughton Anglican College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Calrossy Anglican College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Emanuel School	Secondary	Fri, 30 Jan 2024	Sat, 07 Feb 2024	Alternative Date
Frensham	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Hunter Valley Grammar School	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Inaburra School	Secondary	Sun, 04 Feb 2024	Sat, 24 Feb 2024	Cooperative
International Grammar School	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
International Maarif Schools of Australia	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Irfan College	Primary, Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Kinross Woleroi School	Primary, Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Korowal School	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Macquarie Anglican Grammar School	Secondary	Sun, 04 Feb 2024	Sat, 24 Feb 2024	Cooperative
Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Mount Annan Christian College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Mount St Benedict College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
NEGS	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Northholm Grammar School	Primary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Norwest Christian College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Nowra Anglican College	Primary, Secondary	Sun, 04 Feb 2024	Sat, 24 Feb 2024	Cooperative
Oran Park Anglican College	Secondary	Sun, 04 Feb 2024	Sat, 24 Feb 2024	Cooperative
Pacific Hills Christian School	Secondary	Fri, 16 Feb 2024	Sat, 02 Mar 2024	Alternative Date
Penrith Anglican College	Primary, Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Penrith Christian School	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Pittwater House Schools	Secondary	Sun, 04 Feb 2024	Sat, 24 Feb 2024	Cooperative
Presbyterian Ladies' College NSW	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Reddam House	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Redlands	Secondary	Sun, 04 Feb 2024	Sat, 24 Feb 2024	Cooperative
Rosebank College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Rouse Hill Anglican College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
SCEGGS Darlinghurst	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Scone Grammar School	Primary, Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Scots All Saints College	Primary, Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Shellharbour Anglican College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Shore School	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Snowy Mountains Grammar School	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
St Andrew's Cathedral School	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
St George Christian School (Level 1)	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
St George Christian School (Level 3)	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
St Joseph's College Hunters Hill	Secondary	Sun, 04 Feb 2024	Sat, 24 Feb 2024	Cooperative
St Paul's Grammar School Penrith	Primary, Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
St Paul's Walla Walla	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
St Peter's Anglican School	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
St Philip's Christian College Newcastle	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
St Philip's Christian College - Port Stephens	Secondary	Sun, 04 Feb 2024	Sat, 24 Feb 2024	Cooperative
St Spyridon College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
St Vincent's College	Secondary	Sun, 04 Feb 2024	Sat, 24 Feb 2024	Cooperative
The Scots College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
The Scots School Albury	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Thomas Hassall Anglican College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Waverley College	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Cooperative
Wahroonga Adventist School	Secondary	Not confirmed	Not confirmed	Alternative Date
Wollondilly Anglican College	Secondary	Sun, 04 Feb 2024	Sat, 24 Feb 2024	Cooperative

Don't know the exam date for your dream school?

Check the image on the left for the 2024 ACER-CSTP Scholarship Exam test dates and participating schools for 2024/2025 entry for scholarships. Mark and save it in your calendar! Contact each school for enrolment procedures. Save the page for our further updates.

Unsure how to prepare and excel in the exams?

Connect with our [Campus Directors](#) for personalised guidance and solutions.

APPLYING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY CLASS IN 2025 ?

YEAR 3-4
OC EXAM
PREPARATION



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Some ideas to entertain you in the holiday...

ENRICHING HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE
Education is vital, but so is the joy of exploration and the thrill of discovery.

TRANSPORT HERITAGE EXPO 2023

CENTRAL STATION
30 SEP - 2 OCT 2023

The Transport Heritage Expo

It is a celebration of Sydney's rich transportation history. It's a fantastic opportunity for families to bond, for young minds to be inspired, and for everyone to have a blast.

From heritage train rides to captivating displays, this event promises a nostalgic and entertaining long weekend for all.

So, take a break from the books, enjoy quality family time, and immerse yourselves in the wonders of our city. Learn more [here](#).

Tulip Time Festival

Step out of the study nook for a day and immerse yourselves in the breathtaking Tulip Time Festival.

The Tulip Time Festival is held every year in Spring in the Southern Highlands. The focus of Tulip Time is the spectacular display of 80,000 mass-planted tulips in Corbett Gardens, Bowral.

Take a break, breathe in the sweet scent of tulips, and create cherished memories with your family. Learn more [here](#).



Jurassic World Exhibition

This is a mind-blowing opportunity for families to get up close and personal with these magnificent creatures. This immersive experience brings scenes from the beloved film to life, making it an adventure for all ages.

Imagine discovering the science behind Jurassic World, where your child can unravel the mysteries of these ancient giants. It's a chance for them to walk among life-size dinosaurs, almost as if they've stepped back millions of years in time. Check out more [here](#).

