

NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL MANAGING DIRECTOR

Mr Anson MAK

Welcome to our first issue of the North Shore Coaching College newsletter for 2024. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Lunar New Year of the Dragon and hope that your year is roaring with happiness, good health, achievement and joy for you and your families. I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and January. I am grateful to have had time off to recharge, rejuvenate and reconnect. It is important to have breaks and pauses amidst our lives and to maintain a good balance of different activities to ensure a healthy mind and body. The New Year is also a wonderful opportunity to set ourselves goals and targets to ensure that we continue to grow as individuals.

It was a joy to welcome students to our summer holiday programs and staff back to our 2024 Term 1 programs. We hope you have a great year at school and at North Shore Coaching College.

As an organisation we recently refocused on our College Values of Excellence, Respect, Kindness and Professionalism as we start 2024. This will guide our actions in service delivery in 2024 as we seek to maximise your child's learning experience with us.

Excellence – Our students and staff value teaching and learning to achieve their full potential.

Respect – Have friendly interactions between students, staff and the community.

Kindness – Feel safe, valued and supported in an environment that celebrates all.

Professionalism – Professionalism and striving for continuous improvement in our actions.

We always welcome any feedback where there is an opportunity to improve and/or celebrate your great experience with us!

If you are intending to sit Scholarship exams or for private school entry, [take note on the closing dates for applications](#) on our website which have past or are fast approaching. It is best to approach the school directly for application procedures and details on exam format. ACER and AAS are the dominant exam providers, but some schools continue to set their own exams.

NAPLAN is fast approaching for our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. Our [NAPLAN Online Exam Preparation Program](#) (which is highly popular) helps students familiarise themselves with the adaptive testing exam format. Each student will receive a tailored test report and be able to review incorrectly answered questions. Speak to your Campus Director for further information.

COVID-19 community transmission remains at high levels across NSW. Please stay home if you have any cold or flu symptoms. Wash your hands using soap and water, or hand sanitiser. Please continue to follow state health department advice in relation to steps to keep yourself safe.

Our charity organisation, [North Shore Coaching College Charity Foundation](#) in memory of Mrs Demi Mak, is delighted to continue supporting community organisations. Recently, we supported the Breast Cancer Network Australia's (BCNA) Global leadership in Metastatic Breast Cancer Advocacy - Metastatic Breast Cancer Advocacy Staff Position. Breast Cancer remains one of the most common cancers affecting Australian women. According to BCNA, it is predicted that over 20,000 women and over 200 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Early detection of breast cancer while it is small and confined provides the best chance of effective treatment.

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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL YEARS LEARNING

*Mr David Koina
National Deputy Principal*

How children and teenagers learn

Children and teenagers learn by observing, listening, exploring, experimenting and asking questions.

Being interested, motivated and engaged in learning is important for children once they start school. It can also help if they understand why they're learning something.

And as your child gets older, your child will enjoy taking more responsibility for their learning and getting more involved in making decisions about learning and organising activities.

Your child keeps learning from you over the years. When your child goes to primary and then secondary school, you can help your child have a positive attitude to learning, just by being positive yourself and showing you value the learning that the school provides.

Learning in early primary school

Children learn in different ways – some learn by seeing, some by hearing, some by reading, some by doing. And all children benefit from having a variety of learning experiences.

At this stage, children still learn through play. Plenty of unstructured, free play helps balance formal lessons at school. It also gives children a chance to unwind after the routines and rules of school.

Children also learn by using objects in many different ways. When your child is experimenting, exploring and creating with a range of materials, they learn about problem-solving in situations where there are no set or 'right' answers.

Children have to learn social skills, just like they have to learn to read and write. Giving your child chances to play with other children is a great way for them to develop skills for getting on with others.

Your child's community connections can offer valuable learning experiences too. For example, visiting the local shops, parks, playgrounds and libraries or walking around your neighbourhood helps your child understand how communities work. As you and your child explore your community together, you can talk to your child about interesting things that you see or share things that you know.

If your family speaks a language other than English at home, this can be a great way for your child to grow up as a bilingual or multilingual learner. Bilingualism or multilingualism can have many benefits for your child, including better thinking, reading and writing skills.

Tips for learning at primary school

Here are some practical tips for helping your primary school-age child learn:

- Show an interest in what your child is doing and learning by talking about school.
- Play rhyming games, letter games, and shape and number games with your child. Practise taking turns as you play.
- Use simple language, and play with words and word meanings – for example, you could clap out the syllables of words or play word association games.
- Keep reading to your child even when your child can read by themselves.
- Let your child hear and see plenty of new words in books, on TV or in general conversation, and talk about what the words mean.
- Make sure your child has time for free, unstructured play.
- Help your child discover what they're good at by encouraging your child to try plenty of different activities.





Learning in Upper Primary and Secondary Schools

Your child will become more independent as they get older. It might seem that your child wants you to have less input into their learning, however your child does still need your involvement and encouragement, just in different ways.

Even if your child is sharing less information with you, you can let your child know that you're interested in what they're learning by actively listening and paying attention when they want to talk. This sends the message that your child's learning is important to you and that you're available to help.

And when you talk with your child about their learning, try to focus on how your child is learning about the topic rather than on how much they know. For example, you could ask, 'What was it like to work in a group to make that short film?' rather than 'What mark did you get for that film project?'

Tips for learning at upper primary and secondary school

Here are some practical tips for helping your older school-age child learn:

- Encourage your child to try new things, to make mistakes and to learn about who they are through new experiences. Keep praising your child for trying new things.
- Show an interest in your child's activities. For example, if your child enjoys playing the drums, ask about the music your child is playing and whether they'd like to play for you.
- Watch the news together and talk about what's happening in the world.

- If your child has homework, encourage them to do it at about the same time each day and in a particular area, away from distractions like the TV or a mobile phone.
- Help your child build the time management skills needed for learning. For example, you could help them make a schedule to balance homework and extracurricular activities.
- Make sure your child has time to relax and play. For example, your child might like to read, take photos or kick a ball in the backyard.
- Help your child develop or maintain a good sleep pattern.

Sometimes your child will need your emotional support for learning, as much as your practical help.

Here are some ideas:

- Try to be sensitive to when your child is struggling with learning tasks, and work out what your child needs. Sometimes it might be your help, and sometimes it might be a break from the task.
- Trust your child's judgment. For example, if your child feels ready to play a contact sport or try a new subject, let them have a go.
- Accept your child as a whole person. This means appreciating that your child is strong in some areas of learning and needs support in others.
- Respond to your child's feelings. For example, share your child's excitement when they master something new, and be patient when they're having trouble.
- Try thinking back to your own learning experiences, both the enjoyable ones and the challenging ones. This will help you understand your child's experiences.



It's time to learn!

It's been a fun summer with lots to do, but the school year has begun, so good luck to you! Take out your crayons, and open the books! Put on your school uniforms and your bright happy looks! It's time to cheer for a new school year!

North Shore Coaching College offers #Tuition That Works# by inspiring and motivating young people to develop good study habits and a love of learning. The result? Better grades, a healthier mindset, and a more enriching academic experience overall.

A good beginning makes a big difference... Make sure you begin this academic year with new hopes and a positive mindset to make it a brighter chapter in your school life.

*Make a head start
on the year ahead
with
North Shore
Coaching
College!*

2024 TERM 1

Fastrain Programs
Exam Preparation Programs
Reading & Phonics
English & Maths
Creative Writing
& More ..

ENQUIRE NOW!

2024 Important Exams

Our Exam Preparation Programs are designed to help students to reach their full potential in preparing for exams. At North Shore Coaching College, we take the stress out of exam preparation by offering challenging but well-paced educational programs, crafted and delivered by the most passionate and qualified educators. Enrol now for #Tuition That Works!

YEAR 5-6
SELECTIVE SCHOOL/ SCHOLARSHIP
EXAM PREPARATION PROGRAM
YOUR PATH TO CONFIDENCE AND SUCCESS

30+ YEARS OF SUCCESS STORIES
Preparing students for exam success since 1991.

20+ CAMPUSES IN NSW
Over 20 campuses in New South Wales and online learning options available.

HEADSTART FROM COMPETITION
Getting ahead with full-length mock tests and familiarising with exam-style questions under exam conditions earlier to reduce test anxiety and improve performance.

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Scholarships 2024/2025 Entry

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

Check our website [here](#) for the **2024 ACER-CSTP Scholarship Exam test dates and participating schools** for 2024/2025 entry.

Selective School 2025 Entry

Application Closed
Test centre and test authority advice
25 April 2024
Selective High School Placement Test
Thursday, 9 May 2024

YEAR 3-4
OC EXAM PREPARATION
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OVER 30 YEARS OF SUCCESS STORIES
Preparing students for exam success since 1991.

Opportunity Class 2025 Entry

Application website opens
March 2024 - TBC
Application website closes
May 2024 - TBC
Test centre and test authority advice
TBC
Opportunity Class Placement Test
Thursday, 1 August 2024

For Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 Students
NAPLAN ONLINE
Exam Preparation Program

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How can it benefit your child?

- Mock NAPLAN Online Adaptive Tests (Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar, Numeracy)
- Familiarise with the NAPLAN format to reduce test anxiety
- Review Online Test Questions (Incorrectly answered questions)
- Receive Tailored Test Report
- Learn Time Management

Prepare Your Child for NAPLAN with Confidence

Over 65 campuses in Australia & Hong Kong | www.north-shore.com.au

HSC SUCCESS

YEAR 11 & 12

English - Extension 1
English - Advanced
English - Standard
English - EAL/D
Maths - Extension 1&2
Maths - Advanced
Maths - Standard
Physics
Chemistry

JOIN OUR PROGRAM

- Comprehensive newly revised workbooks
- Tailored for HSC Success
- Gain strong knowledge and deep understanding of concepts and exam techniques
- Qualified tuition by expert tutors
- Free HOMEWORK support

NAPLAN 2024

Wednesday 13 March to Monday 25 March 2024

HSC 2024 Written Exam

Tuesday 15 October to Friday 8 November 2024



NORTH SHORE COACHING COLLEGE CHARITY FOUNDATION

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



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Breast Cancer Network Australia

What do Parents say about North Shore...

"I am delighted with the exceptional quality of service provided by North Shore Coaching College. Ever since my kids started receiving assistance from them, I have witnessed significant growth in their academic journey."

Moreover, the nurturing and positive environment at the centre has sparked a newfound interest and enthusiasm in their studies. The consistency in the quality of their work is truly outstanding."

- Ghafari, 2024

"My kid needed help grasping each idea on the selective test, and the teacher took the time she needed to do so. She definitely influenced my daughter to think about how she was going to handle the problem. She provided suggestions that were concise and to the point, which I enjoyed."

Excellent tutor who significantly enhanced my daughter's academic abilities. I would like to very much appreciate North Shore for their guidance in getting my daughter a chance in a selective school."

- Saha, 2024



North Shore Student Portal

Each student can access the [North Shore Student Portal](#) using their student number and password. This can be obtained from our office. This learning portal is designed to complement the learning of students in addition to the face-to-face instruction received at North Shore. Some features of the North Shore Student Portal include:



Spell Assist

- For Year 3 - 6 students.
- Students can click on their weekly spelling list to hear the correct pronunciation of each word and how to correctly use each word in a sentence.



Extra Homework / Quiz

- Extra Homework for Year 3- 6 students.
- Quiz for Year 1 - 10 students.
- Suitable for students wanting an extra challenge; each week an interesting quiz is made available online via Student Area.



FREE Online Homework Support

The following **FREE** Student Support are also offered to complement the learning of North Shore Students: (Please check with each campus for the latest schedule).

- **Primary Homework Online Help Support**

Students from Year 3 to 5 who need extra help with their North Shore homework can access guided videos on how to complete their homework. Accessible via the Student Area on the North Shore website.

- **Primary Homework Help Live Chat Support**

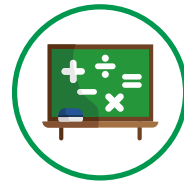
Available for students from Kindy to Year 6 who need extra help with their North Shore homework. Accessible via the Student Area on the North Shore website.

Homework Help Live Chat Support is available Thursday & Friday 4-6 pm, Saturday 2-5 pm (EST).



FREE Test Paper Online Review

Available for students enrolled in **Opportunity Class, Selective School and Scholarship Exam Preparation Programs.**



Arithmetic Practice

- For Year 1 - 6 students.
- Suitable for students needing additional practice in arithmetic calculations.



Online Videos

Enhanced your learning experience with Online Videos. Online videos are available in the North Shore Student Portal for most lessons.

- **Accessible Anytime, Anywhere:** With online videos, you can now access lesson content from the comfort of your home or on the go. Whether you missed a class or want to revisit a particular concept, the portal is your go-to resource.
- **Flexible Learning:** Tailor your learning pace to suit your needs. Pause, rewind, and replay videos as needed, empowering you to learn at your own speed and reinforcing your understanding of the subject matter.



OUR VISION

Our vision is to be a leading provider of educational services for 3-18 year olds.



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide the best range of educational services to assist students to maximise their school achievement, in preparation for future success.



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“Tuition That Works”



COLLEGE VALUES

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