



TERM 1, 2024

STUDENT **NEWS** LETTER

The latest news, developments and upcoming events at our North Shore campuses in Queensland!



FINDING YOUR FOOTING

Term 1 has always been undoubtedly the most difficult term for students as the new year brings with it a plethora of changes - *new classmates and teachers at school, or a new school or even cohort for others.*

However, these changes also come with exciting opportunities for growth and learning. **Term 1 serves as a foundation for the rest of the academic year**, where students have the chance to set goals, meet new friends, and explore different subjects. It's a time that requires students to find their footing and adapt to their new surroundings.

Just like with school, **North Shore students will be continuously presented with new concepts and challenges throughout this next year.** While our syllabus is designed to incorporate a few weeks of revision at the start of the term, some students may find that there is a knowledge gap that requires extra attention.

In order to bridge these knowledge gaps, **we strongly encourage parents and students to persevere with their studies at North Shore** as concepts will continue to be reinforced throughout the year.

On a similar note, we cannot stress enough that coming to North Shore classes alone are not enough, **students must complete their homework** (including practicing and learning spelling words) and **submit them to their teacher on a weekly basis.**

This reinforcement of learning through homework plays a crucial role in a student's academic success. **By practicing what they have learned in class, students not only solidify their understanding of the subject matter but also build important skills such as time management, self-discipline, and independent learning.**

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RE-ENROL FOR TERM 2 NOW!

13 APRIL - 21 JUNE 2024

**\$30 EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT
ENDS ON MONDAY
18 MARCH 2024!**

PAYMENT OPTIONS

**BPAY, IN PERSON
OR VIA SECURE LINK**

Check your nominated email (including junk/spam) for your Statement of Account and unique BPAY reference number for each student.



IMPORTANT!

Please do not pay online if you want to make changes to your enrolment (change sessions/subjects), or if you are paying for more than one child.

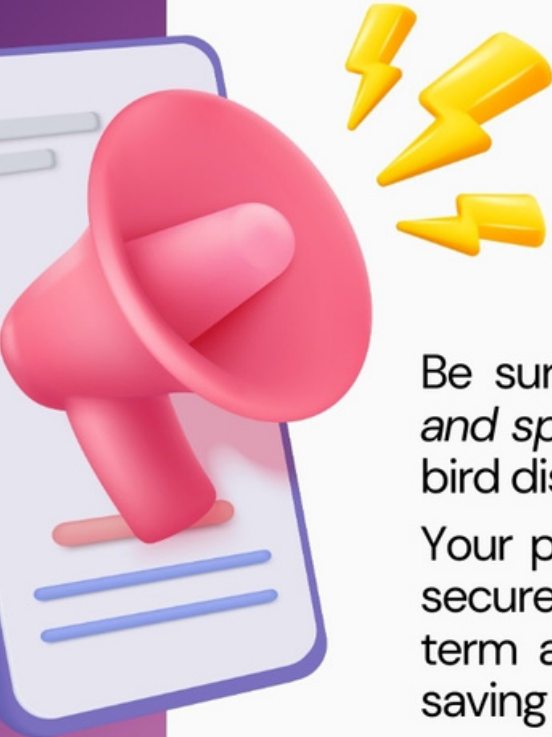
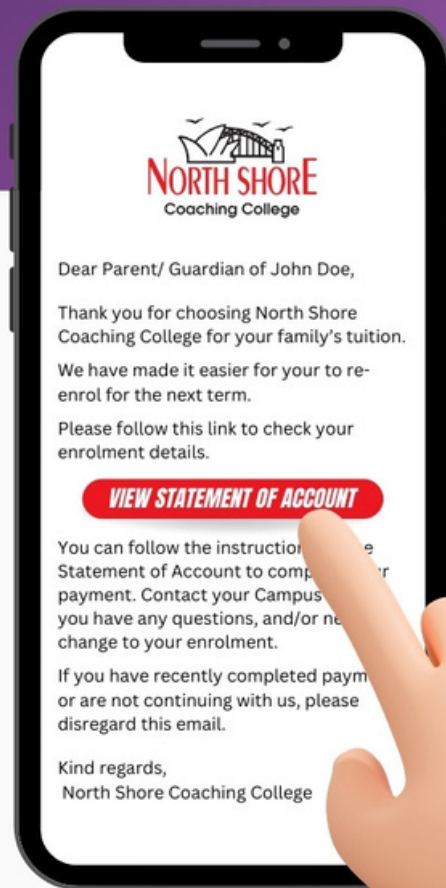
WHY PAY EARLY?

Sessions are subject to availability, and spots are assigned on a first come, first served basis, so re-enrol early to secure your child's spot in your preferred session!





Keep an eye on your email for your Statement of Account



You will soon be receiving a Statement of Account, containing the BPAY details for your child's Term 2 enrolment.

Be sure to **check your inbox**, including junk and spam folders, to not miss out on the early bird discount!

Your prompt attention to this matter will help secure your child's place for the upcoming term as well as take advantage of the cost-saving opportunity!



Please note:

- Each student has their own unique Biller Code and Customer Reference Number, so please **do not pay for multiple students in the same transaction!**
- The **family discount cannot be honoured via BPAY**. Contact your campus manager for alternate payment options.
- Please call your campus manager **before payment** if you would like to make any changes to your enrolment.



2024 APRIL HOLIDAY & TERM 2 SCHEDULES



2024 April Holiday Program Schedule

Program Dates: 8 - 12 April, 2024

Headstart programs covering **English, Maths, Thinking Skills & Writing workshops** for Prep to Year 10.

Academic Selection Entry Practice Test Workshop will be open to all **Year 5 students** who are looking to prepare to sit for scholarship tests this year.

[View Online](#)

2024 Term 2 Schedule

Term Dates: 13 April - 21 June, 2024

Term Programs for **Kindy to Year 12**, along with extra classes such as:

- **Creative Writers** for Prep to Year 2
- **Future Writers** for Year 3 and older
- **Exam Trial Test Class** for Year 5, and more!

[View Online](#)

Changes to Thursday classes due to ANZAC Day

Due to ANZAC Day public holiday on 25 April, alternative arrangements have been made for Thursday classes in Week 2 of Term 2. Please contact your campus manager for campus specific arrangements.

PREPARING FOR **NAPLAN**



The 2024 NAPLAN test window will start on **Wednesday 13 March** and finish on **Monday 25 March 2024**.

As NAPLAN draws near, it's essential for both students and parents to remember that the tests are just one measure of academic progress and should not be the sole focus of education.

By attending North Shore on a weekly basis, students have already been exposed to and equipped with the necessary knowledge they need to excel on the NAPLAN tests.

While "students are not expected to study for NAPLAN" (ACARA, 2023) **revisiting North Shore materials from both this year and the years past can be a great way for students to reinforce their understanding and boost their confidence.**

Most importantly, all of this preparation will be in vain if it is not supported by a healthy body and mindset. **So remember to take regular breaks, get enough sleep, eat well and stay hydrated!**

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) recommends parents to:

- reassure students that NAPLAN is a part of their school program;
- encourage children to simply do the best they can on the day;
- avoid excessive drilling and cramming of new information in the lead-up (this will only lead to more stress and anxiety)

Useful Websites

Past NAPLAN Papers *(with answers)*

2008 - 2011

2012 - 2016

Practise Sample Questions on the Online Testing Environment:

Free Public Demonstration Site

Explanation of Online Features & Tools



To all our students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9: Trust in your abilities and the hard work you've put in. You've got this! Just do your best, and remember that success is not just about the test results but also about the growth, learning, and development that takes place along the way. So, keep calm, stay positive, and give it your all. Good luck!



NORTH SHORE NOTICE BOARD

FREE ONLINE PROBLEM SOLVING ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR 3 & 4

Earlier in February, all Year 3 and 4 students were invited to participate in a North Shore's online problem solving assessment using our very own online testing platform.

Parents are kindly reminded that **all five tests must be completed by 15 March 2024 in order for students to receive a personalised report.**

These **reports will provide valuable insights into student's strengths and areas for improvement**, so we highly encourage parents to support their children in completing all five tests by the deadline to ensure they get the most out of this experience.

Thank you to all the families who have already participated, and we look forward to seeing the great results from our Year 3 and 4 students!



DON'T BE LATE!



It is important for students to **aim to arrive early, or at least on time for classes.** Arriving on campus after lessons have started can be disruptive, and means that students will have missed all content covered at the start of the lesson.

Please note, in order to reduce interruptions to the lesson, if students are:

- More than **10 minutes late** for **Creative Writing**, or
- More than **30 minutes late** for **Maths or English**

they will need to wait at the office before joining the next lesson.

NORTH SHORE IS NUT-FREE!

For the safety of all students, please **do not pack nuts as snacks** for your children.

Instead, try packing:

- Crackers
- Vegetable chips
- Easy-to-eat fruit
- Yoghurt



NORTH SHORE NOTICE BOARD

ABIDING BY ROAD RULES

For the safety of all students, staff, and the general public, **please make sure to abide by the road rules and signs when dropping off and picking up your child from our campuses.** Park only in designated areas to avoid blocking driveways and ensure smooth traffic flow.



Families attending classes at Upper Mount Gravatt should **be mindful to follow the clearway and no stopping signs** outside the campus.

Ignoring these signs could lead to fines and/or result in your vehicle being towed.

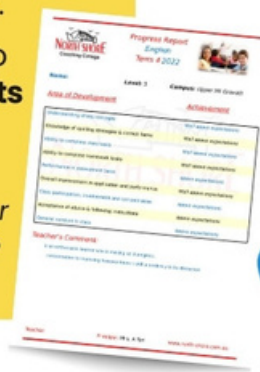


CHECK STUDENT REPORTS ONLINE!

Our teachers work very hard to write individual reports for students, so make sure to **log in to the Student Portal** after your child's last lesson in **Week 10** to access their term reports from the **'Term Report'** section.

North Shore advises families to **download a copy of the reports on their personal devices** for offline viewing.

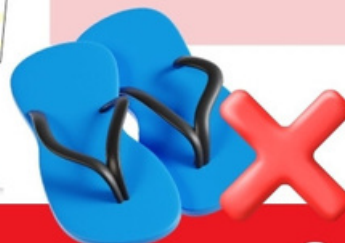
**Reports will only be available for students who have attended the majority of the term.*



APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR

To prevent injuries to feet, or injuries sustained from slips, trips and falls, **North Shore Coaching College asks that students refrain from wearing slippers, thongs or shoes with wheels** to class.

Instead, please wear **sturdy and comfortable closed-in footwear** that provides proper support and traction.





KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

North Shore offers a customized Kindy Programme crafted for children aged 3 to 4.5 years old, preparing them for Prep.

Classes run on **weekdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm at our Upper Mount Gravatt and Southport campuses only.**


Our experienced teachers and engaging curriculum offer children the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment with with concepts reinforced via stories, games and songs.

SPACES ARE LIMITED.

ENROLMENT & ENQUIRIES:

Call: (07) 3343 1883

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"Thank you for all that you do. I am wholly impressed with Asha's involvement and growth, in such a short time. You all do such a wonderful job and I cannot wait to be back in the New Year."

- Kelly K
Parent of Asha, Kindy Student