

# NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

**Term 2, May 2024**

## **A Message from National Managing Director**

*Mr Anson MAK*

Welcome back to Term 2 2024.

I hope you and your family had a lovely school holiday and a great recharge to start off your term at North Shore Coaching College and your school. Welcome to our new students, parents and educators to our community.

During the holidays, you may have taken your child to an escape room challenge, bought them a 3D puzzle to solve, posed a question if you had \$200 to plan the meals for the family what would you buy, borrowed a book of logical challenges to stimulate their minds...or you may be intending to...? These and many more similar ideas are a great way to foster a sense of curiosity, critical, logical and lateral thinking, which is becoming more important in our generation of students. Whilst it is important to learn traditional subjects of English, Mathematics and Science, the acquisition of problem solving skills and the ability to solve problems using different approaches and to stay calm in doing so is a great skill to develop not only as a student but a great life skill. The maturity to navigate through unexpected events instantly in a controlled manner will no doubt be a skill mastered by successful individuals. At North Shore Coaching College, we continue to incorporate the need to develop problem solving skills in addition to mastery of content required by

the syllabus as we firmly believe that well-rounded problem solving skills will provide an extra edge for our students in their education, performance in public examinations and competitions and beyond school into the workforce.

**Best of luck to our students sitting the Selective School Placement Test on 9 May 2024** this year. Remember to have enough sleep!

A friendly reminder to students currently in **Year 4** intending to sit the **Opportunity Class (OC) Placement Test** that applications to the exam can be made online now on the [NSW Department of Education website](https://www.nsw.gov.au/education/oc) and will close on 20 May 2024.

Our annual **Selective Written Assessment Test (SWAT)** will be held on **Saturday 6 July 2024**. [Enrol now](#) to secure your spot for your chance to win one of 60+ scholarships and to give your child in Year 3, 4 or 5 a mock examination experience if they are intending to sit the OC Placement test, Selective School Placement Test, Scholarship exams or private school entrance exams.

If you have had a great experience at North Shore, we would be grateful if you could provide us with a positive review in Google and social media. Alternatively, if there is anywhere where you feel we could improve, please approach our campus staff to provide this feedback. We thank you for your ongoing support, patience and loyalty.

An early **Mother's Day** greeting to all our lovely mothers for 12 May 2024.



# Why Problem Solving Skills are Critical for Students?

Problem solving skills equip students with the ability to think critically, adapt to new situations, and excel in academics and future careers, fostering lifelong success.

Problem solving abilities refer to our capacity to analyse issues in depth and quickly come up with workable solutions. Our capacity to bounce back swiftly from adversity and difficulties is referred to as resilience.

Rainbows and children have symbolic meanings. After darkness and rain, the rainbow serves as a reminder of positivity. In a similar manner, children remind us that there's a better tomorrow and help us build more strength and resilience. But with the evolving world around us, with increased competition and academic responsibilities for children. They can face challenges in day-to-day life. To manage all the obstacles coming in their path, children need to develop good problem solving skills to believe in themselves and move forward in life with confidence and optimism.

## Discovering Problem Solving Skills.

Children develop problem solving skills at a very young age. It begins when they start to fix their broken toys while using the hit and trial method. Problem solving involves defining a problem, figuring out its root cause, identifying, ranking, and choosing potential solutions, as well as putting those solutions into action. One of the most crucial abilities children may learn is how to solve problems since it equips them to handle more difficult scholastic and social problems as they get older.

Every child learns at their own speed and has a unique set of strengths and skills. As a result, it's important to teach them how to tackle problems and problem solving with determination and creativity. It's also crucial to remember that not every problem calls for the same approach. Children, for instance, wouldn't approach finishing an academic project the same way they would manage a conflict in friendship. Therefore, it's helpful to remember that there are various types of problems and that each problem has to be managed differently. Children can learn which kind of problem solving approach will be most effective based on the situation by understanding various forms of conflict.

## Why is problem solving crucial for a child's development?

### ① Improve curiosity and confidence

Children with effective problem solving abilities become innovative and independent by learning through their experiences. Also, they build confidence as it encourages them to believe in their abilities.

### ② Better decision making

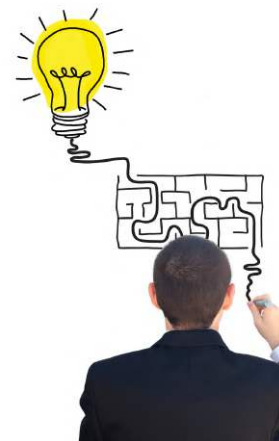
It helps children make rational decisions and not to be dependent on others for it.

### ③ Problem solving helps students do better in academics

It enables children to deal with various factors coming their way and reach their academic goals.

### ④ Improved social relationships

It helps children develop healthy relationships as they are capable of managing conflicts in relationships and building better social skills. Effective problem solving skills also encourage students to teamwork. It enhances collaboration and promotes new leaders.



## ⑤ Enhances critical thinking

Problem solving skills improve cognitive abilities like attention, focus and memory. Also, cause and effect are more deeply understood by students who can solve problems effectively. Hence, critical thinking skills are also improved.

## ⑥ Develops patience

Children also develop patience while solving problems effectively which helps them in taking calculated risks.

## ⑦ Builds resilience

Finally, it helps children be adaptable to change and build resilience towards difficult circumstances.

# How parents can encourage problem solving skills?

Children look up to their parents as role models. At a very young age, they begin to observe and pick up problem solving skills from watching their parents. Parents should encourage their children to solve problems by appreciating them even when they fail. Moreover, by emphasising to children that it is a crucial aspect of life.



### Help to identify the problem

Children occasionally go to their parents when they are upset about an issue. Here, parents can actually assist their children in identifying the problem by asking appropriate questions. Children can learn to recognise problems, as well as what problems they can fix and what things are beyond their control.

### Balance between autonomy and support

Children do require parental help, but parents must remember that children often learn best from the process of trying and failing. They ought to be given the autonomy to think of a solution to a problem on their own. This will enhance both their analytical and creative thinking. Offer assistance if your child needs it to carry out their plan. But make sure to give your child as much independence as you can. They will become more self-assured and independent as a result.

### Encouragement

Encourage children to practise problem solving skills. In order to improve these abilities, parents can also use games and cognitive activities.

### Appreciate and reward their efforts

Recognise and value each effort a child makes to find a solution to a problem. Rewarding them after the process can build confidence in them and help them be motivated to continue efforts.

The ability to solve problems is an integral part of a child's development. This important ability involves more than just coming up with a solution. Instead, it entails applying one's creative abilities, exploring options, analysing various courses of action, and applying logic to tackle challenging issues.






Authorities, teachers, and counsellors collaborate together with the aim of developing problem-solving skills, communication skills, creativity, and teamwork, in students as well as preparing students for the future.

# North Shore Coaching College Problem Solving Platform

North Shore Coaching College offers Problem Solving Ability Training for Year 3, 4, and 5 students to further develop and improve problem solving skills.

Email [problemsolving@north-shore.com.au](mailto:problemsolving@north-shore.com.au) for further information.

### **Benefits of North Shore Coaching College's Problem Solving Ability Training:**

-  Access personalised videos and topic-based training sessions
-  Boost confidence with targeted training exercises
-  Validate mastery of topics with assessments
-  Review incorrect answers and receive instant feedback
-  Enjoy free online support

**LEVEL UP YOUR  
problem solving  
abilities!**





# ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS



## 2025 Entry

**Online application is closing soon**

Online application for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2025 **closes on Monday 20 May 2024**. Parents can apply from [here](#) before the closing date.

The 2024 Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 1 August 2024** and **paper-based**.



## 2026 Entry

**New changes from 2025**

More NSW schools offering Opportunity Classes while reduced places at some existing schools. Read the changes here [bit.ly/NSOCguide](http://bit.ly/NSOCguide).

The placement tests for the opportunity classes will move from single paper-based tests to **computer-based tests**.




# ACE YOUR OC EXAM WITH NORTH SHORE COACHING COLLEGE

Provide your child with extra mock examination practice by enrolling in our **SWAT Mock Exam** and/or the **OC Exam Preparation Program**. For students aiming to sit the OC test, Selective High School, Scholarship and/or Private School Entry in the coming years, North Shore Coaching College offers specialised **Exam Preparation Programs** alongside our keystone **Fastrain Programs**. Give your child the gift of a bright future and enrol now at [bit.ly/OCprep](http://bit.ly/OCprep). Contact us today to secure your spot. Good luck on your OC journey!

**YEAR 3-4 OPPORTUNITY CLASS**

**EXAM PREPARATION PROGRAM**


**YOUR PATH TO CONFIDENCE AND SUCCESS**



**30+ YEARS OF SUCCESS STORIES**  
Preparing students for exam success 30+ years 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.




Contact us for personalised guidance and solutions.  
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**CHOOSE THE PATH OF EARLY PREPARATION, INCREASE YOUR CHANCE OF SUCCESS!**

Exam Preparation Program <b>WEEKLY MOCK TESTS</b>	Fastrain Extended / Young Achiever Program <b>WEEKLY CONCEPT BUILDING</b>
Full-length Tests in Reading/ Mathematical Reasoning/Thinking Skills from Y3 T4 & Y4 T1 (3 Full-length Tests in each week from Y4 Term 2)	Reinforcement in English, Maths & Thinking skills

**Early Advantage for 3 Full-length Mock Tests Each Week**



Get Ahead → Progress → Final Sprint → Success

Strength	Most Other Tuition Centres	North Shore Coaching College	Advantage
Early Preparation from Y3 Term 4	✗	✔	We have the option for you to start early and get ahead
3 Full-length Trial Tests Every Week from Y4 Term 2	✗	✔	Practice 3 full-length mock tests each week to boost the confidence and chance of exam success
3 Hours Lesson with Thorough Explanation from Y4 Term 2	✗	✔	1 hour allows full-length test & 2 hour 20 mins educator's explanation with hints & tips
Mock Exam Experience - SWAT Mock Exam	✗	✔	Sitting an exam in a test environment regularly can have the potential to reduce test anxiety and improve performance
Online Tutor Support	✗	✔	Ask us questions to clarify your understanding
Receive Report & Review Test Questions Anytime	✗	✔	Compare yourself to other students. Request analysis when requiring further development. Selected questions can be reviewed for further understanding
Up-to-date Questions	✗	✔	Test questions are updated and reviewed annually to ensure students complete a wide range of questions

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# 2024 SWAT & AMC

## SWAT MOCK EXAM



Paper-based & Online options

SATURDAY  
**6 JUL**  
2024

~~\$90~~ **\$75**

North Shore Student Discount  
Use code **NSCC15**  
Expires on **31st May 2024**

Year 3 & 4  
9:30am – 11:45am

Year 5  
1:00pm – 4:30pm

60+ scholarships  
to be won!

**ACE YOUR EXAM**

**Mock Exam Experience**

**Year 3, 4, 5** for students  
intending to sit the

- OC Placement Test
- Selective High School Placement Test
- Scholarship Exam
- Private School Entrance Exam

Register at  
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more information [enquiry@north-shore.com.au](mailto:enquiry@north-shore.com.au) ☎ 02 9415 1860

Want to ace your upcoming exams? Look no further than the SWAT Mock Exam [swatexam.com.au](http://swatexam.com.au), brought to you by North Shore Coaching College! 📚

With over 33 years of experience, we know that practising in a test environment improves the potential for success. That's why our SWAT Mock Exam provides invaluable experience for the OC Placement Test, Selective High School Placement Test and Scholarship exams.

Available in a paper-based or computer format.

### Benefits of SWAT Mock Exam:

- Practice in a Test Environment
- Expertly Developed Academic Content
- Detailed Assessment Reports
- An Affordable 'Big Exam Experience'
- Review Incorrectly Answered Questions
- Win a Scholarship

### Register and sit the SWAT Mock Exam:

Chatswood Campus

Hornsby Campus

Parramatta Campus

Gosford Campus

Campbelltown Campus

Liverpool Campus

Wentworthville Campus

SWAT@home (online)

### North Shore Student Special Price

Use code "NSCC15" to get **\$15 off discount offer** for North Shore students. **Expires 31st May 2024.**

The AMC is a highly engaging and challenging competition designed by Australia's top educators and academics to test mathematical thinking and problem-solving. North Shore Coaching College is proud to be an authorised testing centre for the AMC. This is an invaluable opportunity for students in Years 3-12 whose schools do not offer the AMC.

See what North Shore has for [exam preparation programs!](#) Or purchase [AMC past papers](#) to assist your child to prepare for the exam.

### Register and sit the 2024 AMC:

Chatswood Campus Gosford Campus

Hornsby Campus Liverpool Campus

**AMC.**

Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC)

Register Online Today

**6 - 8 August 2024**

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# HIGH SCHOOL & HSC SUCCESS



## HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS

We Equip Our Students With The Knowledge, Skills & Confidence To Achieve Their High School Goals.

**Year 7 - 12**

**Fastcoach Program - Year 7 - 10**  
**High School Success - Year 11 - 12**  
**Future Writers**  
**English | Maths | Science**  
**Physics | Chemistry And More...**

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SINCE 1991 | 65+ CAMPUSES IN AUSTRALIA & HONGKONG

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- Fastcoach Program - Year 7 - 10
- HSC Success - Year 11 - 12
- Future Writers
- English
- Maths
- Science
- Physics
- Chemistry
- And More...



### HSC Preparation for Year 11 Students

**YEAR 11 Maths**

Year 11 Maths - Extension 1  
 Year 11 Maths - Advanced  
 Year 11 Maths - Standard

\$490 per Subject / Term  
 2 hours per Subject  
 10 lessons per Term

**ENROL TODAY!**

Why Study YEAR 11 COURSES at North Shore?

- Newly revised content tailored for HSC SYLLABUS requirements.
- ACCELERATE ahead of your PEERS.
- Taught by Fully QUALIFIED and EXPERIENCED teachers.
- Free HOMEWORK SUPPORT.

**YEAR 11 English**

Year 11 Extension English  
 Year 11 Advanced English  
 Year 11 Standard English  
 Year 11 EAL/D English

\$400 per Subject / Term  
 1.5 hours per Subject  
 10 lessons per Term

**YEAR 11 Other Subjects**

Year 11 Physics  
 Year 11 Chemistry

\$400 per Subject / Term  
 1.5 hours per Subject  
 10 lessons per Term

Please contact **9415 1860** or your Campus Director for enrolment & further information.  
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### Prepare for HSC Success with our Year 12 Courses

**YEAR 12 Maths**

Year 12 Maths - Ext 1 & Ext 2  
 Year 12 Maths - Standard

\$490 per Subject / Term  
 2 hours per Subject  
 10 lessons per Term

**HSC FOCUS**

ALL NEWLY REVISED MATERIAL!

Why Study YEAR 12 COURSES at North Shore?

- Comprehensive newly revised workbooks.
- Tailored for HSC Success.
- Gain strong knowledge and deep understanding of concepts and exam techniques.
- Taught by Fully QUALIFIED and EXPERIENCED teachers.
- Free HOMEWORK SUPPORT.

**YEAR 12 English**

Year 12 Ext 1 English  
 Year 12 Advanced English  
 Year 12 Standard English  
 Year 12 EAL/D English

\$600 per Subject / Term  
 1.5 hours per Subject  
 10 lessons per Term

Includes Essay Writing Skills

**YEAR 12 Other Subjects**

Year 12 Physics  
 Year 12 Chemistry

\$400 per Subject / Term  
 1.5 hours per Subject  
 10 lessons per Term

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As we approach the crucial period leading up to the HSC exams, it's essential to start preparing early to achieve success. North Shore Coaching College is here to support Year 11 and 12 students on their journey towards HSC excellence.

Our tailored HSC programs provide:

- Expert tutoring in key subjects including English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, and more
- Comprehensive study materials and resources
- Proven exam strategies and techniques to boost confidence and performance
- Professional guidance from experienced educators

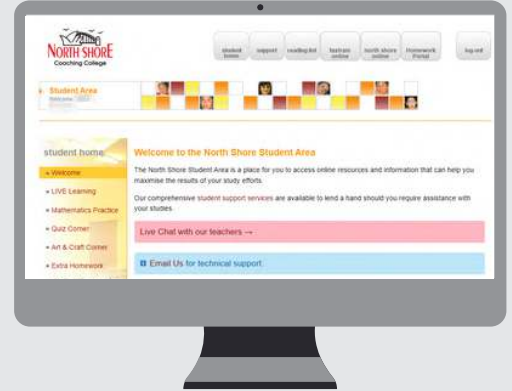


**Contact us for further information and enrolment!**

# UTILISE NORTH SHORE'S FREE STUDENT PORTAL FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS!

As Term 2 begins, we want to ensure everyone is on the right track with North Shore Coaching College.

Here's how you can maximise your study goals with some of our additional support:



## Missed a Lesson or Need Extra Help?

Access pre-recorded tutorials for missed lessons via the student portal. Each week's tutorials are available for 3 weeks. Simply pick up your booklets for the week and log in to catch up on any missed content.



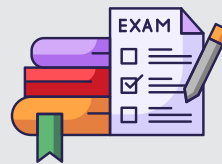
## FREE Online Homework Support

- **Primary Homework Online Help Support:** Guided videos for Year 3 to 5 students to assist with homework completion.
- **Primary Homework Help LiveChat Support:** LiveChat assistance for Kindy to Year 6 students, available on specified days and times. Homework Help LiveChat Support is available Thursday & Friday 4-6 pm, Saturday 2-5 pm (EST).



## Homework Management

Homework is a vital component of our curriculum. It complements classroom learning and should be submitted promptly. Late submissions may not be marked on time.



## Past Papers & Answers

Access past examination papers and answers, e.g. Selective School Tests, OC Exams.



## Extra Homework/Quiz

Challenge yourself with extra homework (Year 3-6) or quizzes (Year 1-10) available weekly on the Student Area.



## Arithmetic Practice

Additional arithmetic practice for Year 1 to 6 students.


*Stay connected with North Shore Coaching College beyond the classroom. Make the most of our student portal and support services to excel in your studies.*


Log into your portal here: <https://student.north-shore.com.au/student/login>



GOOD  
LUCK  
IN YOUR  
EXAM!

**North Shore Coaching College wishes all our Year 6 students good luck in their Selective High School Placement Test.**

 Remember to stay calm and do your best. You've got this! We're cheering you on from here.

Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing mums out there! 


At North Shore Coaching College, we recognise and appreciate the love, devotion, and sacrifices of parenthood.

Give your child the gift of a quality education with us. Discover our effective tuition programs that work wonders!



## North Shore Official Bookshop

 Searching for exam past papers?

Discover a vast selection of books and study materials  at the North Shore Book Shop, catering to students from Kindy to Year 12. From our very own Year 3-5 Exam Preparation Practice Papers to 1000+ book titles, past exam papers, competition papers, puzzle books and more, the North Shore Shop has it all.



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