

# NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

**Term 3, September 2024**



**Mr Anson MAK**

## A Message from National Managing Director

Welcome to Spring!

**Congratulations to all our students who have achieved success in the Selective School Placement Test.** If you have good news to share, please [contact your campus](#) to collect your supersized trophy!

The end of term is fast approaching, so please do not forget to **re-enrol for next term**. We also have an exciting range of holiday programs and full day programs of learning and fun to make it easy for working parents. [Speak with your campus](#) for further information and enrol early to enjoy attractive discounts.

**A quick reminder that students should only eat their own food due to the prevalence of food allergies among students and staff.** Students should not share food with other students and parents/guardians are requested to not send 'messy' foods and snacks. For students who have food allergies, we would encourage parents to regularly remind students of the importance of washing their hands before and after eating. We appreciate your help in providing a safe environment for our staff and students.

**Development of problem solving and critical thinking skills are key themes that are intertwined into our learning programs.** Not only are these important skills to equip our students to be well prepared for any high-stakes exams (such as Opportunity Class Placement Test or Selective School Placement Test) or any assessment task they may encounter during their schooling, but they are important lifelong skills to being well prepared as individuals for their future careers. A strong foundation in these key skills coupled with a good learning ethic is what we try to foster in students attending our Colleges to provide them with the best opportunity to thrive.

As part of our commitment to ongoing curriculum rejuvenation and enhancement to ensure we have leading-edge, relevant and effective learning programs for our students, we will be launching **MyStudy - North Shore Coaching College's Digital Learning Platform**, which allows students to complete some learning tasks online as part of their weekly study. Our educators can also pinpoint potential areas for further intervention, focus and reinforcement. MyStudy will first be rolled out to our Year 3 and 4 Maths and Thinking Skills programs to integrate a component of homework to be completed at home online on a weekly basis (Digital Homework) and a Pre-Term test which will provide students with an opportunity to revise and prepare ahead of the end of term test. All questions can be re-attempted and reviewed online. We do not expect students to spend an excessive amount of time online with these tasks as this could be a potential concern for parents. However, it is important to provide students with a regular experience to complete learning activities in digital format in a controlled manner to build their skills and confidence to do so when required in their studies and examinations here and in schools. The importance of being prepared for both pen and paper tasks as well as tasks in digital format cannot be underestimated. We will also be introducing MyStudy to other levels moving forward as we continue to further improve/enhance the learning platform.

Additionally, for students in Years 3 and 4 who join our Term 4 program, we will be providing a **free Problem Solving Assessment in Term 4**. This assessment will analyse problem solving behaviour and ability, develop, remediate and extend problem solving skills, and further our educational research which started with the Assessment Research Centre of The University of Melbourne over 20 years ago.

We very much value and appreciate feedback. This is important to ensure that we are providing a great learning and customer experience. If you have had a great experience with us, we would be grateful if you could share this feedback with us in person at our campuses, via a **Google review** or via email [feedback@north-shore.com.au](mailto:feedback@north-shore.com.au).



# The Importance of Critical Thinking in Students and How to Improve it

**MR DAVID KOINA**  
*National Deputy Principal*

Providing a balanced education to our students involves not only academic subjects but also the development of critical thinking skills. In today's world, critical thinking is an essential skill for success, not just in academics but in all aspects of life. Why is critical thinking important and how might educators, parents and carers help improve a student's critical thinking skills?

As educators, parents and carers, we have a crucial role to play in helping a student develop their critical thinking skills. By encouraging curiosity, challenging assumptions, analysing information, encouraging creativity and practising reflection, we can help a student to become independent and analytical thinkers, who can adapt to changing situations and contribute positively to society.



Critical thinking is the ability to analyse information, evaluate it and draw conclusions. It involves the use of skills such as reasoning, problem-solving and decision-making to examine and understand complex ideas and concepts.

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As educators, parents and carers, we can play a vital role in improving a student's critical thinking skills. Some methods include:

**Encourage Curiosity:** Encourage a student to ask questions, explore ideas and seek answers. This will help them to develop an inquisitive mindset and a thirst for knowledge.

**Challenge Assumptions:** Encourage a student to challenge assumptions and think outside the box. This will help them to develop a critical mindset and consider alternative perspectives.

**Analyse Information:** Teach a student how to analyse information, evaluate evidence and draw logical conclusions. This helps develop strong analytical and problem-solving skills.

**Encourage Creativity:** Encourage a student to use their imagination and come up with innovative ideas. This will help them to develop a unique perspective and approach problems in a novel way.

**Practise Reflection:** Encourage a student to reflect on their thoughts and actions and to consider alternative viewpoints. This helps them to develop self-awareness and to understand the impact of their decisions.



## WHY IS CRITICAL THINKING IMPORTANT?

It helps students to:

- Make informed decisions based on evidence
- Develop innovative and creative ideas
- Solve challenging and complex problems
- Understand and evaluate the validity of arguments
- Communicate effectively their messages and ideas

In short, critical thinking is a fundamental skill that helps students become independent and analytical thinkers who can adapt to changing situations and contribute positively to society.



**FOR ANY ENQUIRY, PLEASE**  
**Call us on 9415 1860, or**  
**Speak to our Campus Director**

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# Re-enrol Term 4 & Spring Holiday Programs with our **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**

Expires on 16 September 2024

## Re-enrol now!

[Click to check the timetable](#)

### TUITION THAT WORKS!

## Enhance your child's learning with North Shore Coaching College's Digital Learning Platforms!



### My Study

We're excited to launch MyStudy, North Shore Coaching College's new digital Learning Platform.

#### **Benefits of North Shore Coaching College's MyStudy Learning Platform:**

- Complete part of weekly homework online
- Identify areas needing extra focus with educator support
- Review and attempt questions at your own pace online
- Build confidence for digital assessments
- Improve student learning & reporting

MyStudy is being rolled out initially to Year 3 and 4 Maths and Thinking Skills programs, incorporating digital homework and a Pre-Term test. MyStudy will gradually be introduced to other grade levels.

# Education & Fun

## Spring Holiday Program



Let us take care of your child for the Spring school holidays!

## Spring Holiday Program



**Whole Day  
Solution!**

**K-Y6**

English & Maths  
Creative Writing  
Thinking Skills  
Exam Preparation

(Available at selected  
campuses)  
Coding & Robotics  
Public Speaking  
Arts & Craft  
& more...

**Special  
OFFER**  
★★★★★

### Why Choose Our Holiday Programs?

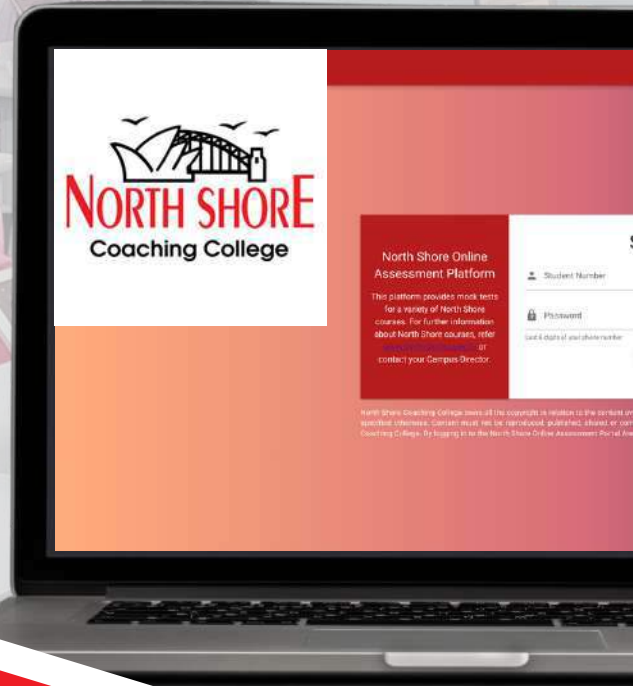
- Drop off from 8:45 am, pick up until 5:45 pm
- Full day of education and fun activities or single sessions - flexible to your needs
- Caring educators
- Educating students for 30+ years since 1991
- Available at Chatswood & selected campuses

**Special Offer: Early Bird & Bring a Friend Discounts!**

**Speak to our Campus Director for program and discount details!**

# SITTING THE 2025 COMPUTER-BASED OC OR SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TESTS?

Looking for a **headstart** for OC & Selective High School Placement Test?



## Year 3-5

Opportunity Class/Selective School/Scholarship

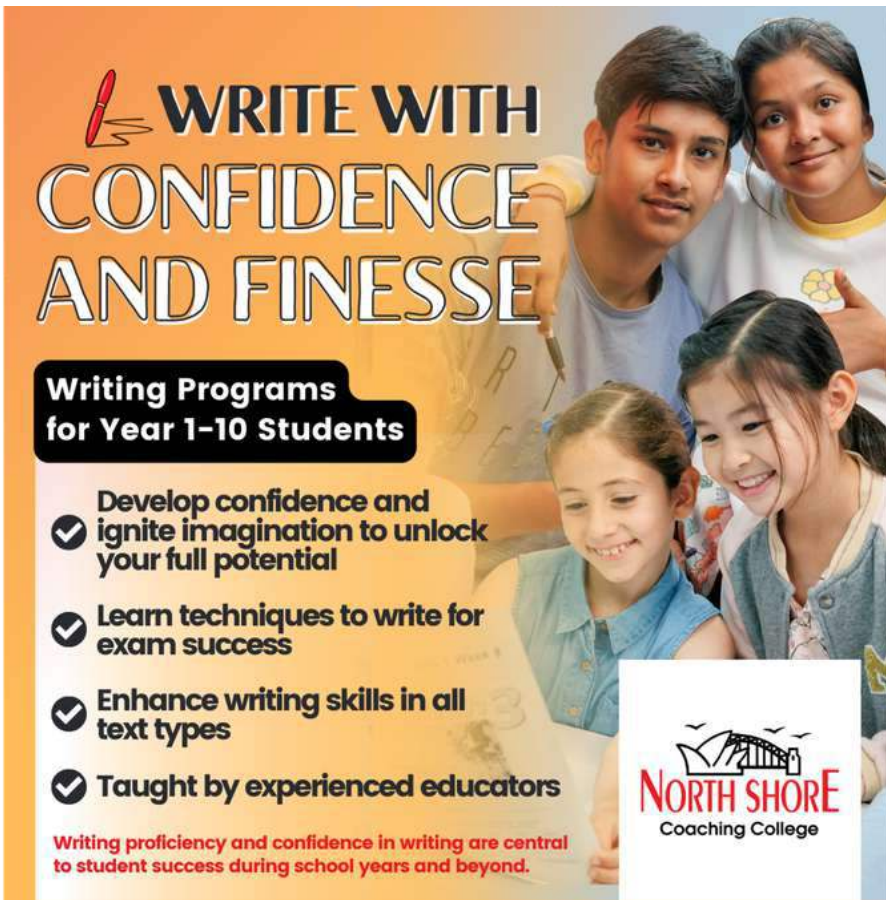
# Exam Preparation Program

**YOUR PATH TO DEVELOPING  
CONFIDENCE AND EXAM SKILLS**

**Speak to your campus director for  
program details and enrolment.**

# Write with Confidence and Finesse

Writing proficiency and confidence are fundamental to your child's success in school and beyond. Whether it's crafting compelling writing for exams, articulating thoughts clearly, or expressing ideas creatively, proficient writing opens doors to endless opportunities.



**WRITE WITH CONFIDENCE AND FINESSE**

**Writing Programs for Year 1-10 Students**

- ✓ Develop confidence and ignite imagination to unlock your full potential
- ✓ Learn techniques to write for exam success
- ✓ Enhance writing skills in all text types
- ✓ Taught by experienced educators

Writing proficiency and confidence in writing are central to student success during school years and beyond.

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## For program details & enrolment

Enrol before 16 September 2024 to enjoy the early bird discount!

**CONTACT US**



## Writing Programs



### Creative Writers Program (Y1-2)

A foundational writing course cultivates robust skills and builds techniques essential for future success in school.



### Future Writers Program (Y3-10)

An advanced writing course enhances writing techniques skills in all text types and develops essential writing techniques needed for exam success.

### Fastrain Writing Program (Y3-6)

A weekly writing program tailored to each grade level.



# Congratulations!

Congratulations to our students on their success in the Selective School Placement Test! Here are some of our successful students. We're proud to have been your study partner on this journey. If you have good news to share, [contact your campus](#) to collect your supersized trophy! Read below to see what parents are saying about our program and service for exams.



## What do Parents say about North Shore...

*"My daughter has been attending North Shore Coaching for the last few years and it has really helped her improve her confidence especially in her Maths and English skills. We are very thankful to the great teachers and programs at the college which has helped her during her Selective School Exam preparation to successfully gain a place at a selective school."*

- G Y, 2024

**We would love for you to leave a positive review for us.**

*"I highly recommend North Shore Coaching College to other parents and students. Our child learnt a lot whilst studying there. The level of hard work and dedication shown towards their students is highly commendable. Our child not only learnt the basic concepts, but he got the sitting habit of revising at home as well. The outcome is our child cracked the 4 scholarship exams and offer from Selective school."*

- Pavy, 2024



## North Shore Official Bookshop

📚 ✨ 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 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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