

# NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

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## Greetings

### A Message from National Managing Director: Mr Anson Mak

Our last issue of the newsletter is filled with joy, laughter and memories. We recently celebrated World Teachers Day, farewelled our Class of 2020 for the HSC, wished our students good luck in the OC exams and congratulated our ICAS medal winners. As we approach the end of the year, I would like to wish you and your families a very safe and joyful Christmas during this exceptional year. Treasure time with family - and friends, talk and have memorable conversations, read widely, enjoy the great outdoors, stay safe, exercise and don't eat too much! We live in a wonderful country! Should you wish to be well prepared for the year ahead and/or looking for some activities in the holidays, we offer educational resources at a discount via North Shore Shop [www.northshoreshop.com.au](http://www.northshoreshop.com.au) and holiday programs. Enrol early to secure your spot for our 2021 programs. In 2021, we continue to offer new and exciting learning programs, as well as our existing variety of learning options for students including face-to-face learning, North Shore LIVE and North Shore Online. It's YOUR choice. You will have free access to our North Shore Online videos for most of our classes when you enrol in our face-to-face and North Shore LIVE programs.



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### Reminder

North Shore Coaching College close on Saturday 19 December & re-open on Sunday 3 January



Enrol today!



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North Shore Coaching College wishes you & your family a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



Spread the Christmas joy



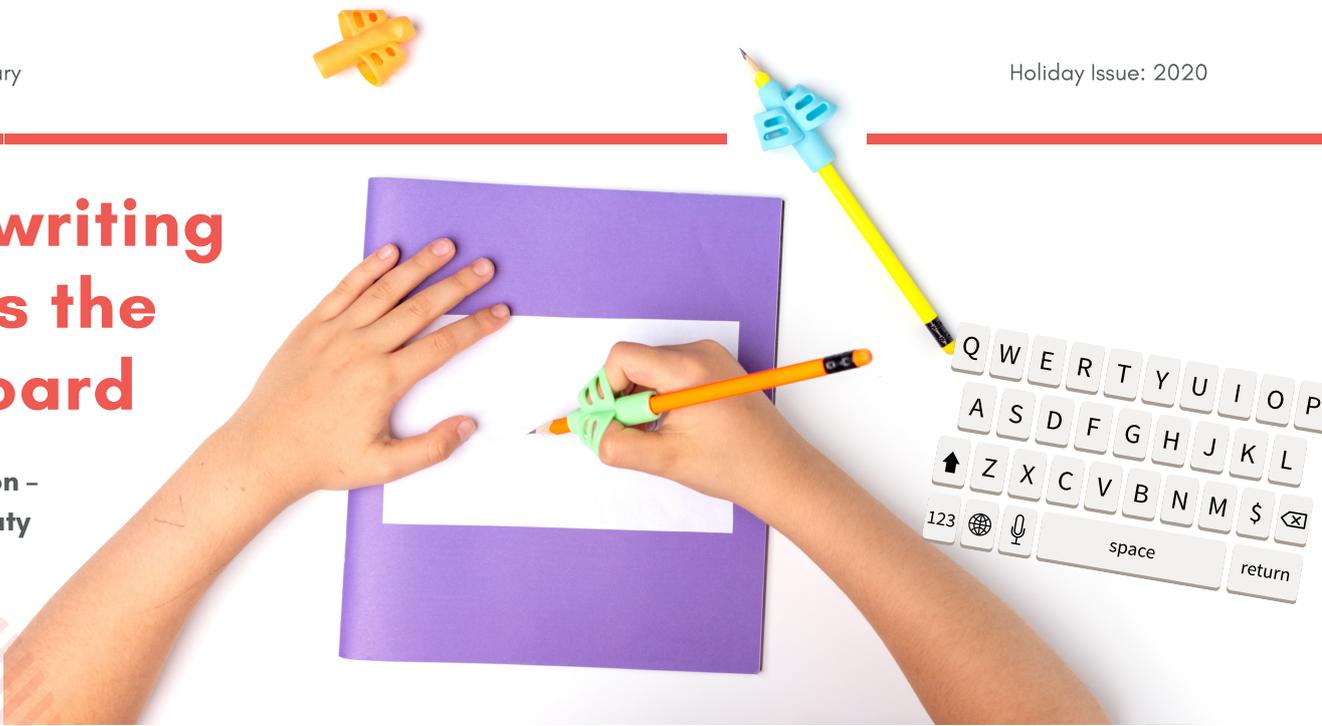
### January Holiday Program & Term 1, 2021 Enrolments

Enrol early to secure your spot into our 2021 January Holiday Programs - 3 weeks of exciting workshops + courses commencing 4 January! Plus our effective & successful Term 1, 2021 Programs & Courses.

**Don't miss out!**

# Handwriting versus the Keyboard

by Tony Hanlon -  
National Deputy  
Principal



Has handwriting had its day? Are we holding children back by making them write by hand when typing can be a neater, more efficient method of recording our thoughts and ideas?

The rush to a technological choice may not be the wisest move if the latest research out of Norway is to be believed. A new study has suggested that writing by hand improves children's capacity to learn.

The study reveals how parts of the brain were activated when the subjects were writing and drawing by hand. The findings suggest that the movement and cognitive effort required by both activities enables the brain to encode new information at a much higher rate than by repetitive typing action.

This is the latest of several studies that have shown that both children and adults learn more and remember better when writing by hand.

***"The use of pen and paper gives the brain more 'hooks' to hang your memories on..."***

"Writing by hand creates much more activity in the sensorimotor parts of the brain. A lot of senses are activated by pressing the pen on paper, seeing the letters you write and hearing the sound you make while writing. These sense experiences create contact between different parts of the brain and open the brain up for learning. We both learn better and remember better," says Van der Meer, the lead researcher of the study.

This is not at odds with the move to online learning and indeed online testing. The move to online presentation opens opportunities never dreamt of a mere decade ago.

At North Shore Coaching College we have embraced the opportunities the digital world is opening up in the provision of both educational experiences and student assessment.

We do however believe that a combination of proven experience, credible research and appropriate application of technology will allow the College to continue to retain its enviable position as the most successful coaching college in the country.

Digital technology is the way of the future, however, the pencil will be an 'old world' companion to ensure maximum learning outcomes. To maximise your child's learning simple tasks such as having them write a diary over the holiday period or write a review of each book they read would be a great start.

As the year closes we reflect on a most trying 12 months. All families have been impacted by COVID-19. It has been a trying time and we have been grateful for your support of the College throughout 2020.

On behalf of the North Shore Coaching College I wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

**We look forward to greeting you in the new year.**



# SPOTLIGHT: Snapshot of Campbelltown North Shore Campus

**Our successful 2021 Selective High School Placement students**

**by Cindy - Year 6 Selective Class Teacher**

With a blink of an eye, my hard-working sixth graders are nearing a new chapter of their lives as a high school student. To start off, I would like to personally congratulate my students on their well-deserved achievements. From the accomplishment of their academic goals, to securing a placement into a Selective High School; our students have put in so much effort, time and determination over the past few terms and should be very proud of their success.

With successful students, come our dedicated teachers. I am proud to work alongside a group of passionate teachers, bringing their effective tactic and techniques with them into the classroom as they are consistently reassuring the students of their capabilities and potential.

It is evident that the dedication that all my peers have put towards our students have paid off as our students have achieved such remarkable results. Here at Campbelltown (Ingleburn) North Shore, we will always prioritise our students' opinions and ideas, and cater to their needs in the most efficient way possible. We ensure that the students come to class learning something new and leaving with confidence. We strongly believe making our lessons effective and enjoyable, will bring out the best in our students.

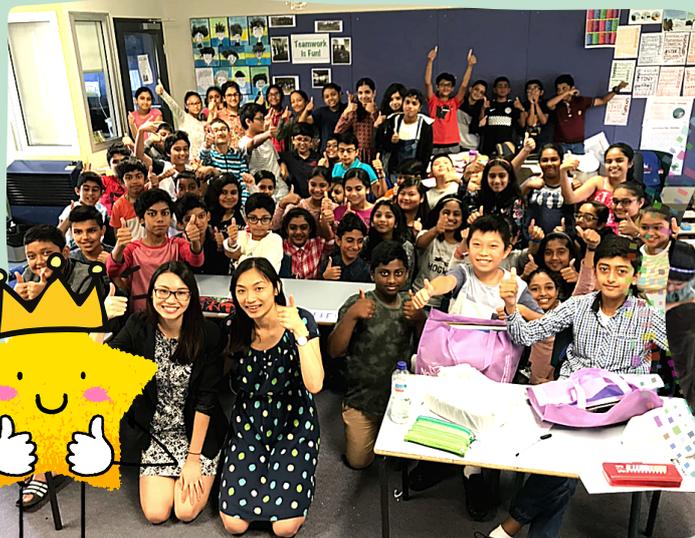
At our campus, we run our weekly Hints & Tips Classes, to provide an extra - boost of confidence for our students. As a result, our students have taken the skills and techniques learnt from these lessons and implemented them into their exams, thus maximising their abilities to achieve an outstanding score.

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*“Your support and help has been great throughout these years. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Anika strongly believes in Strength, Persistence and Opportunity. These tips and advices will stay with her for life.”*

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Parent from Campbelltown  
North Shore Coaching College Campus



**Happy Students = Happy Teachers!**



**Our Year 6 Students in full focus!**

**Our students during their Mock Test**

Again, a big congratulations to all our students. Your effort and determination does not go unnoticed. I am so honoured to share this important milestone with you all. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be your source of knowledge and guidance throughout the year. All the best in the next exciting chapter of your journey!

# Teacher's Week & HALLOWEEN



Lollies, laughter and learning were abound at our North Shore Coaching College campuses on Friday 30 October - Sunday 1 November. These photos showcase the fun at our World Teachers' Day and Halloween celebrations at Chatswood and Ashfield in NSW. Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers who bring so much joy to the North Shore community every day of the year! To experience North Shore's unparalleled teaching and vibrant learning atmosphere, enrol now in Tuition that Works! <https://bit.ly/nsEnrol>



## CONGRATS!



### Interest

A memory to remember.  
#event



## CONGRATS! TO SOME OF OUR 2020 ICAS MEDAL RECIPIENTS



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