

NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

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Term 4, 2020

Greetings

A Message from National Managing Director: Mr Anson Mak



Thanks to our wonderful teachers, parents and students who continue to believe in and support North Shore Coaching College. It has been a great joy to see so many happy faces of students return to our term and holiday programs, amongst busy schedules. I hope that COVID is well and truly behind us in Australia very soon.

I would like to wish our Year 4 students who are sitting the Opportunity Class (OC) exam this year the very best of luck. Remember to ensure you eat well, sleep well, manage your time and try your best.

We are delighted to roll out a new North Shore Coaching College **Online Assessment Platform** where we are including new test types (beyond the usual multiple choice questions) to ensure that our students are well prepared for future Opportunity Class (OC) and Selective School exams which are gradually moving to an online assessment format. Our Online Assessment Platform will also prepare our students for future NAPLAN and external competitions (e.g. ICAS) in an online format.

Although testing and assessment is moving to an online format, I would like to remind our students the importance of working using pen/pencil and paper, and drawing inspiration and learnings from our daily lives. We must not neglect for example, doing arithmetic or problem solving exercises with pen and paper, reading a physical book and discussing this, discovering different genres (poems, comics, newspaper articles etc...), discussing the price of items at the supermarket etc.

Stay safe and stay happy!

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FOR TERM 4!**

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Success starts here.

ENROL INTO **NORTH SHORE** FOR TERM 4, 2020.



TRY OUR NEW ONLINE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM BY ENROLLING IN OUR YEAR 3 OC TRIAL TEST PROGRAM.
SPEAK WITH YOUR NSW CAMPUS DIRECTOR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Beyond the 3Rs

by Tony Hanlon – National Deputy Principal

It's exciting to see our students commencing their Term 4 studies in both the face-to-face and online modes.

Once again, we thank you for the trust you place in the College to guide your children on the most important journey of their lives – the journey of learning.

In NSW there is a renewed push to return to the '3Rs' – reading, writing and arithmetic. North Shore Coaching College has always focussed on these fundamental key learning areas. We celebrate the primacy of literacy and numeracy. That is why we have been so successful over three decades:

- Australia's largest coaching college with over 65 campuses throughout the country.
- Australia's most successful coaching college with the highest ever Selective School and OC results being attained by North Shore students.
- Australia's most innovative coaching college offering a full range of online external competitions for ICAS, SEAMO and AMC as well as our own NEW online OC exam preparation. We also offer a range of online learning solutions and are planning further exciting developments over the next 12 months that will ensure we remain at the cutting edge in the provision of online learning.



We are driven by a passion for learning.

I am always delighted when you, our parents, tell me of the improvements you have witnessed in your children's literacy and numeracy skills. We are constantly seeking to enhance and update our already successful primary programs in maths, English, writing and thinking skills to ensure your children realise their potential.

However, beyond the 3Rs, what other benefits does your child accrue from attending North Shore? What life lessons do we provide?

1. Not everything in life is easy.

At North Shore we seek to challenge and extend your child's understandings and knowledge. This will require them to persevere and embrace a challenge. Sometimes success won't come instantly or easily. Sometimes we need to 'pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and try again'.

Our students learn how to work diligently towards a solution trying various problem solving strategies along the way. A difficult question, say in maths, needs to be approached the same way as the difficulties they will face in adult life: with patience, diligence and a desire to succeed.



2. 'Homework' is a part of life.

Homework can be a controversial issue in many educational settings. At North Shore we firmly believe that homework plays an important part in academic success. Not only that, but it establishes a habit for success in your career. It teaches the need to plan, meet deadlines and display commitment.

When you are completing BAS statements out of hours, taking business phone calls at night, bringing work home from the office you are providing your children with the perfect example of the 'homework' we adults have to undertake throughout our business/career lives. Take the time to explain your work to them in these terms. When they understand that mum and dad have to do 'homework' as well, they may be more understanding of the importance it plays.

3. Effort brings reward.

Through studying the weekly spelling and vocabulary list your children can see the correlation between hard work and success. Failure to learn the weekly words is met with disappointing test scores. Such provides a direct cause and effect correlation and the opportunity to compete against ourselves; to improve on our personal best. It is critical that we teach our children that hard work is its own reward. Sit with them occasionally and reflect on what they have learned throughout the year. Show them the progress they have made – even pull out an old – *continued on the next page...*

Continued... Beyond the 3Rs

by **Tony Hanlon - National Deputy Principal**

- North Shore workbook from a previous year to prove they have made progress.

Our Good Student Award system allows children to see that consistent effort in the classroom is rewarded. They can save their awards to trade for trophies and prizes in the same way as we adults save our money to purchase homes and investments. They learn that the longer you save the Good Student Awards the greater the prize that can be traded. Therein lies a valuable lesson in the delaying of instant gratification. The ability to see beyond instant gratification is a trait possessed by all leaders in the business world and definitely a trait that will benefit your child.



4. It's okay to make mistakes.

It is okay to say 'I don't understand'. It is only when we admit that there is something we do not know that we can commence to learn. Mistakes are a part of life. The truly learned individual is the one who takes ownership of his/her mistakes and works to avoid repeating that mistake in future. Such is the building of wisdom.

Teachers become teachers for that very reason: to bridge the gap between 'I don't understand' and "Ohh! That's how it works!"

After 35 years as an educator my enthusiasm for learning has only grown. My faith in the limitless potential of children continues unabated.

Your child's education is in safe hands at North Shore and we never take your trust in us for granted.

Have a great term - stay strong, stay healthy and embrace every opportunity life puts in front of you.

Feedback:



- ★ Are you having a great experience at North Shore?
- ★ Do you have an exceptional teacher?
- ★ Has one of our campus directors or staff provided superior customer service?
- ★ Can we improve on our service delivery?

We would love to hear your feedback at: feedback@north-shore.com.au or provide us with a Google Review.

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FRIENDLY REMINDER



NORTH SHORE IS 100% NUT FREE COLLEGE

Thank you

So please ensure you **always** pack your child nut-free snacks and lunches to North Shore.

SITTING OC EXAM IN 2021?

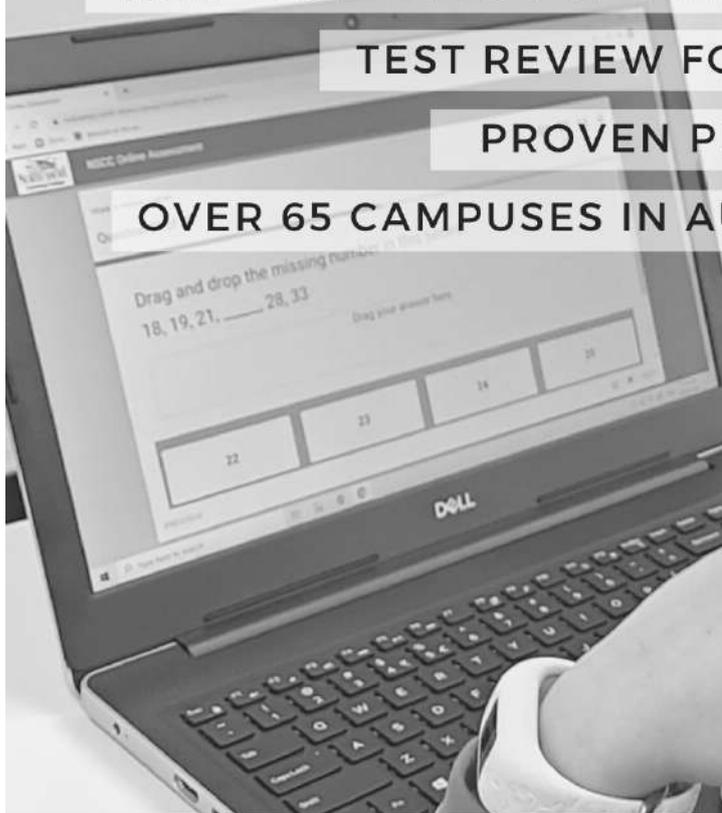
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SPOTLIGHT: Introducing our NEW Online Assessment Platform



We are excited to launch our new North Shore Coaching College Online Assessment Platform!

What is the Online Assessment Platform?

The Online Assessment Platform provides mock tests for North Shore Coaching College students in an 'online' environment. The mock tests includes new test types – beyond the usual multiple choice questions.

Who is the Online Assessment Platform for?

Currently we have launched the Online Assessment Platform for students who are planning to sit the OC Placement Test in 2021 i.e. available for Year 3 students commencing Term 4, 2020, under our course name: Year 3 OC Trial Test (OCTT). In the near future we will be expanding and rolling out the online assessment platform for students planning to sit the Selective School Placement Test and more!

Why Should My Child Enrol to the Year 3 OC Trial Test Course?

- ✓ To ensure that students are well prepared for future OC and Selective School exams, which are gradually moving to an 'online' assessment format.
- ✓ To prepare students for future NAPLAN and external competitions (e.g. ICAS) in an online format.
- ✓ Students are able to review test questions in class with our teachers. Students/Parents are able to review test results and selected questions in reading skills, mathematical reasoning skills and thinking skills for up to 2 weeks after taking the online mock tests.
- ✓ Learn with the latest in technology and proven performance since 1991 at North Shore Coaching College. Enrol your child today to experience our new Online Assessment Platform and get them ready for the online testing environment.

Enrol Your Child Today! For registration and enquiries, search for your nearest campus' details on our website and contact us today.



North Shore students trialling the new **Online Assessment Platform**

2020 COMPETITION RESULTS



thank you!

CAT | AMC | ICAS SEAMO | SWAT

Thank you to our wonderful students who participated in external competitions held at North Shore Coaching College throughout 2020; and many thanks to their parents who have given them the opportunity to compete!

We had EXCEPTIONAL results from our North Shore students, ranking globally in the recent SEAMO competition and attaining Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Similarly in the ICAS Assessments™, the results to date have been spectacular, with North Shore students to receive ICAS medals in each ICAS subjects of Science, English, Digital Technologies, Mathematics and Spelling Bee. Well done!

Please be reminded we are still waiting for the printed test results and certificates for AMC and ICAS Spelling Bee and Mathematics to be sent from the competition providers. As soon as we receive them we will mail them out to the students. If you sat the ICAS Science and English assessments, these results have been mailed out 3 weeks ago; the TAP-ID and PIN can be located at the back page of the test result and can be used to log-in to the UNSW Global Assessment Student Portal to access your results and certificates digitally for all ICAS Assessments™.

SEAMO Results were released at 12pm (EST) on Saturday 10 October by logging into the official SEAMO Student Portal on the SEAMO website. Performance reports will be available from Saturday 17 October 2020.

Any questions please contact competitions@north-shore.com.au



CELEBRATING ART & EDUCATION



There is a large body of research to suggest the academic benefits of an education in the arts. In addition to the exciting art courses we run in our holiday programs, we heavily support art education beyond our campuses. The North Shore Coaching College proudly sponsors the **'Starting with Art' education program** at the Art Gallery of NSW.

This program is for Years K-12 students with physical, intellectual, behavioural and sensory disabilities. Each program is led by an artist educator and designed to create a journey of discovery and adventure through the Art Gallery of NSW's collection.

Our sponsorship ensures that every year **hundreds of students with special needs** have the opportunity to realise their potential.

We will gladly boost our current financial support by matching any donation made by an existing North Shore family to the value of \$100.

If you would like to know more about this program, please contact our National Deputy Principal - Mr Tony Hanlon.

Application for Selective High Schools for Year 7 entry in

2022 is now OPEN!

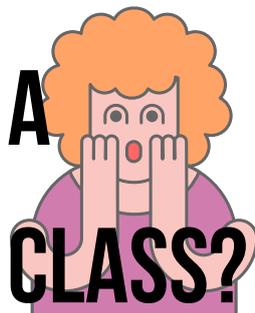
Visit the NSW Department of Education website to apply online: <https://shsoc.education.nsw.gov.au>

For more information on how to apply and the application process, attend our FREE Education Seminar on the 31 October or 1 November 2020.



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CLASS?

REVIEW + REVISE ONLINE VIA THE NORTH SHORE STUDENT PORTAL

AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR 2 WEEKS.

AVAILABLE FOR MOST OF OUR CORE PROGRAMS.

Congratulations!

...to our students for successful Selective School placements!

Here are some snapshots taken at our Chatswood campus from our Selective School Placement Trophy presentation.



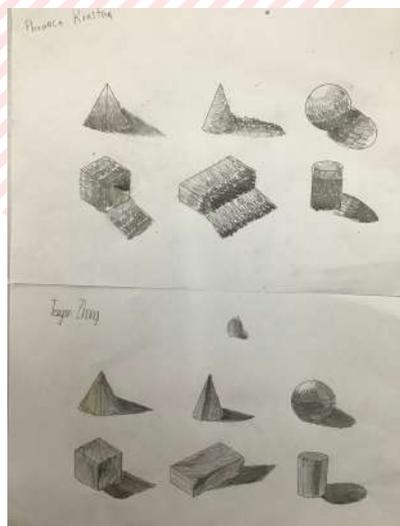
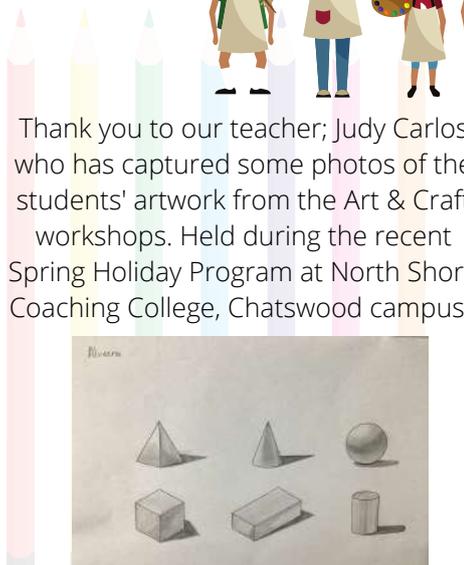
SPRING HOLIDAY

Art & Craft Workshops

FROM JUDY CARLOS (TEACHER)

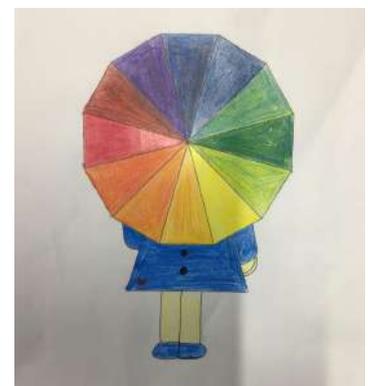


Thank you to our teacher; Judy Carlos who has captured some photos of the students' artwork from the Art & Craft workshops. Held during the recent Spring Holiday Program at North Shore Coaching College, Chatswood campus.



'Shades & Shadows of Geometric Shapes': 1st: Florance (Y2), 2nd: Teagan (Y1).

'The Best Shades & Shadows': 1st: Alveena (Y6)



1st place to Alveena (Y6) for the 'Best Colour Wheels'.



'Colour Wheel': 1st: Florance (Y2), 2nd: Stephanie (Y1).



Join us at our upcoming free **Education Seminar** to be held on Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November at our Chatswood campus.

To register for our Education Seminar our online booking form will open on Tuesday 20 October. We will be observing our COVIDSafe premise plans and as a result we will only accept online bookings with limited capacity for each session. So get in quick and book your seat online at:

www.north-shore.com.au/education-seminars

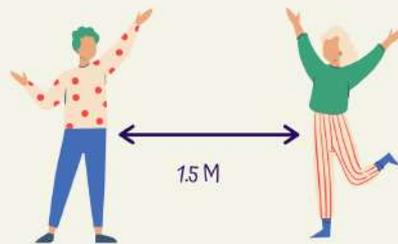


COVIDSafe Plan



HAND WASHING AND SANITISATION

We provide free hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes on campuses, and ensure staff practise good hygiene.



MAINTAINING PHYSICAL DISTANCING

We observe physical distancing on our campuses by keeping a distance of at least 1.5m between people.



ADDITIONAL CLEANING OF HIGH TOUCH AREAS

Campuses are cleaned and disinfected regularly, with high touch areas undergoing additional cleaning.



TEMPERATURE TESTING

We undertake temperature testing of staff and members of the public accessing our campuses.

North Shore Coaching College campuses are open for face-to-face learning, rest assured that the health and safety of our students, parents and staff continue to be our utmost priority. North Shore campuses are following the health advice from governments with our COVIDSafe plan. Some of the measures you might notice include health and safety posters, temperature testing, physical distancing, sanitisation stations, and frequent cleaning/disinfecting of campuses, including additional cleaning of high-touch areas.

With our COVIDSafe plan, we are doing our part to ensure the health and safety of our community, and we thank you for your support and cooperation in these unusual times. By working together, we can make a safe and productive transition back to face-to-face learning. We look forward to seeing you soon, whether that be online or at one of our 65+ COVIDSafe campuses across Australia, for

Tuition That Works! Learn more about our COVIDSafe Plans by visiting: bit.ly/nsCovid.

Sources: World Health Organization, Australian Government, NSW Government