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YEAR 4 COURSES



Hello boys and girls! I'm very excited to be teaching you all again this term. Are you as eager as I am?

Together, we will be building on our previous knowledge and learning more efficient tips and tricks to get ahead.

All we need from you is your openness to learn.

Let's get after it!

Year 4 Courses available at a glance

Year 4 Core Course	Face to face: Saturday, 9:00 AM - 12:15 PM Tuesday, 4:00 PM - 7:15 PM Online Zoom: Tuesday, 4:00 PM - 7:15 PM
Year 4 OC Testing Course	Thursday: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Creative Writing & Memory Training	Wednesday: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Free Homework Help	Monday: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Reminder

Earlybrid discounts end 15 December 2023



Year 4 Core Classes

The Core Course forms the foundation of every student's learning. It incorporates Maths, English, Writing and Thinking Skills.

HOW ARE THE CLASSES RUN?

- In-Person Classes: These sessions take place in Liverpool once a week. During these face-to-face classes, the teacher introduces the topic, works through examples with the students, and addresses any queries they may have.
- Online Zoom Classes: Conducted weekly, these virtual classes over Zoom provides an interactive online learning experience.

WILL THERE BE HOMEWORK? Absolutely. Homework plays a crucial role in the learning process, reinforcing the strategies presented by the teacher and providing students with the opportunity to apply their newfound knowledge in practice.

We offer FREE Homework Help classes on Zoom every Monday.

YEAR 4 CORE COURSE TIMETABLE & TUITION FEES

IN-PERSON, FACE TO FACE LESSONS:

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Year 4 Core: Face to Face lessons			Tuesday		4:00 PM - 7:15 PM			
Course name	Day	Start date	End date	Tuition fee / weeks		Material fee	Course total	Earlybird discount*
Year 4	Saturday	27 January	13 April	\$65	12	\$75	\$855	\$790 (save \$65)
Core Course	Tuesday	30 January	16 April	\$65	12	\$75	\$855	\$790 (save \$65)

ONLINE **ZOOM** LESSONS:

Year 4 Core: Online lessons			Tuesday		4:00 PM - 7:15 PM			
Course name	Day	Start date	End date	Tuition fee / week	No. of weeks	Material fee	Course total	Earlybird discount*
Year 4 Core Course	Tuesday	30 January	16 April	\$60	12	\$75	\$795	\$735 (save \$60)

^{*}Early Bird Discount Offer prices are valid for full term payments by Saturday, 15 December 2023. 1.5% credit card surcharge applies, we only accept VISA or MASTERCARD.

Creative Writing Course & Speed Maths Course

A 3-hour writing course tailored for students aspiring to elevate their writing skills. Led by Mr. Paul, this program not only delves into the intricacies of effective writing but also offers an exciting bonus – a comprehensive session on speed maths. For those eager to acquire the techniques of swift mathematical problem-solving, this additional segment enhances the overall learning experience.

This course will develop students' skills, including:

- ✓ how to approach a writing question
- ✓ grammar essentials
- ✓ punctuation
- √ developing sentences
- ✓ vocabulary enrichment
- ✓ individual writing feedback each week
- ✓ Memory training
- ✓ Speed maths learn the fastest way to calculate!





Choice between Online Zoom or Face to Face lessons.

Course name	Day	Start date	End date	Tuition fee / week	No. of weeks	Material fee	Course total	Discount for CORE students
Creative Writing & Memory Training	Wed	31 Jan	10 April	\$45	11	-	\$495	\$440 (save \$55)



Year 4 Opportunity Class Testing Course

Preparing students to sit the OC Placement Test in Year 4.

What is the OC Testing Course?

The OC Testing Course is a course that allows students to sit OC-styled mock tests each week.

Test subjects include:

- Thinking Skills,
- Mathematical Reasoning and
- Reading



After the students complete the test, Mr Paul will go through <u>all</u> the questions with the students.

How is the OC Testing Course run?

Students will take an OC style test, covering Thinking Skills, Mathematical Reasoning and Reading. After a short break, Mr Paul will conduct a comprehensive review lesson, meticulously dissecting <u>every</u> question. The emphasis during this session will be on imparting valuable insights into effective test-taking strategies and time-management techniques. This approach aims to equip students with answers and the skills necessary for success.

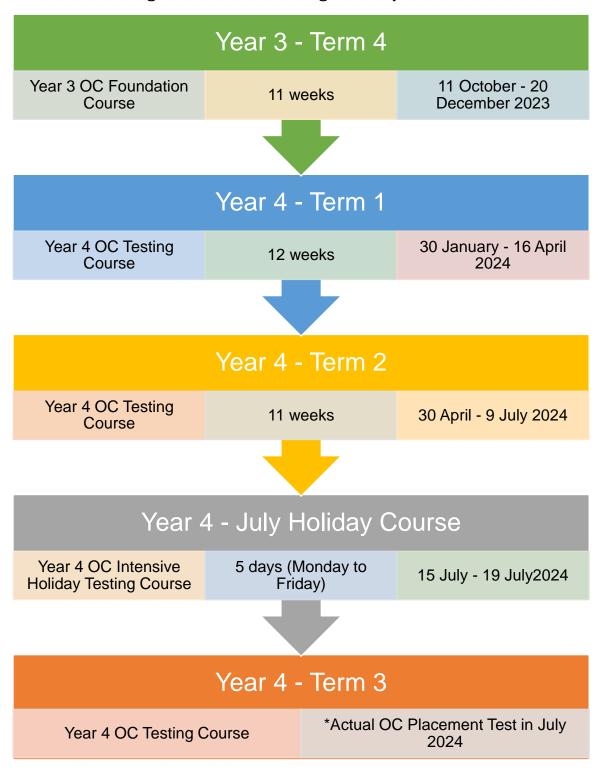
YEAR 4 OC TESTING COURSE TIMETABLE & TUITION FEES

Choice between Online **ZOOM** or Face to Face lessons.

Year 4 OC Testing Course			Thursday		4:00 PM - 7:00 PM			
Course name	Day	Start date	End date	Tuition fee / week	No. of weeks	Material fee	Course total	Discount for CORE students
OC Testing Course	Thursday	1 February	18 April	\$65	12	-	\$780	\$720 (\$60/wk)

The Opportunity Class Journey

We offer OC Testing for our students throughout the year.



Opportunity Class Information



What are Opportunity Classes?

Opportunity Classes located in NSW public primary schools cater for academically gifted Year 5 and Year 6 students with high potential. These classes help students learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and educational materials at the appropriate level.

What are the benefits of being in an Opportunity Class?

Enrolling in an Opportunity Class (OC) offers numerous benefits for academically gifted students, making it worthwhile to invest time and effort in OC test preparation. The unique learning environment of OCs provides a range of advantages that can empower your child's educational journey.

- Tailored Learning Environment: Opportunity Classes are designed to cater
 to academically gifted students, creating an environment where they can
 learn at an appropriate pace and depth. This personalised approach allows
 students to explore their interests and talents more comprehensively.
- Intellectual Stimulation: The curriculum in Opportunity Classes is enriched and challenging, providing students with intellectually stimulating content that goes beyond standard education. This exposure encourages critical thinking, creativity, and a deeper understanding of subjects.
- Like-Minded Peers: Students in Opportunity Classes are surrounded by peers who share similar academic abilities and interests. This fosters a supportive community where students can learn from and motivate each other, leading to a more engaging and enriching educational experience.
- Specialised Teaching: Teachers in Opportunity Classes are trained to work with gifted students, utilising innovative teaching methods and strategies.

They can identify and nurture each student's strengths, helping them reach their full potential.

 Confidence and Self-Esteem: Excelling in an academically challenging environment boosts a student's confidence and self-esteem. As they achieve success and recognition for their abilities, they become more selfassured and motivated to pursue their goals.

Who can apply for OC?

There are residency requirements for applicants:

- A student's family must be living in NSW by the beginning of the school year of entry.
- A student must be an Australian citizen, a permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen to enrol in an Opportunity Class.

What is the OC Placement Test like?

The test in 2024 is paper-based. The test consists of 3 test components: Reading, Mathematical Reasoning, and Thinking Skills, in that order.

Reading	25 questions	30 minutes
Mathematical Reasoning	35 questions	40 minutes
Thinking Skills	30 questions	30 minutes

All questions are multiple-choice.

Reading Test: The reading test consists of 25 questions. Students have 30 minutes to complete the test. The questions are based on a diverse range of texts and assess a range of reading skills. The reading test questions are based on different genres such as non-fiction, fiction, poetry, magazine articles and reports.

Mathematical Reasoning Test: The mathematical reasoning test consists of 35 questions. Students have 40 minutes to complete the test. The questions are all multiple-choice. The mathematical reasoning test assesses the student's ability to apply mathematical understanding and knowledge to problems, with questions drawn from a range of mathematical content areas. Calculators are not used.

Thinking Skills Test: The thinking skills test consists of 30 questions. Students have 30 minutes to complete the test. The questions are all multiple-choice. The thinking skills test assesses the student's ability in critical thinking and problem-solving. There is a range of different question types in the test.

Schools with Opportunity Classes

In 2023, Year 5 Opportunity classes in NSW Primary Schools will offer a total of **1,840 placements across 77 schools**. Most schools offer either 15 or 30 OC placements, but there are a few exceptions with higher capacities to accommodate a greater number of students:

- 1. Artarmon Primary School and Woollahra Public School: Both Artarmon PS and Woollahra PS stand out by offering 60 OC placements each for the year 2023.
- 2. Aurora College: Aurora College offered 100 virtual OC placements for 2023 (remote and online).

Public Schools with Year 5 Opportunity Classes in 2024

The table below lists all 76 schools with Opportunity Classes and the number of Year 5 OC places available in 2024.

School	Location	Number of Year 5 places in 2024
ALEXANDRA PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL	Park Rd, Alexandria	30
ALSTONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL	Main St, Alstonville	15*
ARMIDALE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL	Faulkner St, Armidale	15*
ARTARMON PUBLIC SCHOOL	McMillan Rd, Artarmon	60
ASHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL	Liverpool Rd, Ashfield	30
AURORA COLLEGE	Rural and remote, virtual opportunity class	100◊
BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL	Lewis St, Balgowlah	30
BALMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL	Eaton St, Balmain	30
BATHURST WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL	Suttor St, Bathurst	15*
BEECROFT PUBLIC SCHOOL	Beecroft Rd, Beecroft	30
BIRABAN PUBLIC SCHOOL	Beckley St, Toronto	15*
BLACKTOWN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL	Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown	30
BLAXCELL STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL	Blaxcell St, Granville	30
BLAXLAND EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL	Old Bathurst Road, Blaxland East	Not available in 2024
BRADBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL	Jacaranda Ave, Bradbury	15*
CAMDEN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL	Old Hume Hwy, Camden	15*
CARINGBAH NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL	Cawarra Rd, Caringbah	30
CASULA PUBLIC SCHOOL	De Meyrick Ave, Casula	15*
CESSNOCK WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL	Cnr Campbell Street and Wollombi Rd, Cessnock	15*
CHATSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL	Centennial Ave, Chatswood	30
COLYTON PUBLIC SCHOOL	Nelson St, Mount Druitt	30
COONABARABRAN PUBLIC SCHOOL	Newell Hwy, Coonabarabran	15*
CUDGEGONG VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL	Madeira Rd, Mudgee	15*
DUBBO WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL	East St, Dubbo	15*
DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL	Old Northern Rd, Dural	30
EARLWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL	Homer St, Earlwood	30
ERMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL	Winbourne St, West Ryde	30
GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL	Pennington Ave, Georges Hall	15*
GLENBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL	Woodville St, Glenbrook	30
GOONELLABAH PUBLIC SCHOOL	Ballina Rd, Goonellabah	15*

GOSFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL	Founda St West West Conford	30
GOULBURN WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL	Faunce St West, West Gosford	15*
GREENACRE PUBLIC SCHOOL	Combermere St, Goulburn Waterloo Rd, Greenacre	15*
GREYSTANES PUBLIC SCHOOL	·	30
	Merrylands Rd, Greystanes	15*
HARRINGTON STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL	Harrington St, Cabramatta	
HOLSWORTHY PUBLIC SCHOOL	Infantry Pde, Holsworthy	15*
HURSTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL	Forest Rd, Hurstville	60
ILLAROO ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL	Illaroo Rd, Nowra	30
IRONBARK RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL	Ironbark Ridge Rd, Rouse Hill	30
JEWELLS PRIMARY SCHOOL	Lepton Pde, Jewells	15*
KINGSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL	Second Ave, Kingswood	30
LEUMEAH PUBLIC SCHOOL	Burrendong Rd, Leumeah	15*
LITHGOW PUBLIC SCHOOL	Mort St, Lithgow	15*
MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL	John T Bell Dr, Maryland, Newcastle	15*
MATTHEW PEARCE PUBLIC SCHOOL	Astoria Park Rd, Baulkham Hills	30
MONA VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL	Waratah St, Mona Vale	30
MOREE PUBLIC SCHOOL	Albert St, Moree	15*
NEUTRAL BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL	Ben Boyd Rd, Neutral Bay	30
NEWBRIDGE HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL	Lewin & Magree Cres, Chipping Norton	15*
NEW LAMBTON SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL	St James Rd, New Lambton	15*
NORTH ROCKS PUBLIC SCHOOL	North Rocks Rd, North Rocks	30
PICNIC POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL	Thomas St, Picnic Point	15*
PORT MACQUARIE PUBLIC SCHOOL	Grant St, Port Macquarie	15*
QUAKERS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL	Medlow Dr, Quakers Hill	30
QUEANBEYAN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL	Cameron Rd, Queanbeyan	15*
RICHMOND PUBLIC SCHOOL	Windsor St, Richmond	30
RUTHERFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL	Weblands St, Rutherford	15*
RYDE PUBLIC SCHOOL	Pope St, Ryde	30
SMITHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL	O'Connell St, Smithfield	15*
SOLDIERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL	Cromarty Rd, Soldiers Point	15*
SOUTH GRAFTON PUBLIC SCHOOL	Vere St, South Grafton	15*
ST ANDREWS PUBLIC SCHOOL	Ballantrae Dr, St Andrews	15*
ST JOHNS PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL	Sandringham St, St Johns Park	15*
STURT PUBLIC SCHOOL	White Ave, Wagga Wagga	15*
SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL	Moonbie St, Summer Hill	30
SUTHERLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL	Eton St, Sutherland	30
TAHMOOR PUBLIC SCHOOL	Bronzewing St, Tahmoor	15*
TAMWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL	Napier St, Tamworth	15*
TAMWORTH SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL	Petra Ave, Tamworth	15*
TIGHES HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL	Elizabeth St, Tighes Hill	15*
TOORMINA PUBLIC SCHOOL	Cavanba Rd, Toormina	15*
WAITARA PUBLIC SCHOOL	Edgeworth David Ave, Wahroonga	30
WENTWORTH FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOL	Falls Rd, Wentworth Falls	15*
WILKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL	Park Rd, Marrickville	30
WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL	Church St, Wollongong	30
WOOLLAHRA PUBLIC SCHOOL	Forth St, Woollahra	60
WYONG PUBLIC SCHOOL	Cutler Dr, Wyong	30

Free consultations with Mr Paul



If you would like to discuss your child's progress with Mr Paul or seek guidance in choosing the most suitable OC school, we welcome you to schedule a Zoom consultation.

To make your booking, please visit www.MrPaulsTutoring.com.au/contactus

We look forward to assisting you in ensuring the best educational journey for your child.

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I have had the privilege of learning under the guidance of Mr. Paul since Year 4, and I am truly humbled by the remarkable journey it has been. His lessons have not only been insightful and practical, but also infused with genuine care and patience for every student in the class. Mr. Paul's wholehearted encouragement has instilled in me a profound sense of confidence, inspiring me to consistently strive for excellence.

I further emphasise my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Paul for placing unwavering faith in my abilities even when I doubted myself. The invaluable knowledge he has imparted to me is a cherished treasure that I hold dear. Additionally, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Joey for her unwavering support and consideration. Without the combined efforts of Mr. Paul and Mrs. Joey, I would not have achieved my dream of securing a scholarship at a prestigious private school for girls as well as a selective position at Hornsby Girls. The depth of my gratitude and admiration for both of them cannot be adequately expressed in words.

It fills me with sheer delight to have had the privilege of being taught by Mr. Paul and I am profoundly grateful for everything he has done for me. $\bigstar \ \dots \ d$

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Warm Regards, K.T Tong-Ho

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★★★★★ 11 months ago

I highly recommend attending Mr Paul's tutoring as he prepares you for OC and Selective in immense style and his teaching is one of a kind. I had firsthand experience of Mr Paul as he was my teacher who guided me during my selective preparation, my 1 year of studying under him, I gained confidence within my work as he displayed multiple strategies and trained you to reach the extra mile. Also his engaging lessons enable you to enjoy studies and creates a new mindset, a mindset for success. Mr Paul's tutoring is amazing and I totally suggest you to enroll!



★★★★★ a year ago

As an ex student of Mr Paul's, I can definitely say that he is one of the best tutors for selective training. He gave me and my class the confidence to achieve our best results. He is highly experienced, proven by all of his student's great results, and creates an engaging and humorous work environment.

Personally, Paul significantly helped me in with maths skills, teaching me the most efficient ways to handle exam style questions. I went from being an average student to achieving one of the highest marks in my cohort.

He may be strict at times, but he taught my class to have a good work ethic which was essential to reaching our potential. Paul genuinely cares for his students, and is motivated by results, not business. His dedication, effort and experience really is unparalleled in this industry, and you definitely wouldn't be wasting your time here.

I truly recommend his tutoring service for any student looking to excel academically.



#### Sanjay Karnan

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★★★★★ a year ago

Mr Paul's Tutoring is a great tutoring centre as it provides you great training in whatever exam you do (or just general tutoring). It is vital for you to join as you would have 100% success. I unquestionably suggest attending Mr Paul's Tutoring if you want to get better academically. Thanks Mr Paul for helping us. After doing the selective test now, I feel so brave and better that it is over and I think that I have done good in it