



PRE-UNI NEW COLLEGE

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A Strong Start for Selective High School Transfer or New Entry in 2028

A new Selective Transfer Foundation Course (STFC) will be offered from Term 4 for Year 6 students considering a move to another Selective High School or seeking new entry in 2028.

Across ten weekly three-hour lessons, students develop foundational skills in Written Expression, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics and the reasoning areas assessed in HAST and Edutest.

The revised course uses subject-focused lesson days rather than changing between several subjects within every lesson. This allows students to learn each skill in greater depth, complete guided and independent practice, and build confidence before progressing to more intensive examination preparation.

What Are HAST and Edutest?

HAST (Higher Ability Selection Test) and Edutest are specialised assessments used by a number of selective-entry schools to identify students suitable for entry into Years 8–11.

The principal HAST assessment areas include Reading Comprehension, Mathematical Reasoning, Abstract Reasoning and Written Expression. Edutest assessments may include Verbal Reasoning, Numerical Reasoning, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics and Written Expression.

Participating Schools

Edutest (Selective Entry High Schools)	HAST (Higher Ability Selection Test)	
- James Ruse Agricultural High School - Baulkham Hills High School - North Sydney Boys High School - North Sydney Girls High School - Sydney Girls High School	- Hornsby Girls High School - Hurlstone Agricultural High School - Girraween High School - Penrith High School - Caringbah High School	- Northern Beaches Secondary College, Manly Campus - Gosford High School

Do Students Need Training for the HAST/Edutest exam?

Training for the HAST and Edutest is strongly recommended, as focused preparation significantly improves performance. These exams are designed to be challenging, requiring speed, accuracy, and strong reasoning under pressure, so even high-achieving students can struggle without prior exposure. Effective preparation builds confidence, strengthens weaker areas, and helps students feel ready on test day.

How Does This Course Help?

Our experienced tutors provide:

- ☑ Ten (10) weekly three-hour lessons with a clear subject focus
- ☑ Three (3) Written Expression modules covering Narrative, Descriptive and Persuasive Writing
- ☑ Marking and feedback for each completed Writing task
- ☑ Structured Reading Comprehension instruction
- ☑ Mathematics instruction following the established course sequence
- ☑ Separate instruction in Verbal, Numerical, Abstract and Mathematical Reasoning
- ☑ Guided practice, independent application and timed question sets within each subject area

What Is the Course Format?

Students attend ten weekly three-hour lessons. Each lesson focuses on one main learning area or a closely connected group of clearly separated assessment domains. Across the ten weeks, students rotate through Mathematics and the various Reasoning strands, Writing, Reading Comprehension and Verbal Reasoning in a structured sequence:

- Mathematics and Reasoning lessons: Weeks 1, 4, 7 and 10
- Writing lessons: Weeks 2, 5 and 8
- Reading Comprehension and Verbal Reasoning lessons: Weeks 3, 6 and 9

Mathematics and the different Reasoning areas are taught as clearly separated components, even when they appear within the same three-hour lesson. Writing tasks are completed in Weeks 2, 5 and 8 to ensure sufficient time for marking and feedback before the course concludes.

Weekly Lesson Overview

Week	Lesson Overview
1	Mathematics / Abstract Reasoning – Mathematics instruction followed by an introduction to visual sequences, pattern rules and spatial relationships.
2	Written Expression: Narrative Writing – Narrative structure, character, setting, conflict, descriptive detail and a complete narrative response.
3	Reading Comprehension / Verbal Reasoning – Reading Comprehension instruction followed by a separately identified Verbal Reasoning component.
4	Mathematics / Numerical Reasoning – Further Mathematics instruction followed by number relationships, symbolic rules and quantitative reasoning.
5	Written Expression: Discursive Writing – Exploring different perspectives, connecting ideas and examples, developing a reflective voice and completing a discursive response.
6	Reading Comprehension / Verbal Reasoning – Further Reading Comprehension development and separately identified Verbal Reasoning practice.
7	Mathematics / Mathematical Reasoning – Further Mathematics instruction and applied multi-step, spatial and conditional reasoning.
8	Written Expression: Persuasive Writing – Position, audience, sequenced arguments, supporting evidence, counterargument, rebuttal and a complete persuasive response.
9	Reading Comprehension / Verbal Reasoning – Advanced Reading Comprehension and mixed Verbal Reasoning practice.
10	Numerical Reasoning / Abstract Reasoning – Advanced number relationships, pattern completion and mixed visual reasoning.

This subject-focused structure allows students to understand each area, observe worked strategies, complete guided practice and apply their learning independently. It is designed as a foundation and transfer course that prepares students for later, more intensive preparation specifically targeted toward HAST and Edutest exams.

Class Time and Location

Course	Session	Class Time*	Class Location*
Year 6 STFC	Saturday	1:30pm – 4:40pm	Strathfield Centre (Level 1, 8 Lyon Street Strathfield)

- Class Time* & Location* may change depending on enrolment numbers.

Year 6 Term 4 Selective Transfer Foundation Course - Fee Schedule

Course	Session	Course begins	Tuition Fee per week	No. of weeks	Material Fee	Fee Total	E/B Discount* (by 28 SEP 2026)	F/T Discount** (by 16 OCT 2026)
Year 6 STFC	Saturday	10-Oct	\$ 85	10	\$ 90	\$ 940	\$ 855	\$ 897.50

- **Early Bird (E/B) Discount*** prices are valid for **full** term payments by Monday, **5pm, 28 September 2026**.
- **Full Term (F/T) Discount**** prices are valid for **full** term payments by Friday, **5pm, 16 October 2026**.
- **Scholarship and Sibling Discounts** are available until Monday, **28 September 2026, 5 PM**.