

YEAR 4

Year 4 Writing Guide

Building Academic Writing Skills for Australian Curriculum Success

Welcome to the Year 4 Writing Program

Year 4 marks a pivotal transition in your child's literacy development. Students move beyond foundational writing and begin developing the academic writing, reasoning and comprehension skills required for success in Years 5–6, scholarship exams and Selective School entry.

What Your Child Will Learn

Our Year 4 program is structured across four progressive terms, each building on the last:

T1

Writing with Clarity & Control

- Sentence fluency & paragraph structure
- Vocabulary development
- Descriptive & figurative language
- Editing strategies
- Text types: Narratives, Descriptions, Personal responses

T2

Explanation & Exposition Writing

- Explanation structure & present tense
- Cause-and-effect language
- Technical vocabulary
- Exposition structure, evidence & justification
- Counterarguments & rebuttal techniques

T3

Information, Analysis & Research

- Research skills & information organisation
- Analytical thinking
- Topic sentences & paragraph cohesion
- Evidence selection & author's purpose
- Text types: Reports, Discussions, Analytical responses

T4**Persuasive & Authorial Writing**

- Persuasive techniques & modality
- Audience awareness & authorial voice
- Extended compositions
- Self-assessment & editing revision
- Hybrid text responses

Core Skills Developed

Academic Vocabulary

Develop increasingly sophisticated vocabulary for academic communication across all text types.

Reading Comprehension

Strengthen literal, inferential and evaluative comprehension skills with complex texts.

Text Type Writing

Master explanation, exposition, information report, persuasive and narrative writing forms.

Argument & Reasoning

Develop the ability to justify opinions using evidence and logical reasoning.

Grammar & Language Conventions

Apply grammar, punctuation and spelling accurately across all writing tasks.

Test-Taking & Study Skills

Build planning, organisation, time management and assessment confidence.

Curriculum Resources Included

Confident Communicator

- Advanced spelling patterns
- Vocabulary enrichment
- Figurative language
- Journal writing
- Creative thinking
- Writing confidence
- Academic word choice

Skill Mastery

- Explanation writing
- Exposition writing
- Reading comprehension
- Academic vocabulary
- Logical reasoning
- Grammar and language conventions
- Assessment-style tasks

The Year 4 Success Pathway

Year 4 Academic Writing**School Success Scholarship & Selective Reading****High School Preparation**

Why Year 4 Matters

- ✓ Year 4 is a key transition year — students move beyond foundational literacy.
- ✓ Students are expected to explain ideas clearly and justify opinions using evidence.
- ✓ Critical reading and formal language skills are developed this year.
- ✓ These skills form the foundation for scholarship and Selective School success.