

YEAR 5

Year 5 Writing Guide

Developing Advanced Writing, Persuasion & Analytical Skills for NAPLAN and Selective Pathways

Welcome to the Year 5 Writing Program

Year 5 is a pivotal year for literacy development. Students sit NAPLAN and begin preparing for selective school, opportunity class and scholarship pathways. Our Year 5 program develops the sophisticated writing, analytical reading and reasoning skills students need to perform with confidence — in assessments and beyond.

What Your Child Will Learn

The Year 5 program is structured across four progressive terms, each building essential skills:

T1

Sophisticated Narrative & Description

- Narrative structure and character depth
- Descriptive imagery and figurative language
- Sentence variety and vocabulary sophistication
- Paragraph cohesion and editing for effect
- Text types: Narratives, Descriptions, Imaginative texts

T2

Persuasion & NAPLAN Writing

- Persuasive structure, thesis and argument
- Modality, emotive language and rhetorical devices
- Evidence, elaboration and cohesive paragraphing
- Timed writing technique and planning under pressure
- Text types: Persuasive essays, Opinion writing

T3

Information, Analysis & Research

- Research, note-taking and synthesising sources
- Analytical thinking and objective tone
- Topic sentences and evidence selection
- Inference, evaluation and author's purpose
- Text types: Reports, Discussions, Analytical responses

T4**Critical & Creative Composition**

- Authorial voice and hybrid text forms
- Vocabulary precision and sustained writing
- Critical reflection and self-assessment
- Extended compositions and creative responses
- Editing, revision and writing fluency

Core Skills Developed

Sophisticated Vocabulary

Apply nuanced, academic vocabulary with precision and effect across all text types.

Reading Comprehension

Develop inferential, evaluative and analytical comprehension with complex texts.

Persuasive Writing

Construct convincing, well-structured arguments using rhetorical techniques.

Analysis & Reasoning

Analyse texts and justify ideas with evidence and logical thinking.

Grammar & Language Conventions

Apply grammar, punctuation and spelling with consistent accuracy.

NAPLAN & Exam Skills

Build planning, timing, exam technique and assessment confidence.

Curriculum Resources Included

Confident Communicator

- Sophisticated vocabulary
- Figurative & descriptive language
- Tone and voice
- Journal writing
- Creative thinking
- Sentence sophistication
- Writing confidence
- Precise word choice

Skill Mastery

- Persuasive writing
- Analytical responses
- Reading comprehension
- Grammar and conventions
- NAPLAN-style tasks
- Paragraph cohesion
- Evidence and reasoning
- Editing and proofreading

The Year 5 Success Pathway

Year 5 Literacy**NAPLAN Confidence****Selective Readiness****High School Preparation**

Why Year 5 Matters

- ✓ Year 5 students sit NAPLAN — the national literacy and numeracy assessment.
- ✓ Selective school and opportunity class testing begins — literacy is critical.
- ✓ Students must write persuasively and analytically under timed conditions.
- ✓ Advanced vocabulary and comprehension underpin all academic subjects.
- ✓ These skills form the foundation for Year 6, selective preparation and high school.