

YEAR 6

Year 6 Writing Guide

Essay Writing, Critical Analysis & Selective Exam Preparation for High School Readiness

Welcome to the Year 6 Writing Program

Year 6 is the gateway to high school. It is the year of the Selective High School Placement Test and scholarship examinations that shape secondary pathways. Our Year 6 program builds the advanced essay writing, critical reading and analytical reasoning skills students need to compete — and to transition into high school English with genuine confidence.

What Your Child Will Learn

The Year 6 program progresses through four carefully sequenced terms:

T1

Crafting the Extended Narrative

- Narrative sophistication — originality, voice and style
- Imagery, symbolism and show-don't-tell technique
- Sentence craft and vocabulary precision
- Structural control across sustained pieces
- Text types: Extended narratives, Creative responses, Descriptions

T2

Essay Writing & Argumentation

- Exam writing technique and planning under pressure
- Time management and sustained concentration
- Thinking-skills strategies and self-assessment
- Versatile text types under timed conditions
- Text types: Timed essays, Creative & persuasive tasks, Hybrid responses

T3

Critical Reading & Analysis

- Inference, interpretation and author's purpose
- Comparing texts and identifying technique
- Evidence-based analytical paragraphing
- Reading speed, accuracy and vocabulary in context
- Text types: Analytical responses, Comprehension tasks, Text comparisons

T4**Selective & Scholarship Mastery**

- Essay structure, thesis development and topic sentences
- Evidence, elaboration and persuasive technique
- Counterargument, cohesion and formal academic tone
- Full exam-condition essay practice
- Text types: Persuasive essays, Discursive essays, Expositions

Core Skills Developed

Advanced Vocabulary

Deploy sophisticated vocabulary with accuracy and effect across all writing tasks.

Critical Reading

Interpret, infer and evaluate meaning across complex and unseen texts.

Essay Writing

Structure clear, persuasive and analytical essays with thesis-driven arguments.

Analysis & Argument

Build reasoned arguments with evidence, counterargument and formal cohesion.

Grammar & Language Conventions

Write with precision, accuracy and control at a high school standard.

Selective Exam Skills

Master timing, planning, exam strategy and performance under pressure.

Curriculum Resources Included

Confident Communicator

- Advanced vocabulary
- Sophisticated imagery
- Voice and style
- Creative writing
- Reflective journaling
- Sentence control
- Writing confidence
- Word precision

Skill Mastery

- Essay structure
- Analytical writing
- Critical reading comprehension
- Thinking skills
- Selective-style tasks
- Argument and evidence
- Grammar and conventions
- Editing and proofreading

The Year 6 Success Pathway

Year 6 Mastery**Selective & Scholarship****High School English****Senior Pathways**

Why Year 6 Matters

- ✓ Year 6 is the year of the Selective High School Placement Test — results determine secondary pathways.
- ✓ Scholarship examinations require sophisticated essay writing and critical analysis under time pressure.
- ✓ High school English demands independent analytical and essay writing from day one.
- ✓ Advanced vocabulary and critical reading are assessed across all Year 7 subjects.
- ✓ The skills built in Year 6 are the difference-makers for selective placement and beyond.