



PRESS RELEASE:

That's Scholarship! Test preparation saves tens of thousands of dollars.

9th February 2012

On Saturday 11th of February students in Western Australia, Victoria and South Australia will begin ACER Scholarships Tests for entry into private schools. Tests then run on successive weekends until 25th February. Parents are turning towards tutors in increasing numbers to assist their children with these Scholarship Tests.

"The investment in tuition in preparation for these tests can save families tens of thousands of dollars in private school fees", Mr Mohan Dhall, ATA CEO said.

The results of the National Tuition Survey of Parents revealed that English (62% of students getting tuition) and Mathematics (60% of students getting tuition) tuition are the most sought after subjects for tutoring. English (Written Expression, Reading and Viewing) and Mathematics are mandatory components of the Scholarship Tests. The tests are as follows:

PS (Primary Scholarship Program) – for upper Primary scholarships

Written expression (x 2), Reading and Viewing and Mathematics

SST (Scholarship Selection Test) – Entry into Independent Schools at Yr 7, 9 or 11.

Written Expression (x 2), Humanities and Mathematics

CSTP (Cooperative Scholarship Testing Program)

Written Expression, Mathematics and Humanities

ACEP (Australian Cooperative Entry Program), used in SA and WA only

Written expression (x 2), Reading and Viewing and Mathematics

"Clearly entry in a private school via an academic scholarship will save parents thousands of dollars annually. A year of preparation is an investment both in the child's future as well representing a cost saving on private school fees", Mr Dhall said. Of course parents using a tutor should only ever choose for an ATA member as they abide by the industry Code of Conduct.

Mr Nam Nguyen, proprietor of Nam Quang Tuition (NQT), a tutoring chain throughout Victoria and NSW said "Private school scholarship examinations get more and more competitive every year. It is important for parents to provide their child with adequate time to prepare for these examinations. An experienced and reputable tutoring service will be able to provide all parents with the right advice when preparing their child for examinations."

The rapid growth in private tuition, and its increasing support of mainstream education, has led to calls from parents for it to be tax deductible under the Education Tax Rebate, ETR.

ATA Media contacts:

Chris Druett (ATA President) (02) 8004 0772

or 0410 343 848

Mohan Dhall (ATA CEO) (02) 9704 5724

or 0408 619 714