

SCHOLARSHIPS 2020

Edworks is pleased to offer a scholarship information pack regarding the format, schools and timing of the ACER and EDUTEST scholarship exams, and SEAL/ELMS/ALPHA tests. Additional information can be gained by contacting the schools that your child wishes to sit for. Parents need to be aware that a number of the exams occur in February which often means that they fail to register on time and/or do not have sufficient time for preparation. Edworks therefore encourages parents to tell friends of the early exam times for future reference. **Outlined are the scholarship exams for 2020.**

1. The current companies are: **ACER** and **EDUTEST**. The format of the exams and schools, dates etc. is listed for your information. Please refer to their websites: <https://www.acer.org/au> and www.edutest.com.au for additional information with respect to online bookings.
2. **EDWORKS offers a FREE online scholarship preparation exam for students in Grades 6 to Year 9.** We also offer a percentile ranking so that students can compare their current level of performance. Students should remember that Edworks programs offer them the opportunity to make significant advances and gain greater confidence in preparing for scholarship exams. Our practice tests are designed to expose students to the style and format of the kinds of questions they will face in an entrance or scholarship examination. They are not designed to duplicate the level of difficulty of an actual scholarship examination.
3. Many other online practice exams are designed to show the students the general format, but are not at the appropriate level (i.e. too easy). As a result, students are surprised and unnerved when they sit the exam. EDWORKS provides suitably challenging exams that see students well prepared.
4. **All EDWORKS material and programs are in an exam format.** The added benefit is that we do not simply focus on the answer, but use the material as a tool to develop a student's skill set. An example is the development of our unique 4 Steps to Problem Solving.
5. All students sitting scholarship exams are encouraged to review the scholarship preparation booklets in their folders.
6. EDWORKS has a summary sheet of skills and attitudes that students need to take into the exam.

EDUTEST SCHOLARSHIP EXAMS

FORMAT INDICATIVE ONLY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Scholarship and entrance exams are comprised of **Ability Tests** and **Achievement Tests**:

THE ABILITY TESTS

Ability tests are designed to **measure a child's ability** to **think, reason** and **solve** problems, without necessarily **relying** on **prior knowledge**. **Ability** generally **predicts** how **quickly a child** will be able to **learn** and the level of complexity they can **comfortably** deal with.

✓ **VERBAL REASONING**: measures the ability to think and reason using words and language. This includes vocabulary, word relationships, classification and deduction. (30 minutes in length)

✓ **NUMERICAL REASONING**: measures the ability to think and reason using numbers. This includes series, matrices, arithmetical reasoning and deduction. (30 minutes in length)

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THE ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

Achievement tests are designed to measure actual achievement or performance in some key academic areas. **Achievement scores** are influenced by a child's ability, as well as the application and practice of knowledge that has been learned.

- ✓ **READING COMPREHENSION:** measures the capacity to read and interpret meaning from written passages, as well as correct, complete and punctuate sentences. (30 minutes in length.)
- ✓ **MATHEMATICS:** measures year-level appropriate mathematical knowledge, including number patterns, measurement, basic algebra, space and data. (30 minutes in length.)
- ✓ **WRITTEN EXPRESSION:** This is a writing test that assesses the ability to convey ideas clearly in written form. Any of the following modes of writing may be assessed: creative, descriptive, narrative, persuasive, expository or informative. Students will be assessed on a range of criteria, including: Relevance to the topic, accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar, proper sentence structure and paragraphing. (15 minutes in length.)

2020 EDUTEST EXAM VENUES:

Schools undertaking the EDUTEST exam

SCHOOL	TEST	DATE OF TEST
Billanook College www.billanook.vic.edu.au	Scholarships for entry in 2021	Saturday, 22 February 2020
Blackburn High School www.blackburnhs.vic.edu.au	Entry to the High Achievers Program for Year 7 in 2021	Saturday, 9 May 2020
Brighton Grammar School www.brightongrammar.vic.edu.au	Entry to Years 4 - 10 inclusive, in 2018	Saturday, 08 February 2020
Brighton Secondary College www.brightonsc.vic.edu.au	Entry to Year 7 SEAL in 2021	Saturday, 18 April 2020

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Camberwell Girls Grammar School www.camberwellgirls.net	Academic, Music/Academic, Means Tested & Principal's Scholarships in 2021	Saturday, 15 February 2020
Camberwell Grammar School www.cgs.vic.edu.au	Entry to Years 7 & 9 in 2021	Saturday, 08 February 2020
Carey Baptist Grammar School www.carey.com.au	Academic Scholarships for entry to Year 7 in 2021	Saturday, 08 February 2020
Carey Baptist Grammar School www.carey.com.au	Academic Scholarships for entry to Years 10 & 11 in 2021	Saturday, 08 February 2020
Eltham College elthamcollege.vic.edu.au	Scholarship Testings for entry into Years 5, 7, 8 & 9 in 2021	Saturday, 29 February 2020
Fintona Girls' School www.fintona.vic.edu.au	Fintona Scholarships for entry to Years 5 - 11 in 2021	Saturday, 15 February 2020
Firbank Grammar www.firbank.vic.edu.au	Scholarships for entry to Years 4, 5 & 6 in 2021 (Sandringham Campus)	Saturday, 21 March 2020
Firbank Grammar www.firbank.vic.edu.au	Scholarships for entry to Years 5 - 11 in 2021	Saturday, 08 February 2020
Geelong Grammar School www.ggs.vic.edu.au	Academic Scholarship 2021	Saturday, 22 February 2020
Geelong Grammar School www.ggs.vic.edu.au	Creativity in STEM Scholarship 2021	Saturday, 22 February 2020
Kingswood College www.kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au	Entry to Years 3 - 11 in 2021	Saturday, 22 February 2020
Loreto Mandeville Hall www.loretotoorak.vic.edu.au	Scholarships in 2021	Saturday, 15 February 2020
Luther College www.luther.vic.edu.au	Academic Scholarships for entry to Year 7 in 2021 or 2022	Saturday, 29 February 2020

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Marymede Catholic College www.marymede.vic.edu.au	Academic & General Excellence Scholarships for entry to Year 7 in 2021	Saturday, 08 February 2020
Melbourne Grammar School mgs.vic.edu.au	Scholarships for entry to Year 7 and 9 in 2021	Saturday, 08 February 2020
Melbourne Grammar School mgs.vic.edu.au	Scholarships for entry to Year 9 in 2021 (for currently enrolled MGS students)	Friday, 07 February 2020
Nazareth College www.nazareth.vic.edu.au	Scholarships for entry to Years 7, 9 & 11 & entry to the Laurel Program (Years 7, 8 & 9) in 2021	Saturday, 02 May 2020
Oxley Christian College www.oxley.vic.edu.au	Scholarships for entry in 2021	Saturday, 15 February 2020
Oxley Christian College www.oxley.vic.edu.au	Scholarships for entry into Year 7 in 2022	Saturday, 15 February 2020
Pascoe Vale Girls' College www.pvgc.vic.edu.au	Entry to the Year 7 SEAL Program in 2021	Saturday, 09 May 2020
Peninsula Grammar www.peninsulagrammar.vic.edu.au	Scholarships for entry to Years 5 - 11 in 2021	Saturday, 15 February 2020
Sacré Cœur www.sac.vic.edu.au	Scholarships for entry in 2021	Saturday, 15 February 2020
Southern Cross Grammar www.southerncrossgrammar.com.au	Scholarships for entry into Years 7 - 11 in 2021	Saturday, 22 February 2020
St Leonard's College www.stleonards.vic.edu.au	Scholarships for entry in 2021 (February 2020 sitting)	Saturday, 15 February 2020
St Monica's College www.stmonicas-eppping.com	Entrance to the HORIZONS programme in 2021	Saturday, 14 March 2020

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St Paul's Anglican Grammar School stpaulsags.vic.edu.au	2021 Academic Scholarships	Saturday, 18 April 2020
The King David School www.kds.vic.edu.au	Scholarships for entry to Years 6, 7, 9 & 11 in 2021	Sunday, 23 February 2020
The Knox School www.knox.vic.edu.au	Academic Entrance to Years 7, 9 and 10 in 2021	Saturday, 08 February 2020
Wesley College www.wesleycollege.net	Glen Waverley - Academic Scholarships for entry to Years 5, 7 & 10 in 2021	Saturday, 08 February 2020
Wesley College www.wesleycollege.net	St Kilda Rd / Elsternwick - Academic Scholarships for entry to Years 5, 7 & 10 in 2021	Saturday, 08 February 2020
Westbourne Grammar School www.westbournegrammar.com	General Excellence Scholarships for entry to Year 7 in 2021	Saturday, 15 February 2020
Westbourne Grammar School www.westbournegrammar.com	Placement testing for students entering Year 7 in 2022	Saturday, 14 March 2020
Westbourne Grammar School www.westbournegrammar.com	Placement testing for students entering Year 9 in 2021	Saturday, 14 March 2020
Whitefriars College www.whitefriars.vic.edu.au	Academic Excellence Scholarships for entry to Year 9 in 2021	Saturday, 02 May 2020
Whitefriars College www.whitefriars.vic.edu.au	The Fr Noel Kierce, O.Carm Scholarship	Saturday, 02 May 2020
Williamstown High School www.willihigh.vic.edu.au	Entry to the SEAL program in 2021	Saturday, 16 May 2020

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ACER PRIMARY SCHOOL TEST

FORMAT INDICATIVE ONLY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Primary level tests (entry into Years 4, 5 or 6)

The format consists of:

✓ **READING & COMPREHENSION. Time: 30 min.**

Format: 25 multiple choice questions.

✓ **MATHEMATICS. Time: 30 min.**

Format: 20 Multiple choice questions.

✓ **WRITING. Time: 40 min.**

Format: 2 x short extended response essays of 20 minutes each, 40 minutes total.

ACER SECONDARY SCHOOL TEST

FORMAT INDICATIVE ONLY AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CSTP Test Structure: Level 1 = Grade 6, Level 2 = Yr 8, Level 3 = Year 9/10.

There will be a maximum of **four** separate tests.

Test 1: Written Expression (extended response, 25 minutes)

Two topics for writing will be set to allow students to use different styles of writing. They are presented as two separate tests (one in Test 1 and one in Test 4). This test is concerned with the student's ability to express thoughts and ideas in writing.

Test 2: Humanities – Comprehension and Interpretation (multiple choice, 40 minutes)

This test asks students to answer questions related to written and visual material. The material may be drawn from subject areas such as English, Art, History, Geography and Social Studies. No specialist knowledge in these areas is assumed – all the information needed will be provided. Students are required to think critically and make judgements about different types of texts, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, cartoons, diagrams and maps.

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Test 3: Mathematics (multiple choice, 40 minutes)

This test attempts to measure mathematical and scientific abilities rather than school achievement in these areas. The material used for the questions is selected from a wide variety of sources, and may differ from standard school-based curriculum materials.

Test 4: Written Expression (extended response, 25 minutes)

Two topics for writing will be set to allow students to use different styles of writing. They are presented as two separate tests (one in Test 1 and one in Test 4). This test is concerned with the student's ability to express thoughts and ideas in writing.

The actual time at which the first test starts can be determined by the school. A break should be allowed between Tests 2 and 3.

COOPERATIVE DATES FOR 2020 ENTRY:

Test date: Saturday 29 February 2020

Applications open September 2019

Applications close: midnight AEDT Monday 10 February 2020

ACER EXAMS

Schools undertaking the ACER exams

SCHOOL	SCHOLARSHIP	DATE OF TEST	SCHOLARSHIP TYPE
Academy of Mary Immaculate	Secondary	TBA	Alternative Date
Al Tagwa College	Primary, Secondary	Thu, 15 Aug 2019	Alternative Date
Alphington Grammar School	Primary, Secondary	Sat, 14 Mar 2020	Alternative Date
Assumption College	Secondary	Sat, 24 Aug 2019	Alternative Date
Bialik College	Primary, Secondary	Fri, 14 Feb 2020	Alternative Date
Caulfield Grammar School	Primary, Secondary	Sat, 15 Feb 2020	Alternative Date
Cornish College	Primary, Secondary	Sat, 12 Oct 2019	Alternative Date
Gilson College	Secondary	TBA	Alternative Date
Gippsland Grammar School	Primary, Secondary	Sat, 29 Feb 2020	Cooperative
Girton Grammar School	Primary, Secondary	Sat, 29 Feb 2020	Cooperative
Good News Lutheran College	Secondary	Sat, 29 Feb 2020	Cooperative
Holy Trinity Lutheran College	Secondary	Sat, 29 Feb 2020	Alternative Date

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<u>Huntingtower</u>	Secondary	Sat, 15 Feb 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Ilim College, Girls Campus</u>	Secondary	TBA	Alternative Date
<u>Ilim College, Boys Campus</u>	Secondary	TBA	Alternative Date
<u>Ivanhoe Grammar School - 2021 entry</u>	Secondary	Sat, 26 Oct 2019	Alternative Date
<u>Kilvington Grammar School</u>	Primary, Secondary	Sat, 08 Feb 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Lighthouse Christian College</u>	Secondary	Sat, 09 May 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Mater Christi College</u>	Secondary	TBA	Alternative Date
<u>Mazenod College</u>	Secondary	TBA	Alternative Date
<u>Mentone Girls' Grammar School - 2020 entry</u>	Primary, Secondary	Sat, 26 Oct 2019	Alternative Date
<u>Mentone Grammar School</u>	Secondary	Sat, 08 Feb 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Methodist Ladies' College</u>	Primary, Secondary	Sat, 29 Feb 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Nagle College</u>	Secondary	Sat, 14 Mar 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Nunawading Christian College</u>	Primary	Wed, 06 May 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Nunawading Christian College</u>	Secondary	Wed, 29 Apr 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Oakleigh Grammar</u>	Primary, Secondary	Sat, 22 Feb 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Overnewton Anglican Community College</u>	Primary, Secondary	Sat, 21 Mar 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Penleigh and Essendon Grammar, Level 1</u>	Secondary	Sat, 22 Feb 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Penleigh and Essendon Grammar, Levels 2 & 3</u>	Secondary	Sat, 14 Mar 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Presbyterian Ladies' College</u>	Secondary	Sat, 22 Feb 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Saint Ignatius College Geelong</u>	Secondary	Wed, 26 Feb 2020	Alternative Date
<u>St Aloysius College</u>	Secondary	TBA	Alternative Date
<u>St Bernard's College</u>	Secondary	Sat, 18 Apr 2020	Alternative Date
<u>St Kevin's College</u>	Secondary	TBA	Alternative Date
<u>St Mary of the Angels College</u>	Secondary	TBA	Alternative Date
<u>St Patrick's College</u>	Secondary	Sat, 22 Feb 2020	Alternative Date
<u>The Kilmore International School</u>	Secondary	Sat, 21 Mar 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Truganina College</u>	Secondary	Thu, 21 Nov 2019	Alternative Date
<u>Victory Lutheran College</u>	Secondary	Sat, 14 Mar 2020	Alternative Date
<u>Xavier College</u>	Secondary	Thu, 06 Feb 2020	Alternative Date

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SEAL/ELMS/ALPHA EXAMS

As with the scholarship and selective entrance exams, schools select from ACER (AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH) and EDUTEST™. A few schools also take the option of writing their own tests or utilising educational consultants.

Edworks has been assisting students for over 30 years. We recommend that parents contact the school/s via their websites and then depending on the format, we can integrate issue based writing/abstract reasoning or not. The other aspects of the exams are similar to general scholarship/entrance exams. Edworks takes the initiative to prepare for a wide variety of formats. We also suggest that students sit for more than one school. Please refer below with respect to the general formats offered by ACER and EDUTEST.

ACER TEST FORMATS

ACER offers multiple formats for schools to select from:

4 test package:

Mathematical reasoning, Reading comprehension, Abstract reasoning, Written expression

3 test package:

Mathematical reasoning, Reading comprehension and Written expression 1 or 2

or

Mathematical reasoning, Reading comprehension and Abstract reasoning.

EDUTEST™ FORMAT

EDUTEST uses the same format for scholarship and accelerated programs. Please refer to the information above for more details.