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## Introduction

Edutest is an educational assessment organisation that meets the needs of schools, parents and students. Edutest is based on a solid educational foundation and is committed to providing quality assessments and services.

Our team of experienced educational psychologists, educators and administrators ensure valid and reliable testing and meaningful feedback as well as efficient and personalised service.

The philosophy behind Edutest is simple: to assist schools with their goal of ensuring that every student reaches their potential and to engage in a meaningful educational partnership with schools.

Our client base includes independent, catholic and government schools. For a complete list of our client schools, please visit our website ([www.edutest.com.au](http://www.edutest.com.au)).

Edutest also conducts the examination for the Selective Entry Schools in Victoria, on behalf of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, with approximately 3,000 students seeking entry into some of the top ranking schools in the state.

We also test online throughout Australia and world-wide on a daily basis, to provide an academic profile for schools seeking to enrol students or to obtain data for schools about their current students.

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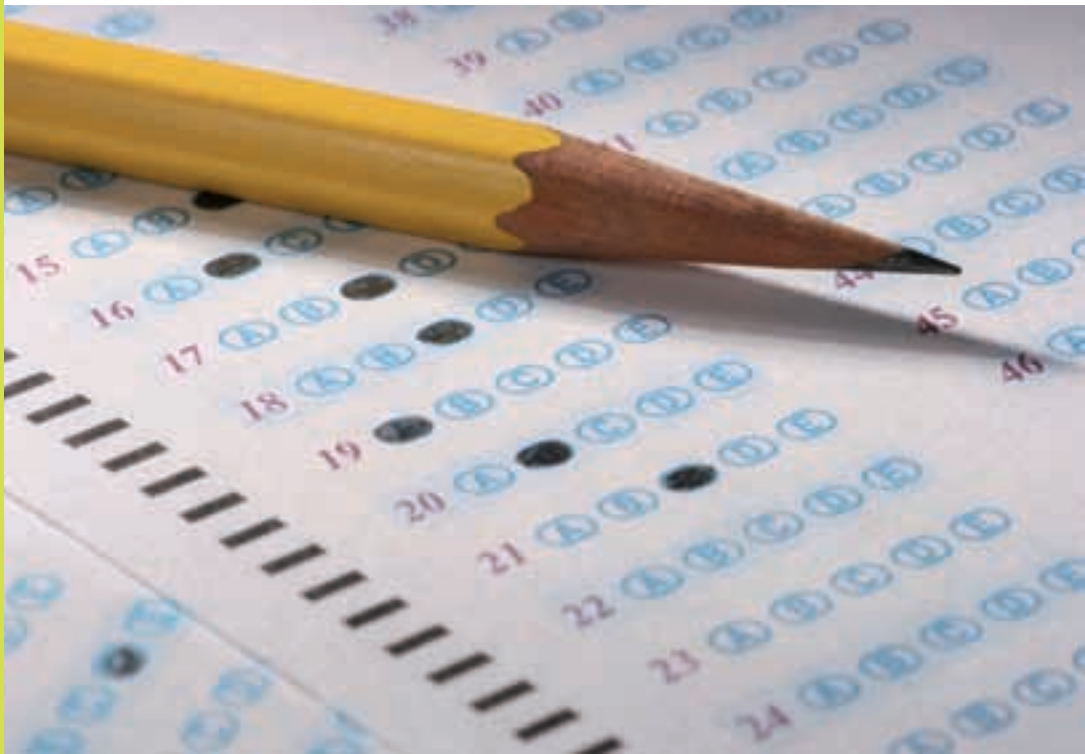
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## Types of Testing

Edutest offers a range of educational assessment services to both parents and schools. The critical points of difference in our testing are the construct and content of the tests, diagnostic reporting to schools, and detailed individual Parent Reports.

We provide:

- Scholarship examinations;
- Educational testing in schools to benchmark and assess value-added;
- Entrance or placement testing to identify students' strengths and weaknesses;
- Remote online testing of students interstate or overseas;
- Assessments for students from years 2-12;
- Online practice tests for students currently in years 4-10.



## The Edutest Advantage:

- We take the stress out of scholarship testing for schools - our job is to make your life easier!
  - Online registration sites with flexibility to customise the questions, so that your school gathers the information that YOU want about your applicants, including short and long responses.
  - We provide supervisors to administer the paper based exam.
  - Option of online scholarship testing for schools which are located beyond the major capital cities.
  - Schools choose their own dates for testing.
  - We email your exam day information letter to all your parents and follow up with SMS messages and phone calls to ensure that all parents have read the information.
  - We email exam results back to you in an Excel spreadsheet, within 7 working days.
  - We provide you with individual, detailed Parent Reports.
  - We field parent calls before and after the exam.
  - We organise remote online testing of students who live interstate, overseas or who cannot attend the examination due to distance. Just provide us with the parent/child details and we will do the rest. (The parents pay an additional fee for this service.)
  - Our staff are professional and efficient, with a great sense of humour, and will work closely with you to make the process as hassle free as possible.
- We provide educational benchmarking assessments for students in years 2 – 12.
- We supply diagnostic data relating to student performance in all tests.
- Our online testing process is user-friendly and flexible.
- We test Verbal and Numerical Reasoning as separate constructs, not just a combined General Abilities test, even at the younger year levels (years 2 and 3 have an Abstract Reasoning component.)

# Educational Assessments

With a National curriculum looming, and the increasing accountability that surrounds student learning, many schools are using EduTest educational assessments to benchmark and to track student performance over time. The tests are valuable tools in gaining an objective understanding of the students you teach and the students you intend to enrol.

The advantages of such testing are that it enables you to:

- conduct group testing of an entire year cohort to assess the overall ability and achievement levels of the group;
- assess an individual's ability and academic achievement, and design individual learning programmes;
- measure the school's 'value added' component;
- determine the suitable year level for students transferring from overseas, interstate or even from another school;
- use a flexible mode of testing, designed to fit in with your timetable structure, should you elect to test using our simple to use, online testing.

## **Educational assessments include:**

- 1. Verbal Reasoning:** This test measures the ability to think and reason using words and language. Items tap vocabulary, word relationships, coding, classification & deduction.
- 2. Numerical Reasoning:** This test measures the ability to think and reason using numbers. Items tap series, matrices, arithmetical reasoning and deduction.
- 3. Reading Comprehension:** This test measures the capacity to read and interpret meaning from written passages, as well as correct, complete and punctuate sentences.
- 4. Mathematics:** This test measures year-level appropriate mathematical knowledge including items tapping numbers, measurement, space & data.

**5. Written Expression (optional):** The Written Expression component of Edutest assessments is designed to highlight students' strengths and weaknesses that the other multiple-choice sections of the testing cannot. This test assesses the ability to convey ideas clearly in written form. Key assessment criteria include imagination & creativity, relevance and accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

**Year 2 and 3 assessments** include a Non-Verbal (Abstract) Reasoning test, in place of the Numerical Reasoning test.

## Scholarship/Entrance Testing: We take the stress out of scholarships!

Scholarship tests are more demanding than academic assessment tests hence specifically normed to differentiate the top students with high ability and achievement scores.

In making decisions about student selection, Edutest provides you with additional data to assist in differentiating students with similar levels of ability and/or achievement.



## Why choose our scholarship/entrance testing?

- Schools choose their own dates for testing.
- Pencil and paper tests are administered by Edutest supervisors where geographically possible.
- On-line registrations with flexible and customised questions provided at no extra cost.
- No more mail merging required and sending letters to parents about the examination day details: we email the letter on your behalf and then follow up with SMS text messages and phone calls, to ensure all parents have read the information.
- Edutest staff will assist with parent questions and feedback, before and after testing.
- Results and Parent Reports emailed to schools in an Excel spreadsheet format, within 7 working days of the testing.
- Online exam option for schools who may be located further from the main capital cities.
- Remote online testing of students who live interstate or overseas.
- Tests are year-level specific, thereby providing a more realistic and accurate assessment.
- Diagnostic data is automatically included in the results, outlining students' performance in each test category.
- Written expression is marked by experienced English teachers, all of whom have Year 12 and/or NAPLAN marking experience, with more detailed feedback being provided if required.
- We take into account that year levels differ in different states and provide relevant testing accordingly.



## Scholarship Tests include:

1. Verbal Reasoning
2. Numerical Reasoning (Abstract Reasoning for years 2/3)
3. Reading Comprehension
4. Mathematics
5. Creative Written Expression

## Online Testing: advantages

- Ease of use.
- Mirrors paper and pencil testing. Each online test is timed to 30 minutes (20 minutes for years 2 and 3). Students may change answers, skip a question, go back etc, as they would in a paper test.
- Ideal for testing new or prospective students at any time of the year.
- With small group or one-off assessments, results are usually provided within a 24 hour timeframe.
- During peak scholarship season from February to May, for larger groups, results are emailed to you within 7 working days of testing.
- Ability to test at any time of the year with secure login & password.
- Practice test site for parents and students also has a 'Review' section which displays every question and answer, and explains which is the correct response and a rationale for that response.

## Overseas/Remote Testing - Edutest Facilitates

- Secure online testing of students overseas who wish to apply to your school.
- All you need to do is provide us with parent contact details and we take it from there: we liaise directly with the parents and supervisors and do it all for you.
- Students access the same test as local Australian students (Australian testing)
- Provides direct comparison of their ability with the 'typical' average student in your school at that particular year level.

### Pricing Schedule (AUD\$)

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**\$55**  
(plus GST)     **Scholarship /Entrance Testing**  
(both paper and online formats)  
Includes online registrations and supervisors.  
You choose your own test date and results are back within 7 working days.

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**\$40**  
(plus GST)     **Paper based Educational Assessments**  
For benchmarking of current year level cohorts and new students coming into the school.  
Includes supervision by Edutest staff.

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**\$30**  
(plus GST)     **Online Educational Testing**  
An additional charge of \$5.00 per student for the optional written expression component.  
Supervised by the school.

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**\$100**     **Remote Online Testing** (paid for by the parent)

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### International Student ONLINE Edutest

The registration, facilitation and management of our International student online test is undertaken by iSTARTOnline. Registration of students and information is provided at: [www.istartonline.com](http://www.istartonline.com)

International student proficiency testing has been created to test students from backgrounds where english is not a first-language and differs from the above tests in that regard.

### Pricing Schedule (AUD\$)

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**\$200**     **Online Entry Proficiency Testing: International Students \***  
(paid for by the parent) Conducted by the School on-shore on arrival or for testing of walk-in international students requiring immediate assessment.

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**\$350**     **Online Entry Proficiency Testing: International Students \***  
(paid for by the parent, supervised and conducted by trusted education agents)  
\* Overseas Education Agents wishing to attend training or be subscribed as an approved agent for delivery and supervision of the EDUTEST should contact iSTARTOnline. Visit: [www.istartonline.com](http://www.istartonline.com)



