



2026 Dates: January 4th to 17th

Applications for NMSS 2026 are
open now and will close on
Friday 29 August.

To apply, complete the application
form at nmss.edu.au/apply.

Note: Students must be commencing their final year of school in 2026 and will be asked to provide contact details for a teacher who is willing to endorse their application. Selections are processed by the mathematics teachers' association in each state or territory, as well as the NMSS Director, and are made on the basis of mathematical interest, achievement, and potential.



The National Mathematics Summer School (NMSS) is a program for the discovery and development of mathematically gifted and talented high school students from all over Australia.



NMSS was established under the joint educational sponsorship of The Australian National University and the Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers in 1969 by the late Professor A. L. (Larry) Blakers AM of The University of Western Australia. It is the oldest and most prestigious summer school of its type in Australia and has been attended by over 3500 students from all states and territories of Australia.



Who goes to NMSS?

Approximately 75 students are selected from all around Australia to attend NMSS each year. NMSS takes pride in bringing together a wide range of students from many different backgrounds. Expect to find likeminded peers who are ready to meet new people and explore mathematics together! Our friendly staff are mostly mathematicians who work in academia or industry, from across the country.

Why should I apply to NMSS?

You should apply if you are currently in Year 11 and you are really interested in mathematics. NMSS is a chance to “do maths for fun” and learn about topics that are quite different to what you are taught in high school. NMSS is a great opportunity to meet other students from all over the country who share a passion for mathematics and want to expand their knowledge and understanding beyond the school curriculum.

How is NMSS different to normal school?

Most of the content taught at NMSS will be quite different to what you’ve studied at school. The two-week program includes lectures, tutorials, workshops and activities to give you a glimpse into what mathematics research is like. NMSS encourages you to think about problems in a whole new way, rather than just “getting the right answer”.

Are competition and academic results considered?

Because places are limited, any involvement in extra-curricular mathematics activities or strong mathematics results are likely to help your application. However, NMSS is not competitive and you won’t be tested or ranked on any of the material you learn at the school. The focus will always be on learning, growth and exposure, rather than performance!

What does it cost to attend?

Accommodation and meals are provided by a residential college on campus at ANU. Return travel between Canberra and each student’s nearest capital city will be organised by NMSS. We request a financial contribution from each student which goes towards, but does not cover, the cost of operating the school. This cost is kept as low as possible, but, if necessary, students are encouraged to seek financial support from their school or other organisations.

Scholarships available

Several scholarships are available for students who require financial assistance to attend. The *Leon Poladian Scholarships* are available to students who are highly meritorious but would be unable to attend NMSS without further assistance. The *Hanna Neumann Scholarship* covers a large part of the financial contribution for one outstanding young woman each year.

