

MEDIA RELEASE

Don't miss out on a scholarship for 2013

19 January 2012: Parents risk having their children miss the opportunity to receive a scholarship to an independent school if they wait too long. In 2012, ACER's Cooperative Scholarship Testing Program (CSTP) test date has been brought forward and will now occur in February, instead of May as was the case in previous years.

The final cut-off date for student registrations is at 11:59pm (AEDST) on 6 February 2012, not long after students return to school, and parents who wait too long may find that schools have already closed registrations.

Project Director for the CSTP, David Weeding said it would be unfortunate if parents were unable to have their child considered for a scholarship because they thought the testing was in May, which has previously been the case.

"Some schools may not accept late registrations and the child will then miss out," Mr Weeding said.

Established in 1962, CSTP is an annual program of scholarship testing used by schools across Australia to select academically gifted students for the award of a scholarship.

Approximately 150 independent schools currently use the service for entry into the first, middle or final years of secondary school. The test is held on one day, and is a cooperative test, meaning that candidates can register with more than one CSTP school, but they sit the test once only.

In 2012 in response to requests from schools, the test will take place on Saturday 25 February. Previously, the CSTP annual test date was in May.

Further information including a list of participating schools is available from <http://www.acer.edu.au/tests/cstp>

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