

EGGSNEWS



Epsom Girls
Grammar School

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Dear parents, caregivers and students

The year has started very positively and students have now had five full days of classes, starting last Friday.

I am delighted to share with you the provisional 2021 NCEA pass rate results:

	EGGS	NZ Decile 9 Schools
Level 2	92.1%	83.7%
Level 3	94.3%	80.1%
University Entrance	83.2%	67.7%

NCEA Certificate Endorsements

	EGGS	NZ Decile 9 Schools
Level 2 Excellence	33.6%	25.8%
Level 2 Merit	37%	30.5%
Combined E and M	70.6%	56.3%
Level 3 Excellence	31.6%	24.1%
Level 3 Merit	34.9%	31.6%
Combined E and M	66.5%	55.7%

Year 11 provisional results – all credits undertaken

Excellence	40.5%
Merit	31.4%
Achieved	22.2%
Not Achieved	5.3%

Numeracy – 95.6% of Year 11 students gained Numeracy and a Numeracy programme will operate this year for those few who have not yet achieved it. (This rate of 95.6% compares with a NZ Decile 9 schools' rate of 86.2%).

97% of 2021 Year 11 students earned at least 20 credits which is the number they can bring up to count towards Level 2 NCEA. This means that for Level 2 NCEA they have just 60 to gain this year.



Coming up in Week 3....

A PPTA Paid Union Meeting will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 17 February**. Accordingly, there will be no classes on that afternoon

Students will be dismissed for the day at 12.25pm.

If a student needs to remain at the School, supervision will be available in the Library.

Coming up in Week 4....

Thur 24 Catch up ID photos (morning)

Important notice:

No entry to any part of Silver Road when dropping off or collecting students 7.35am - 8.35am and 3.00pm - 4.00pm.

Please make dropping and collecting your daughter from a nearby street a permanent habit.



Congratulations to all three cohorts!

These are outstanding results, particularly the Level 3 result which sets a new record in achievement at this level.

Being able to hold the school examinations was crucial, as students provided evidence of meeting an Achievement Standard at either Achieved, Merit or Excellence. We knew that students had prepared well for these exams and that they were ready to sit. The NZQA system of Unexpected Event Grades (UEGs) simply meant that students did not have to prove a second time, that they had earned the result they gained. It was also good to see students sitting the November/December exams who wished to improve their grades.

At Level 2 the results sit at a level commensurate with results over previous years. We are delighted with these students who were the first cohort who did a partial Level 1 programme in 2020. This data demonstrates that the students were well prepared to undertake their Level 2 qualification and that, as expected, there has been no adverse effect on achievement from the Year 11 programme change.

The 2021 Year 11, Year 12, Year 13 cohorts, and their teachers, can be justly proud of their outstanding achievement, especially out of two years of pandemic lockdowns for significant periods.

NZ Scholarship Examinations

Yesterday the 2021 New Zealand Scholarship Examination results were published. Epsom students gained 71 Scholarships; 62 Scholarships and 9 at Outstanding level. Four students gained three Scholarships and ten students gained two Scholarships. It is wonderful to see each year the spread of subjects - Scholarships were gained in 20 different subjects this year, showing depth across the curriculum. Congratulations to all students who gained NZ Scholarships.

Key reminders:

- ❖ If a student is sick they are to remain at home. If symptomatic – seek medical advice about testing for Covid-19
- ❖ Scan and record movements in evenings and weekends – important for contact tracing

Auckland traffic is a daily difficulty – please remember to leave early enough so that students are on time to school – they need to be onsite by 8.30am and to be at tutor group no later than 8.35am.



Reminder – if a student wishes to participate in a co-curricular activity that has a charge attached, the charge needs to be paid before the student can start the activity. As the co-curricular programme starts for the year parents can view charges through the KAMAR web portal.

Ngā mihi / Regards
Lorraine Pound - Principal



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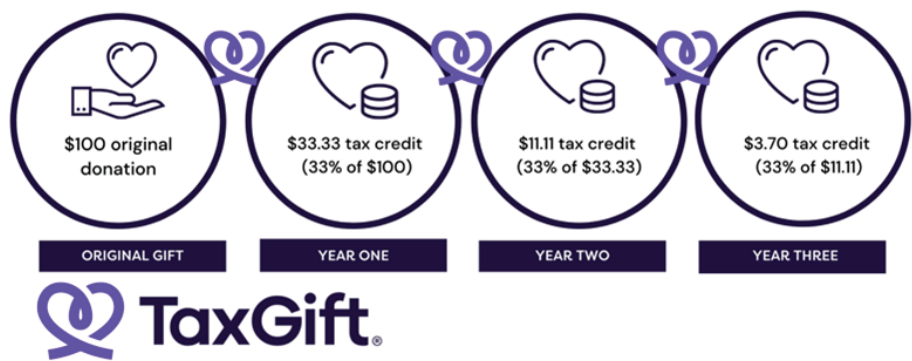
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Sustainability

(Pool heating system upgrade expected to save enough power run 30 family homes for a year)

This summer our pool heating and ventilation system had an extreme makeover to provide a fresher and cooler environment for users, spectators and teaching staff. The new system supplies twice as much fresh air to the pool hall to provide better control over humidity levels. Despite the increased fresh air supply the new system is expected to reduce electricity usage by almost a third when compared to performance prior to the 2021 level 4 lockdown. This is equivalent to taking 16 cars off the road and will help the school continue to reduce its energy usage.

Joshna, a member of the 2020 Sustainability Team which implemented the schools ISO 50001 energy management system, was interested to see how the project was progressing and is shown here holding part of the part of the Huber & Ranner heat recovery system which recovers waste heat from the exhaust air. The other heating coil is connected to a new air source heat pump which also provides heating to the pool water.

This new system is expected to reduce electricity usage by almost \$50,000 in the first year and over the summer Joshna and Bronwyn McGill the (School Energy Manager) have been actively engaging with this year's sustainability team students to ensure they are ready to monitor and report on the performance of the system to see if it is as efficient as the expected. Updates to follow later in the year.



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CAREER ED

EGGS CAREER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER



SAVE THE DATE

UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS ARE FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS AND ARE ON MONDAYS FROM 11.25AM - 12.25PM. IN TERM 1, THEY WILL BE HELD ONLINE.

FEB 28 UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

MARCH 7 UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

MARCH 14 AUT

MARCH 21 UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

MARCH 28 VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

APRIL 4 UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

APRIL 11 MASSEY UNIVERSITY

WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE HELP

Career conversations allow students to work out what is important to them in their working life going forward, what their strengths and skills are, and what they enjoy doing. We offer students impartial advice on labour market outlook, networking skills and numerous pathway options after secondary school. We look forward to meeting you.



STAFF

SONYA SLEIGH - TIC VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS

CLAIRE YOUNG - ADMINISTRATOR

LILA PULSFORD - CAREER PRACTITIONER

PHILIPPA LEASK - HOD CAREER EDUCATION

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WHAT STUDENTS SAY...

"I EXPLORED A VARIETY OF CAREER PATHWAYS AND DISCUSSED MY VALUES AND STRENGTHS WHICH OPENED MY EYES UP TO WHAT I WANT IN A FUTURE JOB."

"I FOUND THE SESSIONS THAT I HAD INCREDIBLY INTRIGUING AND INSIGHTFUL...AWESOME LEARNING EXPERIENCE."

STUDENT SUPPORT

Tena kotou katoa.

The Student Support team warmly welcomes our new families and whanau to Epsom Girls. We are also very pleased to welcome two new counsellors to our team, Sr Salome Ioane and Tiera Foy. Sr Salome will have a focus on the support of our Pasifika community and our taiohi.

We have already met some of you when preparing to start school and appreciate that for many new and returning students this is both an exciting and challenging time. We are really keen to meet many more of you as you settle into school, so we can know more about how to support you best.

The team provides a range of services to support the wellbeing (hauora) and learning of the student community. Manaakitanga (caring, nurturing, respecting and looking after each other) and whanaungatanga (working together like a family) are important principles in how we do things together as a team.

Our team includes:

Health Centre

Deans

Careers Department

Counselling

Learning Area Director of Student Support

Qualifications Manager

Parents and caregivers can contact us by checking the [Parent Portal](#) (Student Support information) for our contact details or calling reception and asking to be put through to the person you wish to speak to.

EPSOM MUSIC NEWS

Music Lessons

Music Lessons (instrumental/vocal) and Co-Curricular Music Groups - Now is the time to sign up and get involved.

While at the Red, we are unable to hold information meetings as we normally do at the beginning of the year. We want to ensure that all students and whānau are aware of the opportunities available at Epsom Girls Grammar School and how to get involved.

Tutor teachers have also shared this information in their google classrooms. Rehearsals for all groups and Music lessons will begin next week (week 3) but it is not too late to sign up!

Students can find details about various groups and lessons including sign up forms on eLearn:

[Co-Curricular Music and Itinerant Music Lessons](#)

We provide group tuition on most instruments/voice and through a large number of music groups catering to every level of experience. If you are curious about Music, sign up and give it a go!

Please get in touch with Virginia Le Cren (HOD Music) if you have any queries. music@eggs.school.nz

