



Epsom Girls Grammar School

Te Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

Epsom Girls Grammar School – Principal’s Bulletin

Dear Parents and caregivers,

We have enjoyed welcoming students back to Term 3, the ‘engine room’ of the academic year. Senior NCEA students will be completing internal assessments and preparing for practice external examinations later in the term and all students will be spending time planning their learning pathway through 2024 and into 2025, with subject choices due in on Monday 19 August. More details regarding subject selections are provided below.

It has been pleasing to see Epsom girls responding to high expectations around attendance and uniform, and while attendance rates demonstrate a noticeable improvement for each of Term 1 and 2, in 2024, we are looking to lift these again in Term 3. Tutor teachers and Deans will be following up any students who are not regularly attending school as we work alongside our students and their families to support regular attendance. We appreciate parents getting in touch with the school when their daughter is sick, and then ensuring regular attendance resumes as soon as possible after periods of illness.

For parents of Year 9 and Year 10 students, we want to bring to your attention additional assessment opportunities for students in Term 4. This year, an end-of-year examination will be held for English, Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences for all junior students. These examinations will be a summary of learning throughout the year and will provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate improvement after topic tests throughout the year and support the development of study skills in the junior school. Further information and resources to prepare for these examinations will be made available later in the term.

For parents of Year 11 students, you will be aware that most students have an NCEA external examination for Mathematics and English, in Term 4. In addition to these, we will be adding a Science end-of-year examination that will provide students the opportunity to both develop study skills specific to Science and to ensure a strong foundational knowledge is laid for academic success as students transition into NCEA Level 2 study of the Scientific disciplines.

This bulletin has important information about pathways planning and subject selections for 2025, and other school events and notices.

Subject selection for 2025 and Pathways Planning

Choosing subjects for 2025, that build on knowledge gained in 2024 and explore new areas of learning, is an exciting time for students and the opportunity to discuss their options with their families and teachers is critical for successful transition through the school and beyond. In order to best prepare students and parents for these conversations, the option process is being discussed with Year 9 – 12 students in assemblies this week and parents are invited to

attend the Pathways and Course Information Evening, on Wednesday 31 July, 4-7pm. This evening is a 'self-guided' event, where students are encouraged to use the map provided to take their parents around the subject areas that interest them, or that they have questions that will help inform subject choices.

Key dates for subject selection are:

- Wednesday 31 July, 4-7pm **Pathways and Course Information Evening** ([Map Here](#))
- Monday 5 August EGGGS Portal becomes available for subject selection ([Instructions Here](#))
- Monday 19 August, 8am EGGGS Portal closes for subject selections for 2025

If you have any questions regarding your daughter's subject selection for 2025, please contact your daughter's tutor teacher, or her Dean.

Chinese Extravaganza

We look forward to celebrating the breadth of creative and performing talents of our students at the Chinese Extravaganza held in the Raye Freedman Arts Centre on Saturday 27 (5pm) and Sunday 28 July (12:30pm and 6:30pm). The student leaders of the Asian Cultural Groups have worked hard to prepare performances in the AGS/EGGS collaboration and final tickets can be purchased [here](#).

Father, Grandfather and Daughter breakfast

To celebrate Father's Day, we warmly invite you to join us at this year's Father, Grandfather and Daughter Breakfast, proudly sponsored by Shakespeare Orthodontics.

Wednesday 28 August, 7:30 – 9am in the Marjory Adams Hall, EGGGS

This year we are delighted to have Fa'alogo Tana Umaga ONZM, Head Coach of Moana Pasifika and former All Blacks Captain, as our guest speaker.

One of only a handful of New Zealanders to be awarded the Pierre de Coubertin medal by the International Fair Play Committee, Tana's relentless pursuit of excellence in sport is matched by his dedication to see others also succeed. As one of the All Blacks' most successful captains, Tana has honed a leadership style that can be responsive to many different environments and contexts.

Tana has a strong connection to Epsom Girls Grammar School, with his youngest daughter, Anise currently in year 13, while his second daughter Lily-Kate a prefect in 2022.

Tickets are \$50 per person, which includes a buffet breakfast with tea, coffee and orange juice. Please purchase tickets via the School online shop ([click here](#)). Please ensure you purchase a ticket for your daughter or granddaughter, as well as yourself, and let us know of any dietary requirements you may have.

We anticipate that this will be a sold-out event so please purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Literacy and Numeracy NCEA Co-requisite assessments (CAA's)

For Year 10 and 11 students (and other senior students) who sat recent Literacy and Numeracy CAA's, NZQA have notified us that results will be available through their MyNZQA Learner Login portal:

Tuesday 23 July for Literacy – Reading assessment

Monday 5 August for Literacy – Writing, and Numeracy assessment

There will be further opportunities for students to gain these CAAs later in Term 3, and then again, twice a year each year until they have achieved each of these three co-requisites: Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

Phones away for the day expectations

As we start the new term, we remind parents and students of our expectation that mobile phones need to be away for the day and not used while at school, during the school day. Teachers are expected to notice and warn students only once to put their phone away if it is seen at school during the day, then if the phone is seen again, it will be confiscated by Deans and parents contacted. Thank you for your support of the school as we work to make the school day a time that students can focus on face-to-face interactions and their academic learning.

Enrolment for 2025

Applications for enrolment for the 2025 academic year are now open and places for Epsom House are also being accepted. Any alumnae of Epsom Girls Grammar School who wish to enrol their daughter for 2025 are encouraged to do so before the ballot, to be held on Wednesday 11 September, 2024. Any out-of-zone applications after the 11 September deadline will not be able to be accepted so we encourage anyone wishing to enrol at the school in 2025, to apply early.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. We wish all our students every success this term and look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events on campus.

Kind regards,



Brenda McNaughton

Principal

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