



Epsom Girls Grammar School

Tē Kura Tuarua o Ngā Taitamāhine o Maungawhau

Epsom Girls Grammar School – Principal's Bulletin

Dear Parents and caregivers,

As the academic year comes to a close for senior students completing NZQA examinations and junior students enjoying their final weeks of school, I want to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of all of our teaching and support staff. Many of our students have shared their own messages of thanks with their teachers, coaches, managers and mentors over recent weeks and these have been appreciated. As educators, our greatest joy is seeing our young people flourish in the nurturing environment we seek to create in our school, and thrive as they meet the challenges and make the most of the many opportunities available to them at Epsom Girls Grammar School.

End-of-year arrangements

Next week, to finish off the academic year for our year 9 and 10 students, there will be a series of events leading up to our Junior Prizegiving celebration. We want you to be aware of the following as step through these events:

Monday 9 December	8:35 - 3:15	Prizegiving practice, then normal school day
Tuesday 10 December	8:35 - 12:30	Prizegiving practice, then periods 2 and 3 only
Wednesday 11 December	9:40 - 12pm	Junior Prizegiving begins at 10am (students should be seated in the hall by 9:40 and we anticipate a 12pm finish)

We wish all of our students and families a safe and happy Christmas and summer break and look forward to seeing everyone again in the new year.

Start-of-year dates for 2025

The first day of school for new students to Epsom in 2025 will be Wednesday 29 January. All new students to the school, and their families, will be welcomed with a pōwhiri at 10:30am, then will be with tutor teachers and peer support leaders till 3pm. The second day of school (Thursday 30 January) will start at 10:30 and finish at 3pm.

The first day for returning students to Epsom in 2025 will be Thursday 30 January. All students will start at 10:30 (year 10 in the Old Gym, year 11 in the New Gym, year 12 in the Stadium, and year 13 in the Hall). This first day of school will finish at 3pm.

For all students, Friday 31 January will be a full day (8:35 – 3:15) of timetabled classes.

Further information will be sent to families about the start of year arrangements in the week beginning 20 January.

Summer Office hours and Uniform Shop hours

Office Hours – Closes Wednesday 18th December, Reopens Wednesday 15th January

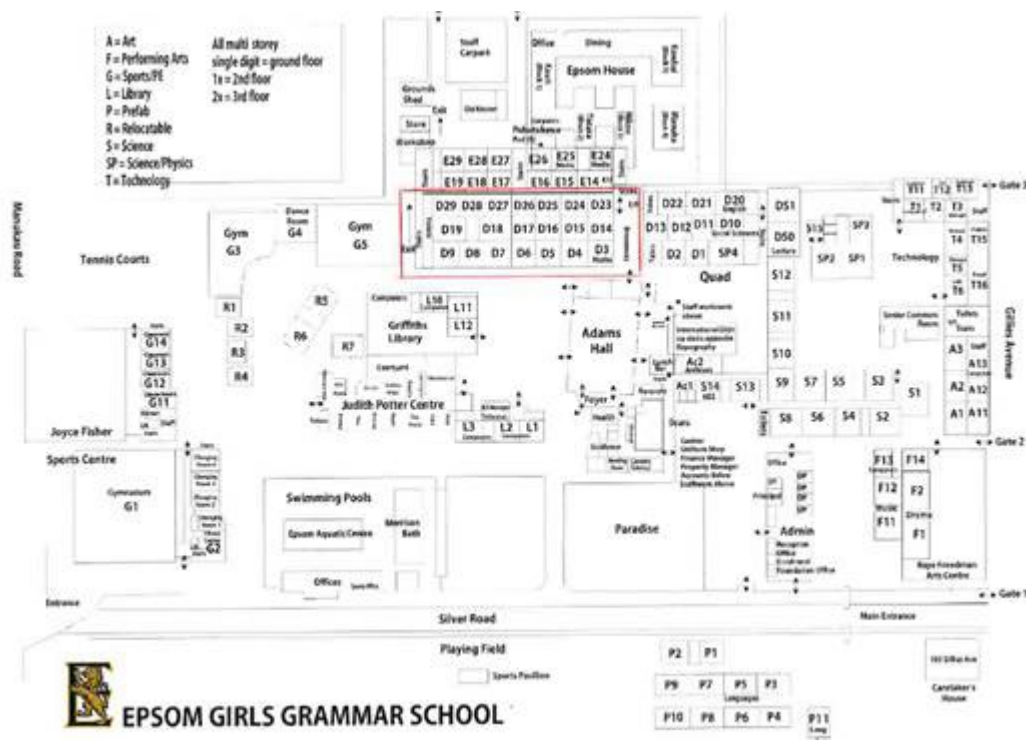
Uniform shop – Closes Wednesday 11th December, Reopens Tuesday 14th January (details here:

<https://www.eggs.school.nz/eggs-life/school-information/uniform-and-stationery-shop/>)

Notice of summer property work at Epsom Girls Grammar School

Between Friday 13th December and Saturday 18th January, we will have contractors working in our school removing asbestos underneath D Block classrooms to allow for a critical water pipe to be replaced. There will be notices around the area, however, please keep away from this area at all times during these dates.

Below is an indication of the area the work will be taking place.



Homestay host families needed

The Epsom Girls Grammar School International Department are looking for families who can provide a caring and supportive home environment for an international student. If English is your first language, you have a spare room and live within close distance to school, we look forward to hearing from you.

Hosting an international student is an enriching experience and a wonderful opportunity to share your family life, Kiwi culture, and hospitality, to experience other cultures and learn more about the world.

In 2024, NZ\$380 per week is paid to cover full board and in 2025 will increase to NZ\$400 per week.

Please call Jo Bostock on 970-6757 for further information or email jbostock@eggs.school.nz

Kind regards,

Brenda McNaughton

Principal

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