

Epsom Girls Grammar School – January 2025 Bulletin

Dear Parents and caregivers,

The 2025 academic year has started very positively with students nervously excited to start their learning, meet their teachers for the year and to connect with friends after the break. We thank parents for their support in ensuring students are all wearing the correct uniform for the start of the year, and to have stationery and equipment needed for a full set of classes today.

Co-curricular groups will be starting next week for many sports, music and cultural groups. We encourage parents to speak to their daughter about what she may want to join in order to maximise the opportunities available to her – to learn a new skill, make new friends and represent the school.

There are some key messages and reminders that we'd like to bring to your attention as we finish our first week:

Silver Road accessibility:

To improve the safety of our students on our campus, we have made Silver Road a one-way road, entry is via Manukau Road. Barrier arms open for authorised vehicles only during the hours of 7:30am – 3:30pm, Monday to Friday during term time. Outside of these hours, any vehicles may enter Silver Road (from Manukau Road end).

There are a small number of visitor parking spaces outside the main reception (access via Gate 1, Gillies Ave entrance) but access to Silver Road is blocked after these visitor parks.

Pick-up and drop-off of students:

Please only use nearby streets (Albury Ave, Sharpe Rd or Owens Rd) to arrange dropping off or picking up your daughter from school, if transporting her by car. When dropping off or picking up students, please ensure that the road rules are followed and other travellers are not endangered by drivers' (or students') actions.

Tuck shop ordering online:

Epsom Girls Grammar School has a new Tuck Shop provider which allows for ordering and paying for items online. The link to do this is <u>here</u>. We have run out of some more popular items in the last couple of days and so to ensure your daughter gets her preference, pre-ordering online is advised.

Upcoming events:

Monday 3 February Student class and ID photos for years 9, 10 and 11

Tuesday 4 February at 8:30am Prefect Badge Presentation Assembly (Live Stream Link here)

Wednesday 5 February School on Wednesday's starts for students at 9:20am

Thursday 6 February Waitangi Day (school closed)

Tuesday 11 February at 5:30pm Year 9 Parents Meet & Greet event

Friday 21 February Athletics Finals Day (details to come through tutor classes)

The <u>Parent Portal</u> aims to provide you with information about your daughter and an ability to make payments online. Access to all the functions within the Portal is available to all parents and caregivers. Snapshots of what is available on the Parent Portal are <u>here</u>. Instructions for accessing the Parent Portal for new students are <u>here</u>.

Should you have any questions regarding this email or the School Code of Conduct, please contact my Principal's Assistant, Catherine Readhead on 09 9706 707.

Kind regards,

Brenda McNaughton

Principal

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