



# **COURSE COUNSELLING NEWSLETTER**

## **Information for parents of Year 10 students**

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In third term each year we ask all students in Years 8 to 11 to undertake the important task of selecting their courses for the following year. It is a time when students need to work closely with their parents/caregivers and teachers to gather accurate, relevant information on which to base decisions about subjects and future directions.

The purpose of this Course Counselling newsletter is to give details of our Course Counselling process for Year 10 students for this year.

### **AS A PARENT YOU CAN ASSIST BY:**

- Reading the Curriculum Guide carefully and encouraging your child to do the same – this can be found online at [www.nurihs.sa.edu.au](http://www.nurihs.sa.edu.au)
- Exploring the Web Choices online program for further information about subject choices.
- Working through the practice choice sheet prior to entering information on Web Choices.
- Talk with your child about:
  - Their interests, particularly regarding subjects
  - Their future career and study aspirations
  - Their progress in subjects they are doing this year
  - The subjects on offer for next year
  - Your ideas about their subject choices
- Attending the **Curriculum Information Expo** on **Wednesday 16 August** (see attached sheet)
- Assisting your child to see subject selection as an important process that requires careful consideration
- Encouraging your child to ask questions and seek advice
- Contacting school staff to discuss any issues where you need more information

**ALL PARENTS ARE ASKED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN  
THE REPLY SLIP INCLUDED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS  
NEWSLETTER**

# YEAR 10 COURSE COUNSELLING TIMELINE

Please note:

Week 3 begins 7 August

Week 4 begins 14 August

Week 5 begins 21 August

Week 6 begins 28 August

Week	Day	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
3	Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Course Counselling Newsletter to parents via Home Group</li> </ul>	Information to parents about the course counselling process.
3	Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum Guide 2018 available on NHS website – <a href="http://www.nurihs.sa.edu.au">www.nurihs.sa.edu.au</a></li> <li>9:00 – 9:45 Whole School Assembly re Course Counselling processes</li> <li>Practice Choice Forms issued to students</li> <li>SATAC Information</li> <li><b>Interview Booking sheet for Year 10 interviews issued</b></li> </ul>	Home Group teachers explain the information to students during HG Students informed about choices for following year, and process for completing the choice form. Students bring this form with them to the Interview the following week. Subject Coordinators provide information to students All students given information about TAFE and University courses and entrance Booking sheet to be returned to <b>Tennille Burgess</b> by <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b> .
4	Mon	Web Preferences Portal is open – students are provided with a personal login and password to access Web Preferences	Home Group teachers explain the online selection process during Student Development time.
4	Wed	<b>Curriculum Information Expo in Upstairs Area 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.</b>	<b>NORMAL DISMISSAL Displays, information sessions and advice for all students and parents.</b>
4	Thu Fri	Subject Information Days	Teachers talk about the options for subject choice within their faculty during class time.
5	Fri	Last day for booking sheets for Year 10 interviews to be returned to HG teachers	Bookings will be made and advice of times issued to students by Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August for Year 10 students
6	Wed	<b>10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. Yr 10 Course Counselling Interviews</b>	<b>Year 10 students do not attend school. Counselling appointment for all students/parents with counselling team.</b>
6	Thu	<b>FINAL DAY FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS TO HAND UP WEB PREFERENCES RECEIPT FOR 2018 SUBJECTS</b>	

Throughout the entire process students will be assisted regularly by their Home Group teacher who will be their main course counsellor. Students and parents are encouraged to seek additional advice and information as required.

## COURSE COUNSELLING MANAGEMENT TEAM


<b>Year 8</b>	M Rob Moresi and Ms Anne Barclay
<b>Year 9</b>	Mr Peter Welford and Ms Jay Ferrin
<b>Year 10</b>	Mr Josh Bottrall and Ms Ann Hargreaves
<b>Year 11</b>	Mr Andrew Turnbull, Mr Angus Magarey and Mrs Kirsty Gebert
<b>Special Ed</b>	Mr Peter Shute / Ms Jay Ferrin
<b>SACE</b>	Mrs Kirsty Gebert, Mrs Jenny Howard

# INTRODUCING OUR ONLINE SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Our process for selecting subjects for 2018 is via the online **Web Preferences Portal**. Students will be provided with both a printed copy of the following login details for Web Preferences as well as a digital copy emailed to their school email address.

The Web Preferences Portal will be available online – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August (Week 4)

## Web Preferences Access Guide



**Student:**

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House: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> Year Level: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="Year"/> Roll Class: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="Year"/>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border-right: 1px solid black;">                             Student Code: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="NHS student code"/> </td> <td style="width: 50%;">                             NHS student code                         </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black;">                             Home Group: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="NHS HG"/> </td> <td>                             NHS HG                         </td> </tr> </table>	Student Code: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="NHS student code"/>	NHS student code	Home Group: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="NHS HG"/>	NHS HG
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The following steps outline how to enter your subject preferences online.

<b>1</b> Internet Access	<p>You will need a computer with an internet connection and a printer.</p> <p>We recommend using Firefox, you may also use Google Chrome or IE 6.0 and above.</p>				
<b>2</b> Log In	<p>Log in to <a href="http://www.selectmysubjects.com.au">www.selectmysubjects.com.au</a> using:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 40%; border-right: 1px solid black;">Student Access Code:</td> <td><input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="NHS student code"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black;">Password:</td> <td><input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Unique password"/></td> </tr> </table>	Student Access Code:	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="NHS student code"/>	Password:	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="Unique password"/>
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<b>3</b> Home Page	<p>To view your subject information click "<b>View Subject Details</b>" at the top right of the screen.</p> <p>To select/change your preferences, click "<b>Add New Preferences</b>" at the top right of the screen.</p>				
<b>4</b> Preference Selection	<p>Select your subjects from the drop down lists, you have 30 minutes to do so.</p> <p>Once complete, click "<b>Proceed</b>".</p> <p>Note: You are not finished yet.</p>				
<b>5</b> Preference Validation	<p>If you are happy with your preferences click "<b>Submit Valid Preferences</b>" which will open your "Preference Receipt".</p> <p>Or if you would like to make changes to your preferences click "<b>Cancel</b>" and this will take you back to the Preference Selection page.</p>				
<b>6</b> Preference Receipt	<p>You can print your "Preference Receipt" by clicking "<b>Open Print View</b>" and clicking "<b>Print Receipt</b>".</p> <p>To continue click "<b>Return to Home Page</b>". If you want to change your preferences, repeat the process by clicking "<b>Add New Preferences</b>", otherwise exit by clicking "<b>Log Out</b>". End of steps.</p>				

**NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Curriculum Information Expo**

***Wednesday 16 August***

***4.30 pm to 7.00 pm***

*Displays*

*Information Sessions*

*Counselling*

**Upstairs and Downstairs Area of the 2 storey building – Display Areas**

- Learning area visual displays to highlight subjects eg posters, work samples. In addition pamphlets, particularly for senior years' subjects will be available for collection. Additional information to assist with subject selection also on display.
- Staff will be present at each area to answer questions.
- Parents and students will be provided with a “sample bag” which can be used to collect information.
- Staff and students will be available to support parents and students with accessing Web Preferences – our new online subject selection process.

**Open Space Senior Learning Hub – Information Sessions**

*Main Area – General information sessions about subject selection for parents and students:*

**4.30** – for students going into Year 9 in 2018

**4.50** – for students going into Year 10 in 2018

**5.10** – for students going into SACE Stage 1 and 2 in 2018

**5:30** - Vocational Education & Training (VET)

*Repeat sessions at:*

**5.50** – for students going into Year 9 in 2018

**6.10** – for students going into Year 10 in 2018

**6.30** – for students going into SACE Stage 1 and 2 in 2018\*

**6.50** - Vocational Education & Training (VET) \*

**Note: the Expo will be closed at 7:00.**

\*Parents attending the 6:30 or 6:50 sessions should attend the expo prior to the information session.

## Year 10 to 11 Counselling Day

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
10.00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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As part of the course counselling process, we request that you and your daughter/son attend a 15-minute course counselling interview with members of the counselling team on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September** in the School's Resource Centre. All Year 10 students are required to attend an interview with a parent/guardian. Trained staff will be available for the counselling interviews for students with a Negotiated Education Plan.

At present, Year 10 students are collecting information about their options for next year. The **Curriculum Guide 2018**, which is available on the NHS website [www.nurihs.sa.edu.au](http://www.nurihs.sa.edu.au), contains information on available courses and on the SACE. Subject descriptions are also available on the online subject selection portal "Web Preferences" [www.selectmysubjects.com.au](http://www.selectmysubjects.com.au) **Please bring the pink practice subject selection form to the interview** (both sides need to be completed in pencil).

**There will be no formal classes for Year 10 students on the counselling day.** However, there is the option for students to attend supervised study for the day.

If you have any questions you would like answered before 30<sup>th</sup> August, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the following staff at the school:

- Mrs Jenny Howard or Mrs Kirsty Gebert  
SACE information
- Mr Rick Lane and Ms Jenelle Draper  
School Counsellors – General Information, Tertiary Information
- Mr Peter Shute  
Students with Disabilities, Special Learning Needs
- Ms Ann Hargreaves (Assistant Principal) or Mr Josh Bottrall (Year 10 Manager)
- Your student's Home Group Teacher  
Kirsty Gebert

Deputy Principal

# YEAR 10 REPLY SLIP

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Curriculum Information Expo on Wednesday 16 August.

Please complete the details below and return to Home Group teacher by **Tuesday 16 August**.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HG \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the appropriate box and complete details.

I/We will be attending the Curriculum Information Expo on **Wednesday 16 August**

I/We will not be attending the Curriculum Information Expo

Parent's/Caregiver's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date / 8 /17



## YEAR 10 Course Counselling Interviews, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Please complete the details below and return it to the Home Group teacher by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HG \_\_\_\_\_

My son/daughter is interested in VET/TAFE options for 2018.

### Preferred interview times:

Anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Between 10:00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Between 1.00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Between 4.00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**OR:** Please write 3 possible times below (bookings run every 15 mins starting on the hour)

Option 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Caregiver's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date / 8 /17

**PLEASE NOTE: We will confirm the interview time in writing before 30<sup>th</sup> August**