



# **COURSE COUNSELLING NEWSLETTER**

## **Information for parents of Year 8 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 8 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<sup>th</sup> 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 8 COURSE COUNSELLING TIMELINE

Please note:

Week 3 begins 8 August

Week 4 begins 15 August

Week 5 begins 22 August

Week 6 begins 29 August

Week	Day	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
3	Monday	This Course Counselling Newsletter to parents via Home Group	Information to parents about the course counselling process. Introduced to students in year level assemblies Information to students regarding the selection process. Please note this will not take up the entire assembly
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>Whole School Assembly about Subjects 9.00 to 9:45</li> <li>Practice Choice Forms issued to students</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 Subject Coordinators provide information to students.
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 ECA.
4	Wed	<b>Curriculum Information Expo in Upstairs Area 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>NORMAL DISMISSAL Displays, information sessions and advice for all students and parents.</b>  <b>Web Preference support is available</b>
4	Thu Fri	Subject Information Days	Teachers talk about the options for subject choice within their faculty during class time.
6	Fri	<b>FINAL DAY FOR YEAR 8 STUDENTS TO HAND UP WEB PREFERENCES RECEIPTS FOR 2018 SUBJECTS – September 1st</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
<b>VET</b>	Mr Matt Smith

# 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



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**Student:**

Student Code: NHS student code

Home Group: NHS HG

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House:

Year Level:

Roll Class:

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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> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 40%;">Student Access Code:</div> <div style="width: 55%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">NHS student code</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="width: 40%;">Password:</div> <div style="width: 55%; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Unique password</div> </div>
<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 16th 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.

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**YEAR 8 REPLY SLIP**

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