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# COURSE COUNSELLING NEWSLETTER

## Information for parents of Year 9 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 9 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/curriculum.htm](http://www.nurihs.sa.edu.au/curriculum.htm)
- 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 15 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
- Make a course counselling appointment - refer to Yr 9 to 10 counselling day information in this letter



# YEAR 9 COURSE COUNSELLING TIMELINE

Please note:

Week 3 begins 6 August

Week 4 begins 13 August

Week 5 begins 20 August

Week 6 begins 27 August

Week	Day	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
3	Monday	This Course Counselling Newsletter to parents via Home Group Curriculum Guide 2019 available on NHS website – <a href="http://www.nurihs.sa.edu.au">www.nurihs.sa.edu.au</a>	Information to parents about the course counselling process. Introduced to students at an assembly Information to students regarding the selection process.
3	Wednesday	Practice Choice Forms issued to students	Home Group teachers explain the information to students during HG and SD. Students informed about choices for following year, and process for completing the choice form Subject Coordinators provide information to students.
4	Monday	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	Wednesday	<b>Curriculum Information Expo in Upstairs Area 4.30 p.m. to 7.00p.m. Wednesday 15 August</b>	<b>NORMAL DISMISSAL Displays, information sessions and advice for all students and parents.</b>  <b>Web Preference support is available</b>
4	Thursday Friday	Subject Information Days	Teachers talk about the options for subject choice within their faculty during class time.
6	Thursday	<b>Thursday 30 August 10.00am to 7.00pm</b> <b>Yr 9 Course Counselling Interviews</b>	Year 9 students <b>do not attend school</b> . Counselling appointment for all students/parents with counselling team.
6	Friday	<b>FINAL DAY FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS TO HAND UP WEB PREFERENCES RECEIPT FOR 2019 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

**Year 8 Mr** Rob Moresi, Mr Damien Jones and Ms Anne Barclay

**Year 9** Mr Peter Welford and Ms Jay Ferrin

**Year 10** Mr Brad West, Miss Alex Hoffmann and Ms Ann Hargreaves

**Year 11** Mr Andrew Turnbull, Mr Angus Magarey and Mrs Kirsty Gebert

**Special Ed** Mr Peter Shute and Ms Jay Ferrin

**SACE** Mrs Kirsty Gebert and Mrs Jenny Howard

**VET** Mr Matt Smith

# ONLINE SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

Our process for selecting subjects for 2019 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 13 August (Week 4)

Web Preferences Access Guide					
<b>Student:</b>	<input type="text" value="Student Name"/>				
House:	NHS student code NHS HG				
Year Level:					
Roll Class:					
Student Code:					
Home Group:					
<p>The following steps outline how to enter your subject preferences online.</p>					
<b>1 Internet Access</b>	<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 Log In</b>	<p>Log in to <a href="http://www.selectmysubjects.com.au">www.selectmysubjects.com.au</a> using:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Student Access Code:</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">NHS student code</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Password:</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Unique password</td> </tr> </table>	Student Access Code:	NHS student code	Password:	Unique password
Student Access Code:	NHS student code				
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<b>3 Home Page</b>	<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 Preference Selection</b>	<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 Preference Validation</b>	<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 Preference Receipt</b>	<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>				



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## Curriculum Information Expo

Wednesday 15 August

4.30 pm to 7.00 pm

**Displays**

**Information Sessions**

**Counselling**

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

- Learning area visual displays to highlight subjects eg posters and work samples
- Additional information to assist with subject selection also on display.
- Staff will be present at each area to answer questions.
- Staff and students will be available to support parents and students with accessing Web Preferences 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 2019

**4.50** – for students going into Year 10 in 2019

**5.10** – for students going into SACE Stage 1 and 2 in 2019

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

*Repeat sessions at:*

**5.50** – for students going into Year 9 in 2019

**6.10** – for students going into Year 10 in 2019

**6.30** – for students going into SACE Stage 1 and 2 in 2019\*

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

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

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

**Year 9 to 10 Counselling Day**  
**Thursday 30 August 2018**  
**10.00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

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 **Thursday 30 August** in the School's Resource Centre. All Year 9 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 9 students are collecting information about their options for next year. The **Curriculum Guide 2019**, 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 practice subject selection form to the interview** (both sides need to be completed in pencil).

**There will be no formal classes for Year 9 students on the counselling day.** However, there is the option for students to attend supervised study for the day.

Please indicate if your son/daughter will be attending supervised study on the reply slip along with your preferred interview time. If you have any questions you would like answered before 30 August, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the following staff at the school:

- Ms Jay Ferrin – Year 9 Assistant Principal, Student with a NEP
- Mr Peter Welford - Year 9 Year Level Manager
- Rick Lane or Jenelle Draper – School Counsellors – General Information
- Mr Peter Shute – Students with disabilities, Special Learning Needs
- Mrs Kirsty Gebert – Deputy Principal
- Your student's home group teacher



Kirsty Gebert  
Deputy Principal

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### **YEAR 9 Course Counselling Interviews, Thursday 30 August**

*Please complete the details below and return it to the Home Group teacher or Ms Burgess in Open Space area by **Friday 24 August**.*

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

My son/daughter is interested in VET/TAFE options for 2019.

**Preferred interview times:**

Anytime between 10.00am and 6.45pm       Between 10.00am and 12.45pm

Between 1.30pm and 4.00pm       Between 4.00pm and 6.45pm

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

Option 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Option 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Option 3: \_\_\_\_\_

To assist us with matching your student with a counselling team that is most appropriate for their learning and career goals, please indicate the main subject areas they are interested in:

Parent/Caregiver signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date / 8 /18

**PLEASE NOTE: We will confirm the interview time in writing before 28 August**