

Principal's Newsletter



Student Services Team

Esperance Senior High School has a very strong and caring student support team to assist students with pastoral care, support and behaviour management issues.

Attached to this eNewsletter is an overview of the Student Services staff. Please don't hesitate to contact them about any issues of concerns you may have about your child. Contact with your child's Year Coordinator is often a good starting point.

Any subject concerns should be directed to the subject's Head of Department or Teacher-in-Charge, as indicated below, or to the class teacher for the subject.

PARENTS OF YEAR 7 AND 8 STUDENTS – There will be two Parent Tours of Esperance Senior High School on Tuesday, 24th February for Year 7 Parents and Wednesday, 25th February for Year 8 Parents, commencing both days from the Junior Campus at 11.55am, followed by a light lunch and refreshments. Students will be bringing home a note about this shortly.

Please RSVP to Anne McCleave on PH: 9071 9503.

From the Business Manager

Secondary Assistance Scheme

Parents or legal guardians holding a current Centrelink concession card may be eligible for financial assistance for contributions, charges and clothing.

In 2015, assistance will be \$350. The Clothing Allowance (\$115) can be paid directly to the school or directly into the bank account of the parent/guardian. If you choose to have the allowance paid to you, please bring your bank details with you at the time of completing the form.

Abstudy Supplement Allowance

The Abstudy Supplement Allowance is available to valid Centrelink or Veteran Affairs card holders and supplements the Centrelink Abstudy Fees Allowance payment. This allowance is valued at \$79 and is paid directly to the school.

Applications close on the last day of term 1 (Friday 2th April 2015) – *no late applications will be accepted.*

Sheryl Sharpe – Business Manager

Congratulations

To ex-year 12 student, Bree Wickstein, who has been awarded a Curtin University's Excellence Scholarship as a result of her excellent ATAR results in 2014. Well done, Bree!

Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA)

Finding out about the OLNA?

Some students in years 10 and 11 are about to sit the OLNA.

OLNA is the acronym for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment, which some students will use to demonstrate they have achieved the required standard of literacy and numeracy for their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). The School Curriculum and Standards Authority awards the WACE at the end of Year 12 to students who have met all the requirements, including OLNA.

Some students pre-qualify for OLNA through their performance in the Year 9 NAPLAN test. The school will inform you whether your child needs to sit the OLNA this year. The test is held in March and September each year, starting in Year 10. This means students will have up to six opportunities before the end of Year 12 to demonstrate the standard.

The OLNA has three components – reading, writing and numeracy. The reading and numeracy components comprise 60 multiple-choice questions; the writing component is an extended response of up to 600 words. Students are allowed 60 minutes for each assessment. The table below provides a quick guide to each component.

	Numeracy	Reading	Writing
Number of Questions	60		1 (600 word limit)
Question type	Multiple-choice		Open-ended
Mode	Online point and click		Typed online
Time	60 minutes (standard)		
Delivery	Randomised 1 of 3 forms		Randomised 1 of 2 forms
Adjustments	Extra time and pause (variable)		

To prepare our students for the types of questions they can expect and to familiarise them with the online assessment software, the school will provide access to a practice test on a secure website. For students with special needs, we have guidelines to help set the appropriate conditions for equal access.

If you want to know more, go to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website at www.scsa.wa.edu.au and look under *Senior Secondary* > Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. There you will find a lot more information, answers to frequently asked questions and a brief video. You can also send questions to olna@scsa.wa.edu.au.

Careers of the future – from SEEK Learning and the Business Review Australia

As students settle back into the school year, they are often asked, “So what are you going to do when you leave school?” or, “What grades do you need to get into a university bound course or a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course in upper school (year 11 and 12). An excerpt below from the Business Review Australia highlights the following career education information.

So where are the jobs of the future?

The most recent SEEK Job Growth Report has revealed insights into the areas that will be most affected by recruitment shortages, with workers in education, healthcare, building trades and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) set to benefit most.

Key results from the SEEK Job Growth Report include:

- 16 of 19 Australian industries are predicted to see job increases to November 2018
- Shortages are particularly evident for trades
- New generation approaches to technology are driving demand for workers with niche skills across many industries

1. Education and Training

The rate of population growth within Australia is higher now than it was for the Baby Boomers, putting pressure on Australia’s education system and driving demand for additional teachers across multiple disciplines.

2. Healthcare and Medical

The demand for healthcare and medical workers is being boosted across the country as a result of the ageing population and advanced medical treatment technologies.

3. Building Trades

It’s a great time to be in the building trades, with the construction industry expected to grow 8 per cent by November 2018. Building trades jobs are in demand across the country (and not just in urban areas), while technicians and trade workers make up more than half of the industry.

4. Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

ICT professionals play a vital role across almost every industry in Australia as technology becomes more integral to every facet of our lives. As an enabler of productivity and innovation in the economy, ICT is unmatched with an increased need for more specialist skills.

5. Design and Architecture

Demand for architects rocketed in 2014, making the profession one of the most sought after in Australia. The recovering economy continues to stimulate a building boom which is boosting the need for these skills. Businesses are also moving towards more sophisticated online environments, growing demand for ‘new’ careers such as digital designers.

Source: SEEK Learning

<http://www.seeklearning.com.au/industries-hiring-in-2015>

Top 10 Highest Earning University Degrees 2015- Article from the Business Review Article

Parents/carers may be interested in this article below about the top ten highest earning university degrees for 2015

When choosing a course of study at university, finding a subject that you are passionate about and will pay a living wage can be difficult. However, if you're interested in one of the following degrees, you're in luck! These 10 degrees pay the highest per hour.

1. Healthcare

This yet again falls to the top of our list. Anaesthetists by far make the most, at over \$120 an hour in average hourly earnings. Other medical practitioners fall into this category as well, including dermatologists, gynaecologists, pathologists and many more. Also, with an ageing workforce and a potential for a high turnover rate, graduates are more likely to get a job after earning the degree. Hundreds of classes are available across Australia in this particular field.

2. Engineering

There are ample opportunities for engineers to make more than just a living wage in Australia. With several major mining companies announcing positive F2014 results, mining engineers have plenty of opportunity. Electronics and airplane maintenance engineers are also high on the pay scale. And with the car industry on the way out of Australia, aviation manufacturing and maintenance is looking to take over in the industry.

3. Law

As one of the most prestigious degrees you can earn, law degrees always come with high earnings. Be careful though, as you may break the bank to become a lawyer. This field of study and work is high on the list anywhere in the world, so whether you're looking outside of Australia or in, chances are job opportunities and pay will be good.

4. Geology

Even after the shine of the Australian mining boom has started to fade, major mining companies and smaller exploration companies alike continue to fund exploration activities. Geologists are invaluable members of exploration teams, and make around \$60 per hour in Australia. It's a particularly good job for people who don't want to spend the rest of their professional career at a desk.

5. Finance

As long as there's business, accountants will have jobs. In big cities like Sydney and Melbourne, finance professionals are in high demand. Jobs can be found at both the corporate and personal finance levels, with plenty of high level positions in stock markets like the ASX. Those in financial jobs make on average around \$60 an hour.

6. Education

For those who never really want to leave school, becoming a university lecturer or tutor would not only allow you to continue to be immersed in your passion, but it also pays pretty well. Lecturers stand to make just north of \$57 an hour. According to a recent article by The Australian, some people have recently been turned off returning to school because of uncertainty over fees. However, with the continuing rise of the cost of living in Australia, university degrees will be important to securing adequate job opportunities.

7. Dentistry

Entry-level dentists make a fair bit more on average than other types of entry level employees in Australia. Although most dentists work in the field for an average of 20 years and move on, it's a great way for a college

graduate to establish themselves after graduation. And like Law, dentistry is respected worldwide as an important career path, which can open doors if you want to work internationally.

8. Business

This is a fairly wide-ranging category, covering a vast array of subjects. The best part about a business degree though is that you can work in virtually any industry on the corporate side of a business. A master's degree holds much more weight than a bachelor's, but any experience in a business setting is invaluable on your CV.

9. Computer Science/IT

Several big, global companies like Rio Tinto and UPS use analytics from millions of data points to help make smart financial and business decisions. Data analysts make this happen, and are in demand in Australia as more companies utilise data. The average hourly rate for systems analysts is just over \$53 an hour.

10. Earth/Environmental Science

Australia is one of the most environmentally-minded countries in the world, making it no surprise that this degree would land in the top 10. Australia has 12 universities that rank in the global top 200 for earth science, and 13 for environmental science. Positions for this subject are available on either the corporate side or in the field, and again are invaluable on exploration projects for mining companies.

Source: Business Review Australia

<http://www.businessreviewaustralia.com/top10/1269/Top-10-Most-Valuable-University-Degrees-20142015>