



Newsletter

Term 1 2021

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News/ Info

Happy New Year

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome to the start of a new year! We have been working hard over the break to develop and enhance our teaching materials at EPC and we are excited to open our classes back up to our students for 2021.

New branch opening

We are also excited to announce that we have opened a new branch in Bella Vista. The address and contact details can be found above at the top of this newsletter. Class enrolments for 2021 have started so please contact us for any enrolment enquiries.

Covid-19 Update

EPC classes will remain online for Term 1 of 2021. Please note that we are continuing to keep a close watch on the current Covid-19 situation in NSW and will provide with you any updates should there be any changes to our classes. Physical distancing and daily sanitisation is being strictly followed in line with the Covid-19 NSW health guidelines to ensure the safety of all our staff and students.

Changes in O.C and Selective Tests

NSW Department of education have announced, from 2021 and Selective tests will now be transitioning to new framework and a computer-based structure. New O.C. and Selective test will now have a greater emphasis on thinking skills, mathematical reasoning and problem solving. It will also adjust and balance the weighting given to Mathematics, English and thinking skills test components. As such, all EPC O.C. and Selective test course will have an update to align with new O.C. and selective test guidelines.



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Events

Selective Exam (entry for 2022)

11/03/2021

Easter Break

02/04/2021 – 05/04/2021

2021 EPC Class Start Date

EPC classes for 2021 have now begun. Please contact the relevant branch directly for class timetables or further enquiries.

Important Links

Eduplanet Website

<https://www.eduplanet.com.au/>

COVID-19 Update NSW

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>

O.C. and Selective test changes

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Eduplanet 2021 Term 1

MPC (Main Performance Class) ENG/ MA/ GA/WRITING/ THINKING SKILL

Year	Details
2	Year 2 MPC (English/ Maths / G.A. & Thinking Skills) + Written Expression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorming throughout creative writing during class is done with tutor to create ideas for the given text requirement.
3	Year 3 -MPC (English/ Maths / G.A. & Thinking Skills) + Written Expression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 MPC classes are focused on helping students prepare for the upcoming O.C. exam, which they will take in the following year in Year 4. Early preparation classes are crucial in allowing students have a smooth transition into the Year 4 O.C. prep course.
4	Year 4 -MPC (English/ Maths / G.A. & Thinking Skills) + Written Expression + News Article <ul style="list-style-type: none"> O.C. Prep Course commences – In Term 1, Year 4 students will begin the 25-week OC Prep Course. This course is designed to familiarise students with the O.C. test structure and questions. Please note that the O.C. Exam for 2021 will remain paper based. As such, the O.C. Prep Course will also be paper based. However, the contents of the exam will be more heavily focused on Thinking Skills type questions.
5	Year 5 -MPC (English/ Maths/ G.A. & Thinking Skills) + Written Expression + News Article <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Selective Prep Course commences – In Term 1, Year 5 students will begin the Digital Selective Prep Course. Please note that this course is redesigned in line with the new Selective Test format. All Selective Prep Course will be digitalised to ensure that students become familiar and confident with the new format. The content and number of the questions of the exams will also be more heavily focused on Critical Reasoning and Thinking Skills in line with the new format of the exam that has been recently announced.
6	Year 6 English/ Maths/ G.A. & Thinking Skills + Written Expression + News Article <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MPC classes for Year 6 are designed to help them in their final preparation for the Selective Exam.

Highschool

EPC Junior Highschool Class (7/8/9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPC Junior High Classes cover English, Maths and Science, with the class material being 1 year ahead of NSW curriculum. Classes utilise materials 1 year ahead of NSW curriculum to help students familiarise with upcoming years' topics.
EPC Preliminary Class (10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPC Preliminary classes are designed to prepare students for Preliminary level high schooling. Classes consist of English, Maths and Science. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English - EAL/ General/ Extension 1/ Extension 2 Science - Physics, Chemistry and Biology Maths - General/ 2 Unit/ Extension 1/ Extension 2 The classes students attend should reflect the subjects that they are going to study in year 11 Highschool.
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 classes consist of HSC level material including Maths, English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Languages. Classes are held in small groups or in private lessons to focus fully on the students' needs and to help increase productivity in the classes. Private Classes are catered to students' subject selection for HSC. UCAT preparation classes will also be running from January 2021 for Year 11 students.
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 classes will be running to continue helping them in their preparation for HSC and will be specifically catered to individual subject selections.

***Please Note that classes may vary at each branch according to their circumstances.**