

**Sydney Academy  
Teacher Communication Plan  
2009-2010**

**Teacher: Ryan MacPherson**

**Course: Oceans 11A**

**Course Overview:**

Please allow me the opportunity to introduce the course as well as my expectations for my students. Our administration has asked us to impress upon all involved the importance of attending classes. To meet the outcomes of each course, time on task, i.e. attendance, is of the utmost importance. Please note that excused classes do not relieve the student of the responsibility for the curriculum addressed during their absence. All excused absences must be reported to the office within five days of the absence to be excused.

Sydney Academy has an automatic dialer system, which will inform the home of any classes that are missed because of an unexcused absence. The first week in each month, students will take home a record of their previous month's attendance. I will also call home for any reason that I feel should be brought to your attention.

Students must make arrangements to have projects and/or assignments turned in to the school on the due date assigned if they are unable to attend on that day. Points will be deducted each day the project or assignment is late. In the case of prolonged illness, arrangement with regard to due dates must be made with me in advance.

This course will discuss the theory of processes that happen within the waters ways of the world as well as deal with current ocean issues taking place in Canada and around the world. Topics that will be discussed include marine structure, ecosystems, currents/tides/waves and the environment. We will also have an on going journal that will use current articles (newspapers/magazines) along with video's that will help re-enforce the main ideas of the course.

Students will be expected to bring their notebook and a writing utensil to class every day. The course will have numerous handouts and notes so a binder would be ideal to have as the course progresses.

**Course Evaluation:**

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| <b>Tests, Assignments, Pop Quizzes, etc.</b> | <b>50%</b> |
| <b>Comprehensive Test</b>                    | <b>20%</b> |
| <b>Final Exam</b>                            | <b>30%</b> |

**Contact Information:**

Parents/ Guardians wishing further information regarding their child's progress may contact me personally through the school at 562-5464 or email at macpherryan@staff.ednet.ns.ca. There will also be a parent/teacher April 22nd.

Thank you,

R. MacPherson

Please sign and return: \_\_\_\_\_