

**SYDNEY ACADEMY  
TEACHER COMMUNICATION PLAN  
2011-2012**

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**Course Overview:**

This is a 220-hour course (full year) which provides additional time and support for students who require extended opportunities to address the English 10 curriculum outcomes and to develop their strategies and to strengthen their skills in each of the strands of English language arts. English 10 Plus is a two-credit course providing successful students with one English credit(Eng. 10) and one elective credit(Eng.10 Plus).The credits are awarded in June after completion of the entire program. This course requires dedicated, motivated students who will work hard to achieve the skills required to advance to Academic Grade 11 and 12 English with plans to attend university.

**Assessment**

Student progress will be closely monitored. Marks will be awarded for daily class participation, daily written work and homework assignments. Assessment of student learning will also be based on quizzes, assignments, projects, major evaluation and final exam.

**Evaluation**

A progress report will be issued in November. The assigned mark will be based on quizzes, assignments, projects and a major evaluation.

Class work (quizzes, assignments, projects) from the beginning of the first term to the January exam will be valued at 70% of the first term. The January exam will be valued at 30% of the first term mark.

A progress report will be issued in April.The assigned mark will be based on quizzes, assignments, projects and a major evaluation.

Class work (quizzes, assignments, projects) from the beginning of second term to the June exam will be valued at 70% of the second term. The June exam will be valued at 30% of the second term mark.

The final marks will be calculated by adding 50% of the first term mark PLUS 50% of the second term mark.

**Teacher Expectations of Student:**

- Regular Attendance and Punctuality
- Class Participation
- Completed Homework, Assignments and Projects

An unexcused absence on the day of an assessment will result in a mark of zero. An excused absence must be reported within five days.

An excused absence on the day of an assessment **may** result in a student writing a make-up test or assignment. The exact date of the make-up test will be determined by the teacher.

If the student is sick on the day a project and or assignment is due, the project/assignment must still be sent to the school on the due date; if not it will be considered late and appropriate points will be deducted. Projects / Assignments may be dropped off by a parent, by a student or sent via e-mail. In the case of serious or prolonged illness alternate arrangements can be made with the teacher.

**You are responsible for the class work completed during your absence.**

**Teacher Formal / Informal Communication Methods:**

- Oral Feedback
- Written Feedback
- One-on-One

**Methods for Parental Communication with Teacher:**

- Phone Calls
- Parent-Teacher Sessions
- Meetings When Requested
- Report Cards