

Erina News



ATTENDANCE OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS IN TERM 4 Information for Students and Parents

Dear Parents and Year 10 Students,

This information sheet sets out term 4 attendance requirements for Year 10 students if they are to remain eligible for the award of the School Certificate and progress to senior study at Erina High School.

1. **Students who can demonstrate that they are leaving school to begin full-time permanent employment** and who will not be resuming their studies at school in 2012, can apply to the Principal for an exemption from school attendance after the 11th November. This exemption will require two pieces of documentation:
 - A note from parents requesting an exemption be granted to allow the student to commence full time, permanent work/training; and
 - Documents (on the business letterhead) confirming the commencement of permanent work/ training.

Letters from Year 10 students and parents requesting exemptions to commence work should be addressed to the Principal who will make the final decision regarding Exemption and Leave.

2. **Erina High School has been directed by the Dept of Education to ensure all students understand that “ with the new leaving age, students in Year 10, who have not reached 17 years of age, are required to attend school until the third last day of Term 4 – Friday 16th December 2011”.** Students who are continuing to Year 11 must attend until the graduation assembly which will be held on Thursday 15th December commencing at 9:30 am in the school multi purpose centre. School Certificate portfolios will be presented at this assembly and Year 10 will be welcomed to the senior school. Families are advised that this assembly is the only graduation event organised and hosted by Erina High School.

These continuing students besides normal course work will be involved in a 5 week “Senior School Preparation” program of goal setting, career investigation, study skills, learning activities, senior school orientation tasks and lectures. This will commence immediately following the School Certificate on Friday 11th November and continue until December 16th December.

ATTENDANCE OF YEAR 10 STUDENTS IN TERM 4 (Continued) Information for Students and Parents

Students who are absent from school without seeking an exemption, applying for Principal's leave or accounting for their absence by supplying a parental note of explanation will place their School Certificate in jeopardy.

Attendance at the Senior School Preparation program following the School Certificate is a mandatory requirement for all continuing students.

Should you wish to discuss these attendance requirements further please do not hesitate to speak to me at the school by phoning 43677353.

K . Nicol
Principal
20th October 2011

Erina High

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**27 October
Year 8
Scripture**

**27 October
Year 10
Science
Gats Day**

**8 November
School
Certificate
Exams start**

**18 November
Year 12
Formal**

**30 November
Erina on
Stage**

2011 SCHOOL CERTIFICATE TESTS INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

1. SCHEDULE Year 10 students must attend all School Certificate Tests and make a serious attempt to answer the questions in each test, in order to be eligible for the School Certificate. Students are required to wear full school uniform during exams. There will be no timetabled classes for year 10 from Monday 7th – Thursday 10th November. **Normal classes will operate for Yr10 on Friday 11th.**

Monday 7th November

English Literacy 9.20am - 11.30am
Science 12.50pm - 3.00pm

Tuesday 8th November

Mathematics 9.20am - 11.30am
Australian History 12.50pm - 3.00pm
Geography, Civics
& Citizenship

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th November On-line Computer Skills exam

Students are required to be at school for the following 1.5 hr sessions, according to surname.

The computer exam will take place in the library. Please make sure you are outside the library 15 minutes before your exam.

GROU	SURNAME (INCLUSIVE)	DAY	DATE	TIME
1	Anderson - Carlson	Wednesday	9 th Nov	9:30 am
2	Celeban - Deacon	Wednesday	9 th Nov	11:00am
3	Deane – Gilkes-Russ	Wednesday	9 th Nov	12:30pm
4	Gidhard-Dockrill-King	Wednesday	9 th Nov	2:00 pm
5	Langthorne - Moore	Thursday	10 th Nov	9:30 am
6	Morris - Redden	Thursday	10 th Nov	11:00am
7	Rees - Talili	Thursday	10 th Nov	12:30pm
8	Thorburn - Yee	Thursday	10 th Nov	2:00 pm

Friday 11th November

Back up day for students to sit missed computing exams. Normal classes operating.

2. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS

- On each day students will be required to attend a roll call on the Eastern side of the MPC at 8.50am. Specific test instructions will be given to students at these meetings before they enter the MPC. All students must enter the MPC **15 minutes** prior to the commencement of every test.
- Students must be familiar with the **specific requirements** of each test as set out in the 'Guide to the 2011 School Certificate Rules and Procedures for Students' booklet distributed to all students by the Board of Studies. In particular students should carefully read pages 11 to 16 on School Certificate Test Procedures.
- Students must bring to the MPC the **specific equipment** required for each test. **No borrowing** of equipment is permitted. Equipment permitted is listed on page 13 of the student booklet.
- Any student who will be absent from a test **must** contact the Deputy Principal Development, Mr Allomes on the day of the test to explain his/her absence. Failure to do this will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded with the Board of Studies and so, **non-award of the School Certificate**.
- REMEMBER:** only legitimate cases of illness or misadventure, supported by **documentary evidence**, will be considered as grounds for missing an exam.
- If you attend a test but consider your performance may have been affected by illness/misadventure on that day you must speak to the **Presiding Officer, Mrs Bromfield** and consult the Deputy Principal Development, Mr Allomes.
- Students guilty of **malpractice** in the tests, or who are removed from the test for failing to follow the rules set out below will **not be eligible for the School Certificate**.

Supervision arrangements

- During the break between test sessions each day students will be supervised by teaching staff in the tree area or, in the event of wet weather, in the canteen area.

- Students will not be permitted to leave the school grounds during the day.
- At the conclusion of the Science test (Monday 3.00pm) students who have applied for a **passout** will be permitted to return home.
- Students who wish to catch the usual school bus home will be expected to wait responsibly in the tree area until 3.30pm.
- On Tuesday the second test session will conclude at 3.00pm. This will necessitate all students making **alternative arrangements for travel home** as school buses depart at 2.40pm.
- On Wednesday and Thursday students must attend school (as per the schedule on page 1) to complete a compulsory computer exam. **Attendance is for a partial day** and at various times depending on the student's surname. This will necessitate **all** students making **alternative arrangements for travel to and from school**.
- Friday will provide an opportunity for students who have missed the on-line computer exam in the previous 2 days to complete that exam. **For all other students it is a normal school day.**

In the Test Room

- You must behave in a polite manner towards the supervisors and other students and follow the supervisors' instructions at all times.
- You must also follow the day to day rules of Erina High School
- You are not allowed to write anything until instructed to do so by the supervisor
- You are not allowed to eat in the test room or to speak to other students or to act in any way to disturb others during the test.
- Leave mobile phones at home. Mobile phones may not be left in your bag. They are banned from the exam room.
- No electronic device can be brought into the exam room except a BOS approved calculator.
- Your bags should be taken inside and left at the rear of the test room. Do not leave your belongings outside the MPC.
- You must leave books, notes etc in your bag
- You must not attempt to copy the work of other students
- You must not be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- You must not write offensive or distasteful comments on test papers
- You must not remove pages from the test papers unless you are specifically directed to.
- You may not leave the test room until the test time has finished (except in emergencies and then only in the company of a supervisor). **If you finish early check your work. Do not disturb others!**
- You must make a serious attempt at answering all questions in the test

What to take into the Test Room:

For All Tests:

- Writing pens (black is recommended)
- Two pencils (B, 2B)
- A soft pencil eraser
- A ruler marked in millimetres and centimetres
- Highlighter pens (optional)

Additional for Mathematics, Science and Geography:

- An approved Calculator (for Mathematics, Science and History/Geography)
- A protractor, a set square and a pair of compasses (Maths and Science)

NB. All test equipment must be carried into the exam room in a clear plastic sleeve or bag for security reasons.

If you have any concerns about how the tests will be run or what is expected of you, please see Mr Allomes as soon as possible.

ERINA HIGH SCHOOL WISHES YOU WELL IN THESE SCHOOL CERTIFICATE TESTS.

Mr J Costa Mrs K Chand
(Student Advisers)

Mr D Allomes
(Deputy Principal Development)

Visual Arts News

Congratulations Tegan!

Tegan Gilchrist of Year 8 was the very deserving winner of the Handmade Craft Market Colouring-In Competition that was held in Term 3. Students had the opportunity to colour-in a stylised owl design, with the submitted entries being displayed at the Craft Market held in the grounds of Erina High School on Sunday 14th August.

Tegan went to a great deal of effort to use a variety of bright colours, tone and contrast, to create a striking entry that was judged to be the overall winner. She won a stash of great prizes including a family pass to the Australian Reptile Park at Somersby.

Congratulations to Tegan on a wonderful achievement!

Year 7 and 8 Caricature Contest

In Term 3 the Visual Arts Department conducted a competition to encourage all the budding young cartoonists in Years 7 and 8 to demonstrate their artistic ability.

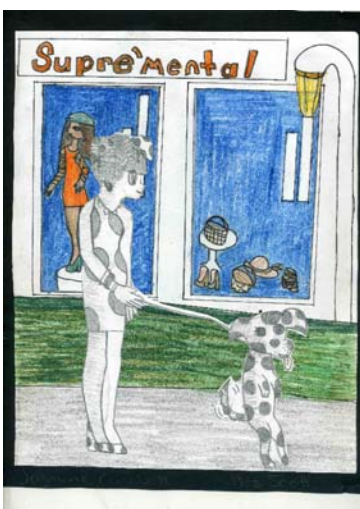
The students' task was to draw a caricature (an exaggerated cartoon) of their favourite teacher using felt tip pen on A4 paper. Students were asked to approach the teacher first and ask for their permission to be "sent up" or characterised in a cartoon. All the entries were then displayed in the Administration block and Mrs Forbes and Mrs Murray of the Front Office, were asked to judge the winning entries.

The winning entry was deemed to be a caricature of Mrs Scott wearing a black and white spotted dress while walking with her dog Sophie the Dalmatian, in a matching outfit of spots! The entry was drawn by Jasmine Carabott of Year 7. Second place was a caricature of Mrs Kearney as a cat drawn by Tegan Gilchrist of Year 8 and Third Place went to Emily Jansen with her entry showing the multi talented Ms Best of the TAS Department .

Prize packs for the winning entries consisted of sketch books, pastels, pencil packs and/or watercolour pencils supplied by the Art Department and all participants received a certificate at their Year Assembly to acknowledge their participation.

Thank you to all the keen participants and hopefully there will be even more next time!

Mrs Scott – Art Department



UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2 November

Science GATS Day

11 November

Year 9 Debating State Finals

14 November

Year 12 Science & Culture excursion - Parramatta
PIP day

17 November

Years 7,8 and 9 Footy Festival Day

18 November

Year 12 Formal

28 & 29 November

Erina on Stage Rehearsals

30 November

Erina on Stage

5 December

Year 10 Graduation Assembly

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