



# Erina News

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## Upcoming Events

**10-14 December**  
**Yr 10 Gold Coast**  
**Excursion**



## Message from the Principal

### 2018 REFLECTIONS

What a year of great success at EHS in 2018. We should be incredibly proud of our achievements as highlighted at our annual academic presentation and sports presentation last week. Some of these achievements include the significant improvement in our NAPLAN results which has been inspiring with 20.4% of Yr 7 and 9 students in the top two bands in reading and numeracy is fantastic with the challenge now to maintain this result and build even further. The implementation of our new junior leadership team program has gained momentum and great purpose as evident by the team leading an amazing assembly recently. The opportunity to develop leadership skills in our young people is invaluable and allows them to have a strong voice in school decision making and strengthens their personal commitment to our school community. The communication and engagement team have actioned a number of promotional tools to improve our relationship with our community. Our facebook continues to be a great source of showcasing our amazing students and providing current information to our families. The staff have been amazing at providing such positive feedback on the great achievements of students at Erina. Work has been done to update our website and improving communication through our parent portal which has received positive feedback from our community. Continued work to upgrade our facilities has been a high priority to ensure we provide a quality learning environment for our staff and students. With so many talented sportsmen and women recognized at the sports presentation it is testimony to the strong reputation we have developed as elite sports superstars!! I look forward to delivering on our strategic direction in the current school plan that focuses on a professional inspiring learning community where all learners succeed, thrive and achieve their full potential and build on a positive school culture.

### SEMESTER TWO REPORTS

All junior reports will be available to parents online by Wednesday 19 December, a text message will be sent advising they are available. Please log onto the parent portal to locate the reports and contact the school if a hard copy is required. It was pleasing for the senior executive to read the reports and see the strong commitment so many students have towards their learning and we look forward to following their progress.

### CAMP

Yr 10 are off to the Gold Coast this week for an adventure that focuses on team work and strengthening relationships in preparation for the senior school. I hope students have lots of fun and enjoy time with friends and new experiences. Be safe and look after each other!! Thanks to the year advisers Mr Joyce and Ms Scully for facilitating the camp and to the staff attending, should be great fun!

### STAGE 3 TRANSITION

Term 4 has been incredibly busy as we have hosted a Yr 5 Gala day and 5 Primary Fun Day, followed by orientation day and a parent evening last week. These programs have provided opportunities for our incoming students to experience the diversity of secondary schooling, meet new friends and provide a smoother transition to high school. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of the staff who have facilitated workshops, delivered high quality experiences, watered and fed our guests who always leave with big smiles. My thanks to my Primary colleagues for their support and to the parents who ensure their children participate. A great learning community!! Access our facebook page for some amazing photos of these days!!

### EHS MASTERCLASS

2019 will see the introduction of EHS masterclasses for stage 4 as an initiative to support students to engage with future focused learning through contemporary teaching practices that focus on creative and critical thinking skills, problem solving, team work, communication and collaboration that aim to inspire students to love and master the process of learning. Students will have the opportunity to choose the masterclass they are interested in and participate in the program once a week in a vertical Yr 7 and 8 class. Staff are currently developing the masterclass they wish to deliver based on an area they have great expertise and passion in. I would like to acknowledge Mr Mallon, Mr Brailey and Ms Jansons for their enthusiasm and inspiration in leading the way for Erina to complement current patterns of study to better prepare our students for tomorrows world. Watch this space as we launch this new program in 2019.

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!!

As the 2018 school year comes to an end I would like to sincerely thank the teaching staff for their outstanding work every day where quality teaching and learning is delivered. To our support staff who are the back bone of our school and continue to provide quality service to our staff, students and parents I appreciate their commitment and support. My thanks also to our wonderful students who continue to shine and reach new heights and my genuine and heartfelt thanks to our parents and community members who continue to support EHS in our endeavour to be the local school of choice.

As this is the last newsletter for the year I would like to wish staff, students and parents a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy vacation.

School resumes on:

Tuesday January 29 Staff only – office open for enquiries

Wednesday January 30 for year 7, 11 and 12

Thursday January 31 for all year groups

Enjoy, be safe and take care of one another.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Karen Nicol  
Principal



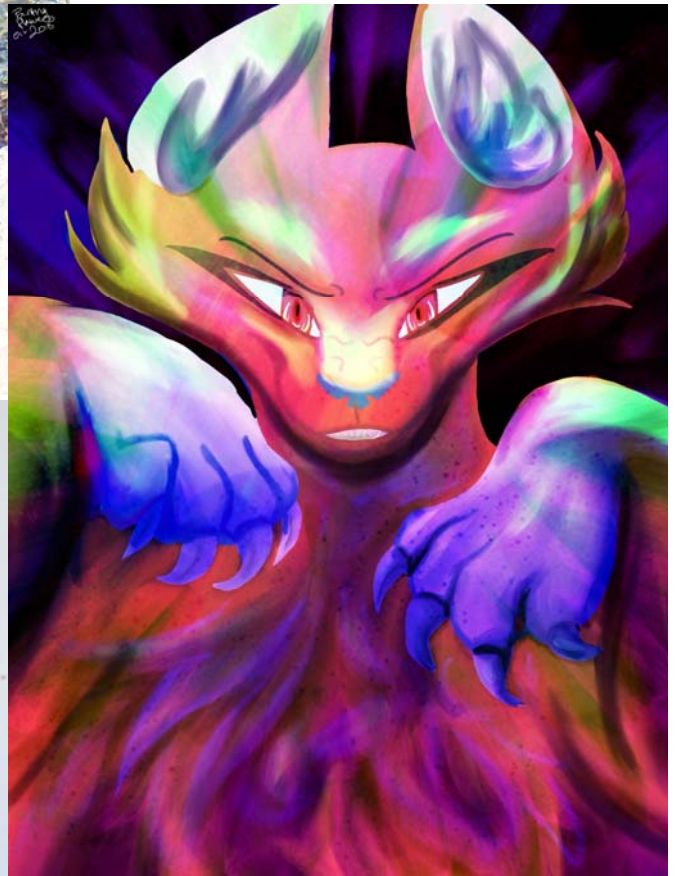
## TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

On Wednesday 28 November our 'Tournament of Minds' students received their certificates on the school assembly. Our students gained an 'Honours' award, or second place, with their category of Social Science this year in the North Sydney region. We should remember they were competing against many of the large private schools as well as selective public schools on the North Shore of Sydney. Our students achieved an amazing and highly deserved result. We are very proud of them.  
Peter Mottershead.



## ART FACULTY

Each week one student is nominated as the Student Artist of the Week and is recognised on the school Facebook page. These students are selected for their creativity and imagination and given the opportunity to showcase their skill and talent to our EHS community. The most recent recipients of this honour are: Joe Vaynman (Year 9), Nakeitah Lechowski-Copeland (Year 8) and Daina Kelly (Year 9). Congratulations to all!  
Miss Slocombe



# YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY 2019

On Tuesday 4 December we welcomed our future Yr 6 students to the school for their orientation day. We were lucky enough to have students from all our partner primary schools involved in the Erina Learning Community and more. This day was another chance for students to meet future teachers and develop relationships with fellow peers.

After the formal introduction students spent the first part of the morning with their peer support leaders getting to know each other in a supportive environment.



Students then experienced 3 lucky dip taster lessons in Drama, Food Technology, English, Music, Virtual Reality and History. The chatter amongst the students at break showed how much fun the students were having and the excitement of coming to high school. Even I went into the English room and was having fun (but science is still more fun).



Students making noise whilst experiencing high school music with Miss Pennings.

Spelling basketball in English with Miss Wilk where students got to verse each other in a game of skill and brain





Students had an opportunity to enter the EHS Virtual Reality world where they had little challenges meeting people along the way who will help them with their transition to high school.



Students explored health and safety in the kitchen whilst making a yummy sour sherbet.

The day was a success and we can't wait to have our future Yr 7 join us in 2019.  
Mrs Richardson and Mr Quinn

### LITTLE DAY OUT PICS





YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY



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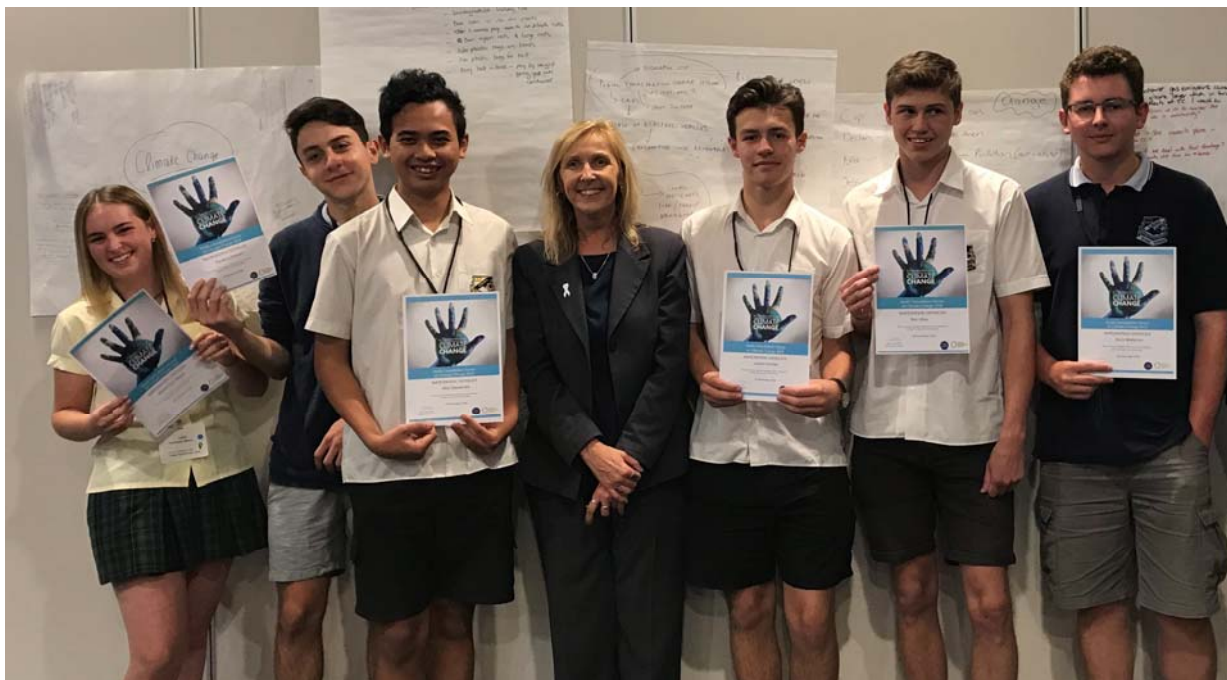


YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY



## MAYOR'S YOUTH CONSULTATION FORUM—CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM

Students from Erina High School participated today at the Mayor's Youth Consultation Forum - Climate Change Forum. The workshop was held at the Central Coast Council Chambers in Gosford and was attended by various schools across the Central Coast. The following students proudly represented our school; Max Lihou, Aldy Djayadinata, Lachlan De Vries, Rheeannhyn Waters, Oussama Ghanam, and Darcy Waterson. All our students participated excellently and also learnt a lot about the council's vision on climate change and on ways we can all contribute for the future of our region. Our students had the opportunity to see first-hand results and implementations on ideas, theories and models they have been learning in school over the years on things like conservation, influences on weather patterns, climate, environment and the application of available technologies to enhance and protect our environments. All our students received certificates from the Mayor. They also received information packs containing a USBs, the Council's current draft Climate Change Policy, a reusable drinking bottle and other items. The excursion was organized and supervised by Mr. Bangura.



### NEW AFL JERSEYS

The new AFL jerseys for 2019 have arrived! A big thank you to **Everything Sports** at West Gosford for creating such great gear for our students. We would also like to thank AFL NSW who donated \$500 towards the purchase of these jerseys. Bring on AFL in 2019, Erina High is ready!



### BRISBANE WATER ZONE GALA DAY

Congratulations to our 40 students from Year 7 & 8 who recently represented EHS at the 3rd Annual Brisbane Water Zone Gala Day held at Adcock Park. Our students played a round robin tournament in the sports of Kick Tennis, End Zone, Modified Netball and Pinball against all of the high schools in our zone. Our students represented Erina with great pride, learnt some new skills and had a lot of fun playing some new sports.

Special mention to our Year 10 referees: Finn Douch, Rylee Walton, Elise Annabel and Jordan Lyons  
Well done team Erina!





### SPORTS PRESENTATION 2018 MAJOR AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a major award at the 2018 EHS Presentation:

- Year 7/8 Male Sportsmen of the Year: Luke Batey
- Year 7/8 Female Sportswomen of the Year: Baylee LeBreton
- Year 9/10 Male Sportsmen of the Year: Finn Douch
- Year 9/10 Female Sportswomen of the Year: Tasmin Hill and Mia Barber
- Year 11/12 Male Sportsmen of the Year: Sam Hughes
- Year 11/12 Female Sportswomen of the Year: Brooke Favetta
- Contribution to School Sport Award: Matthew Cahill

Grant Keyes  
 Erina High School  
 PDHPE Co-ordinator/CHS Sports Organiser



## ENGLISH/DRAMA FACULTY

The staff of the English / Drama Faculty wish to congratulate our Yr 12 students who have now completed their external examinations. We thank them for returning their textbooks so promptly and ask that any other texts found at home are returned as well.

Yr 12 2018 Advanced, Standard and English Studies students are examining the Common Module of the new HSC Syllabus. They are focusing upon "Human Experiences" seen in the film Billy Elliot and other texts. They will present a PechKucha about the film and a related text of their own choice in Week 9. Junior English classes in Yrs 7-9 are currently studying drama texts. They will need to construct a visual representation of the themes in their text and explain the ways in which they have chosen to depict ideas. Yr 10 students are currently working through their final unit of work in the junior school. Some students are learning about the ways in which social context has been reflected through song lyrics from the 1950s until the present, while others are examining representations of The Joker through time. These units have been prepared to recap essential skills learnt in stages 4 and 5 while engaging them through topics of interest.

The recent PAT reading results have given further insight to teachers regarding students' skills and areas which require attention. Yr 10 students who are still working towards their Minimum Standards are currently attending workshops. These sessions are designed to focus upon specific language skills that will assist students to attain accreditation of the HSC. Students who leave school prior to the completion of Yr 12 will have the attainment of Minimum Standards noted on their ROSA.

The Year 12 Advanced English students were treated to a guest speaker as former student Ethan Howard shared his insights into study skills. Ethan attained amazing results in the 2016 HSC, and our current Advanced cohort have now have new understanding of how to prepare for exams, the HSC, selecting courses and preferences through UAC and life at university.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any concern regarding their progress in English or Drama.



## BARKAN "BOOMERANG" IN DARKINJUNG

### INDIGENOUS UTS GALUWA DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to Kaleb Steptoe, Brock Wilson, Casey Nugent, Emily Dodds and Lilymay Spicer for being accepted into the Indigenous UTS Galuwa Design Experience. This was a week-long program to introduce students to various programs offered at the university. The real success of the program is that many of the students who have attended have been inspired to pursue university education.



## ATTENTION PRINCIPALS AND ADMINISTRATION

Reminder about students using school opal cards for excursions or for reasons other than travel to/from school to home.

Students are not permitted to use School Opal Cards for travel other than from Home to School and School to Home as stated on the Opal website below.

Red Bus recently had an issue with students using their school opal card on a service traveling to Gosford to go on a school excursion. in this case the students should use either cash or the child/student opal card.

Could you please advise all staff of this reminder to avoid any further problems should Revenue Protection Officers board services.

<https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/faqs-school-students/>

Danny Moloney  
Infrastructure, Planning & Incident Officer



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