



## Upcoming Events

<b>18 November</b>	<b>Year 12 Geography Excursion</b>	Avoca Lagoon
<b>19 November</b>	<b>Year 12 Formal</b>	Crown Plaza, Terrigal, 6:00pm
<b>1 December</b>	<b>Year 7 2021 Orientation Day</b>	Students, in school 9:00am – 2:30pm Parents, Webinar beginning 6:00pm
<b>3 December</b>	<b>Year 9 PASS &amp; Leadership Excursion</b>	Bush walk and Aqua Splash

## Principals Message

### NAIDOC week

EHS proudly supported 2020 NAIDOC week, an opportunity for us to embrace our Nation's history. *"Always was and Always will be"* is the theme for 2020 and recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Thank you to Ms Whitefield for facilitating the celebrations and sharing this important event with our students.

### Support Unit Transition

It was with great enthusiasm that we hosted our new support unit students at EHS last week as they commenced transitioning to secondary education. There were smiles all round with a trip to the Agriculture Farm and the opportunity to create some beautiful artwork. Thank you to Mr Brailey, Mrs Mallon, Mr Dodd, Mr Huntington and Ms Porter for facilitating such a great day and to our Principal colleagues for supporting this program.





## **Construction of the Support Unit**

Work commences next week to transform D block into the new Special Education facility. There will be 3 new classrooms, a unisex bathroom, laundry, kitchen and a refurbishment of the old Maths staffroom to house the Special Education staff.

The anticipated completion date is December 22 and hopefully will be operational for the commencement of 2021. The grassed area between D and F block will be transformed into a beautiful park area with outdoor tables, undercover space and native gardens. This space will be reserved for the support unit students and their guests and will be a safe and welcoming area for our new students if they choose to spend time there.

There have been many rooming accommodations made to incorporate the Support Unit in D block, these include the following:

- Maths staff are now located in A block downstairs
- The print room is now operational in the library from D block
- The Staff common room has moved to A block from D block
- The technology room in A block has moved to F block in the NEXUS room
- The NEXUS room is now upstairs in D block replacing a textiles room
- A refurbishment of H block textiles room is underway

This space will be transformed into 2 classrooms and a unisex bathroom



A sample of what the rooms will look like with this pop up classroom established in D2

# **EHS** Principals Message Continued

An awning will be built over the path with door access from each of the classrooms into the grassed area that will be called “Peace park”.



As the deck chairs move staff have been incredibly flexible and creative as we make

significant rooming changes to embrace the wonderful opportunity to host a special education facility. I would particularly like to acknowledge Mr Jensen and Mr Robinson our General Assistants who have worked tirelessly to facilitate the massive move and the staff for their incredible support.

## **Year 12 Formal**

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the year 12 formal this week at Crown Plaza Terrigal. It has been a year of unbelievable challenges and our 2020 HSC cohort have demonstrated high level resiliency as so many milestones have been restricted for them. I hope it is still a night of great celebration and one to remember for a life-time. I wish our year 12 students every success in the future endeavours. It has been the greatest privilege to have support your secondary education journey at Erina High School.

## **Year 7 2021**

Congratulations to Mrs Mallon and Mr Dodd our 2021 Year 7 student advisers who have demonstrated great flexibility in delivering a transition program remotely through a recent zoom meeting. It was a great opportunity to engage with our new students and promote Erina High School as the local school of choice. Thank you to our wonderful student leaders that assisted with the program who proudly supported their school. Last week we hosted individual school transition days and our new Year 7 2021 students had the best time. We look forward to hosting Orientation Day on December 1 at Erina High School for our new Year 7 2021 students. Further details will be provided to students prior to the event.

## **Assessment and reporting**

Congratulations to our junior students for their diligence in completing yearly exams. We are well on track to complete the semester two reporting cycle and publish reports in the last week of the term.

## **Presentation night 2020**

Whilst COVID restrictions have eased there are still safe operating protocols in place regarding the 4 square metre rule and seating 1.5 metres apart for non-household members. EHS will move our annual presentation event to Term 1 2021 in the hope that we can host more parents on site to celebrate our student achievements.

Enjoy the rest of the term where teaching and learning is the main game at EHS.

Mrs Karen Nicol  
Principal



## **Reminders**

### **Change in Medical Condition**

If your child has had a change of;  
Medical condition  
Condition Severity  
New Diagnosis or  
Information concerning your  
child's medical care requirement please contact  
the school office and arrange to receive an  
Individual Health Care Plan form to complete and  
return as soon as possible.

### **Change of Information**

If your child has had a change of;  
Address  
Contact Details  
Emergency Contacts or  
Primary Carer  
please complete the form on the last page  
this newsletter , or collect one from the front  
office and return it back to the front office as  
soon as you can.



# Head Start



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Starting high school is a big milestone for all children and their families. The transition between learning environments can be both challenging and exciting. EHS provides a positive transition program for all students. Children who have a positive start to school are more likely to engage and experience ongoing academic and social success.

EHS is in the initial construction phase of our newly established Special Education unit. This journey is an exciting one, and will contribute to EHS positive learning culture and continued success.

The program commenced with Erina High School welcoming our new students for 2021. This week we hosted students from across the Central Coast. We showcased our school and provided a learning experience that would give these students a “Head Start” to high school.

The positive transition program aims to give students from Year 6 the opportunity to gain a high school experience, begin to develop a strong sense of belonging and develop positive relationships with other students and teachers, while becoming more familiar with the school surrounding.

Our teachers developed and delivered rich learning experiences to engage students and give them a real ‘taste’ of secondary education. Student’s participated in Visual Arts and Agriculture classes. The images tell the story.

We look forward to seeing all students back for our Orientation Day in Week 8 Tuesday 1 December.

*Mr Brailey*





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# Year 7 2021

## ***Head Start Transition Program***

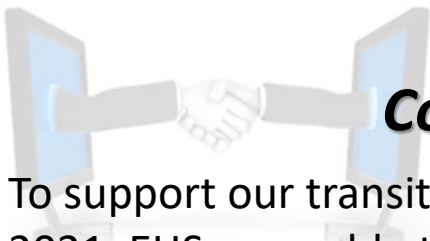
EHS has successfully hosted our partner primary schools Chertsey, Brisbane, Woodport, Holgate and Gosford East in Week 4 and 5 this Term for our Head Start program.

It has been an excellent opportunity for our incoming Year 7 students to make some strong connections with our staff and familiarise themselves with the school grounds prior to commencing in 2021.

Fun was had by all.







## Connection COVID Style!

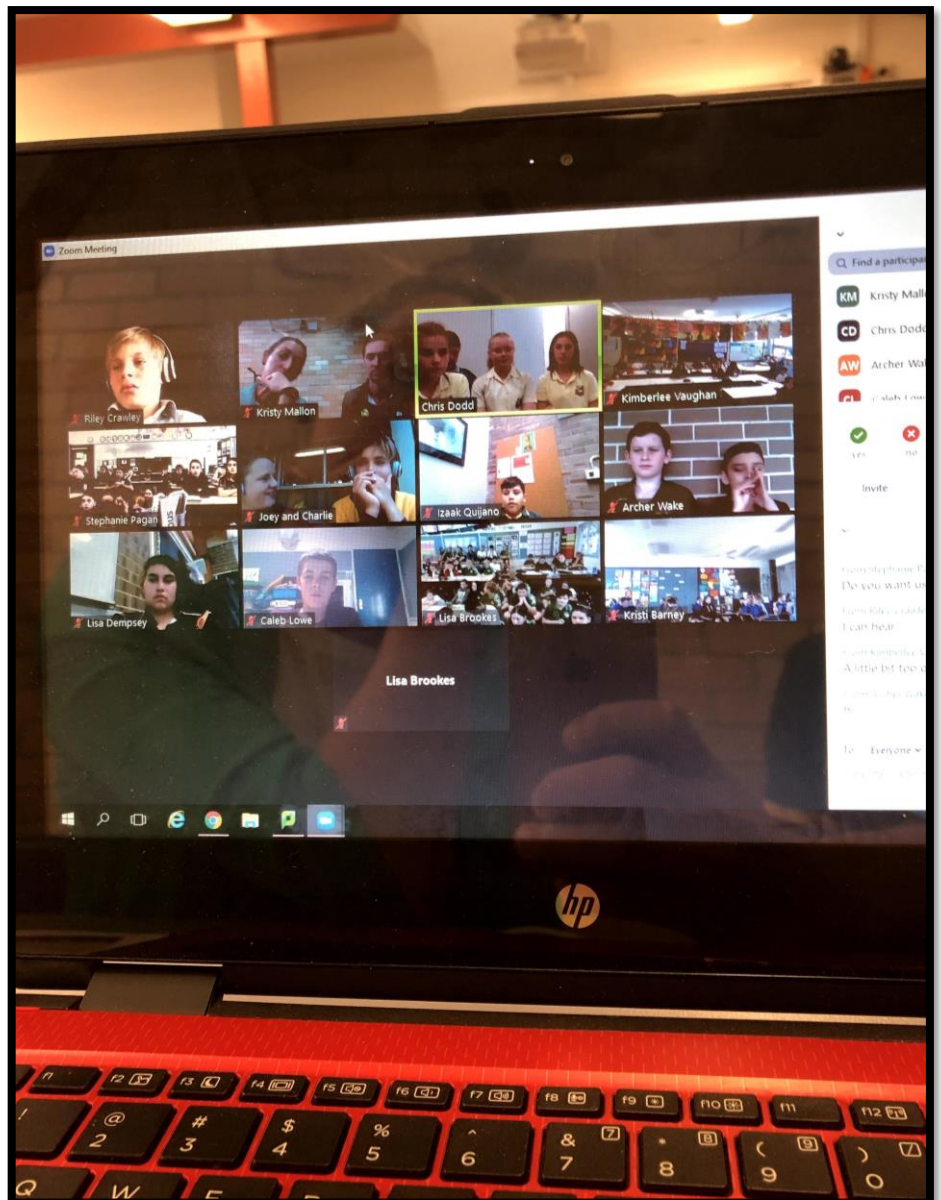
To support our transition program for the incoming Year 7 students for 2021, EHS were able to conduct a highly successful Zoom Q & A session. With over 150 students tuned in from all across the Central Coast were able to achieve instant connection..... COVID style! A huge thanks to our four Year 7 helpers who confidently and competently answered all the 'burning questions' our new comers threw their way.

Well done Sydney A, David M, Ava F and Emmison F.

The students currently in Year 6 from all of our partner primary schools left feeling enlightened and well equipped with the knowledge they need to successfully transition into high school.

Can't wait to see everyone's faces in 'real life' on Orientation Day in Week 8!

*Mrs Mallon & Mr Dodd*



# Food Technology



Left Year 9 Rocky Road Christmas Trees



Right Year 10 Omelettes & Chicken Wraps



Year 12 made comparisons between Stir Fry made using fresh ingredients and packet (pre-made) Stir Fry from the supermarket

# ERINA HIGH SCHOOL



## STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

Student Name:	School Year:	Date:
Information supplied by:	Signature:	
Parent/Guardian Name(s):	Address:	
Signature:		
Religion:	Child to attend religious instruction: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes          or <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Student's Medicare No:	Student's Medicare card reference no:	
Medicare card valid to date:	Permission to Publish: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes   or <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Home Phone No:	Students Mobile Phone No:	
Mobile Phone – Father:	Work Phone – Father:	
Mobile Phone – Mother:	Work Phone – Mother:	
Family Email Address:		
<b>Emergency Contacts</b>		
Name:	Phone:	
Relationship to student:		
Name:	Phone:	
Relationship to student:		

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