

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ERINA HIGH SCHOOL ISSUE 8 | 15 November 2021



### Upcoming Events

Tues 23 Nov Year 6 Orientation Day Mon 6 Dec Year 12 Graduation

Tues 7 Dec Presentation Day Tues 7 Dec

Year 12 Formal at Mingara

# **Principals Message**

### Welcome back

At long last School is back!

It is so wonderful to have our staff and students back on site engaging with face-toface learning. It has been the most incredibly challenging time for everyone, and I deeply appreciate the support from our community as we navigated learning from home. Thank you to our staff, students and parents as we collectively worked together to keep our community safe and maintain continuity of learning and wellbeing support. With Schools now operating on level 3 restrictions it has allowed us to reintroduce some programs such as some team sports, orientation day and wellbeing programs. The restrictions still require minimising the mixing of cohorts, social distancing wearing of masks indoors, good hygiene and ventilation in teaching spaces...

Congratulations to year 12 students who are well underway with the HSC and I pay tribute to these students who have had an incredibly difficult time completing stage 6 under the current complexities with COVID. demonstrated They have enormous resiliency, dedication and commitment to their studies and I know the school community join with me in wishing them every success for their future beyond school. I would like to make special mention of the exceptional support for year 12 from Mrs Ruming and Mr Mallon who have been strong advocates for the students during this difficult time, also huge thank you to year 12 teachers and parents who have also been keen supporters in ensuring students are well prepared for the HSC.

A great team effort Erina!





With some restrictions lifted the year 6 Orientation Day will be held on November 23, we warmly welcome students from our Partner Primary Schools who have also been affected with COVID restrictions in limiting the number of opportunities to engage with EHS. Thank you to Ms Smith and Mr Joyce for facilitating the orientation day and we look forward to meeting our new students.

Families will recall the consultation process implemented last year to design a new unisex junior school shirt. I am pleased to advise that the shirt is now available at Lowes and will be phased in over a 12 month period. This shirt will replace the boys navy shirt and can be worn by all junior students if preferred, the lemon blouse will also continue as an option.

Semester two reports will be published for the junior school this week and will reflect student's effort and application with online learning and an overall comment prepared by the Year Adviser. It is a modified report due to changes with assessment because of learning from home. I am sure it provides quality feedback on our students and a good indication of student's strengths and areas for development.

I am delighted to announce the Senior leadership team for 2022 who will be exceptional advocates for EHS, Congratulations to –

- Baylee LeBreton and Alex Raynaud School Captains
- Jade Smith and Gemma Self Vice Captains
- Lisette Tyson
- India- Rose Barnett
- Allegra Dewn
- Shantay Mlacic
- Lucia Richards

Enjoy the rest of the term!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Karen Nicol Principal





### **Reminder to Parents**

Students with a legitimate reason for leaving the school early, or leaving the school premises for an interval of time, must present a note to the Deputy Principals between 8.00am and 8.45am on the day. The note to be written, dated and signed by a parent or guardian, must show the reason for the request, the time of departure and transport arrangements. The student's name and year must be printed on the bottom of the letter.

Every endeavour should be made to make medical/dental appointments outside of school hours.

If you have an unexpected appointment or if your child is unwell in class, please phone the school office ahead of time so we can have your child ready for collection.

Due to Covid restrictions we are trying to limit the number of people on site, this also prevents delays and parents waiting for students to get to appointments on time. Students are encouraged to attend sick bay if they feel unwell so Administration staff are able to communicate with parents and provide the best care possible.



# Year 12, 2022

### **Academic Enrichment**

As part of their orientation to the Higher School Certificate, our new Year 12 students are participating in Study Skills Workshops in weeks 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this term. They will explore ideas relating to their learning style, healthy habits for wellbeing, planning a study schedule and the construction of study summaries. They will also have the opportunity to gain one on one tutoring, or small group support, as they progress through their HSC year in 2022.



# English

We have a lot of fun learning activities in English and are thoroughly enjoying being back in the classroom.

For the remainder of the term, we are studying various plays throughout the Junior classes and are exploring the textual integrity of Shakespearean plays.

Our Year 11 students have now progressed into Year 12 and have started their first module for the HSC. They are studying the Common Module – Human Experiences and focusing on the prescribed text of 'Billy Elliot'. They will also have the opportunity to choose their own related text to discuss and present in the assessment at the end of the term.

We are very proud of the HSC students that have just sat their final exams and wish them the best of luck in their adventures beyond high school and can't wait to hear about all the exciting things that they pursue. It has been a very challenging year and they can all hold their heads high in how they have conducted themselves throughout Term 3.



# Drama

HSC Drama students are to be congratulated on completing the practical component of their course and we have some very talented students who have constructed individual projects. Well done!!



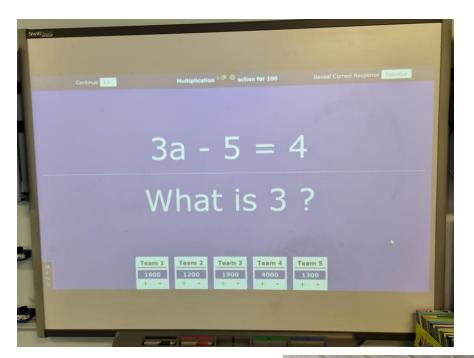
### **DRAMA INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS**

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# Maths

7C played a game of Jeopardy in teams today to practice their two-step equations. All the kids in the pic have permission to publish photos, according to the list I have from earlier this year.





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# Science

### **Tree Levy Grant**

Erina High School was successful at receiving a Native Tree Levy Grant funded by the NSW Teachers Federation.

The Tree Levy was aimed to help the environment, enhance our school grounds, and positively promote the union in our local community. On Tuesday 2nd of November, a wide range of native trees and shrubs were planted by students from our Environmental Group, along the side and top entrances of the school. Thank you to all staff and students involved with this project.









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## Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

- M A School Zone is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.
- School Bus lights buses use signs and orange flashing 'wigwag' lights to warn 2 motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.





A No Parking Zone means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



#### THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP BUT YOU MUST

- stop for up to 2 minutes only ٠
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle



M A Bus Zone means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times



M A No Stopping Zone means no stopping at any time.



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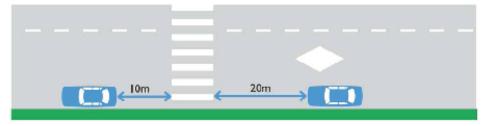
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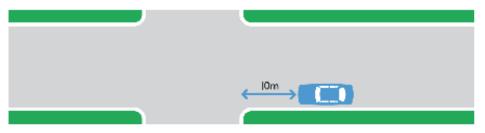
### Other times when you must not stop

You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

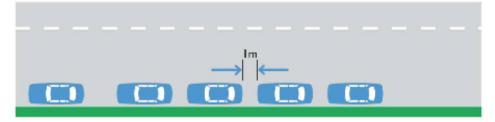
- Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- Across a driveway or footpath
- On a median strip or traffic island
- On footpaths and nature strips
- On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing



- Within an intersection
  Within 10 metres of ar
  - Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless signposted otherwise



- In Bus Stop, Bus Zone, Taxi Stand or Taxi Zone signed areas
- At least one metre from any other parked vehicle, close as possible and parallel to the kerb, and facing the same direction as the traffic lane



- Within three metres of any double centre lines
- Within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop

Adherence to signposting, linemarking and road rules around your school will assist in providing a safe environment for the school community and residents.









of 12-18 year olds

Learn simple strategies to reduce anxiety and build resilience in your teens.

In 2020, The Australian Productivity Commission Inquiry into mental health reported that teenage anxiety was worsening. It recommended that steps should be taken to remedy young people's anxious behaviour early-on in its development. In fact, in young people with mild- to moderate-level anxiety, parent-led interventions have been found to be as effective as treatment by a psychologist where parents are trained to deliver a parent-led treatment across time. The mainstay for the effective treatment of teenage anxiety is cognitive behavioural therapy.



Tickets on sale \$99 per person

Presented by Michael Hawton, MAPS. Held over 3 interactive webinar sessions: Thursdays 25th November, 2nd & 9th December 2021 from 6.30-8.45 PM AEDT

Over 3 sessions, you wil learn to:

- Identify and combat your teen's anxious behaviours.
- Learn simple strategies to reduce anxiety.
- Build resilience in your teen for greater social and academic success.
- Improve your parenting confidence and family bonds.

This course includes an anxiety screening test - all parents will need to complete two short surveys prior to the course.

Register early to receive a free copy of Michael Hawton's book Engaging Adolescents.

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