

THE LATEST
NEWS FROM
ERINA HIGH
SCHOOL



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Upcoming Events

Wed 15 Dec

- Praise & Reward
Movie day
- Final Day of
payments 2021

Thurs 16 Dec

Last day of
school 2021

First day back at School 2022

Feb 1st – Yr 7, 11 & 12

Feb 2nd – Yr 8, 9 & 10

Principals Message

Thank you

As we move to the end of the 2021 school year it is timely to reflect, reset and look forward to a better year in 2022. The last two years have been incredibly challenging for families, business, industry, services, health, and schools to highlight just a few. Every aspect of life as we knew it and took for granted was turned upside down and we learnt the monumental impact of a global pandemic. New practices were introduced, lock downs, online learning, physical distancing, the wearing of masks, QR codes, vaccination status, zoom meetings, ventilation reports and the list goes on. What we have learnt is the incredible strength, resiliency, and support from our school community. It has not been an easy road but I pay tribute to our teaching and non-teaching staff, students, families, parents/carers and community members. It has been an enormous challenge for everyone, but I could not be prouder to be a member of the Erina learning community. To say thank you seems so small but is said with heartfelt deep appreciation. THANKYOU!!!!

Year 12

Year 12 Our local hero's are year 12 who despite the challenges of 2 years of disrupted learning due to the pandemic have now completed the HSC. We proudly farewelled them last week at a livestreamed graduation assembly and we stand united in awe of their achievements. I understand how disappointing it was for families to not be physically present but hope the livestream gave some comfort knowing how valued our students are. On behalf of the school community, I wish year 12 every success in life after school and hope all of their dreams come true.

Thank you to Mrs Ruming and Mr Manwaring our student advisers, Mr Mallon and all of our HSC teachers for the most amazing work they have done to support our students get through the HSC and of course to parents who provided unconditional love and support during this stressful time. A great team effort Erina



EHS Principals Message Continued



Transition

EHS was pleased to be able to host year 6-7 transition on November 23 and it was wonderful to have our new students enjoy what secondary education has to offer. Thank you to Ms Smith and Mr Joyce for facilitating such a great day and to the staff who delivered engaging workshops for year 6. Thank you to the parents who joined our zoom information evening it was terrific to have so many families join in, and I hope the information was helpful. Please contact Ms Smith, Mr Joyce or myself if there are any un answered questions you may have, we are deeply committed to providing the very best educational opportunities for students at EHS to be successful and happy.

Wellbeing days

Congratulations to Ms Kearney, Mr Joyce and our wellbeing staff who have successfully delivered wellbeing days to each cohort 7-10 over the past few weeks. The days have been strongly supported by our students with many skills being developed in teamwork, resiliency and positive mind set.



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Mirrabooka

Our Mirrabooka students and Lola are very proud to show off the new totem poles that present our commitment to inclusive and diverse educational opportunities.



Staff return on Friday January 28 2022 with two designated School Development days on the Friday and Monday 31st January. Years 7,11 and 12 return on Tuesday February 1 with years 8,9,10 on Wednesday February 2.

I would like to wish our staff, students, families, and community members a wonderful Christmas and happy new year. Enjoy the break and thank you for your continued support. I will be taking some leave at the start of next year and Mr Mallon will relieve as Principal during this time. Like so many people who have had holiday plans cancelled over the last two years I am trying for the third time lucky to take an extended break.

Take care and be safe.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Karen Nicol

Principal



Reminders

**Last Day of School
for 2021 –
Thursday 16th
December 2021**

**School resumes in
2022
Feb 1st – Yr 7, 11 & 12**

Feb 2nd – Yr 8, 9 & 10

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Sports Update

Congratulations to Ashleigh Meyer and Mia Barber of year 12 who graduated on Monday, winning some of our major sports awards.

Mia Barber won the Contribution to Sport Shield, for her substantial contribution to sports during her time at Erina. This included numerous state championships in Oztag, NSW team selection in Oztag and a silver and bronze medal in CHS athletics.

Ashleigh Meyer won the Sportswoman of the year award for 2021. Ashleigh was a Sydney North representative in Football and Volleyball and also gained selection in the NSW CHS team for Volleyball. Congratulations to Ashleigh for her outstanding success this year in the sporting field.



2022 Sports Carnival Dates

SWIMMING

School Swimming Carnival - Monday 21st February Gosford Pool

Zone Swimming Carnival - Thursday 3rd March Woy Woy Pool

Sydney North Swimming Carnival - Thursday 17th March
Homebush Pool

CHS Swimming Carnival - Wed 30th March - Fri 1st April
Homebush Pool

CROSS COUNTRY

School Cross Country Friday May 20th Erina HS
Zone Cross Country Friday 20th May (backup June 1)
East Gosford

Sydney North Cross Country Friday 16th June
Gosford Racecourse

CHS Cross Country Friday 22nd July Eastern Creek

ATHLETICS

School Athletics Carnival Monday 4th April Mingara Track

Zone Athletics Carnival Monday 27th June Mingara Track

Sydney North Athletics Carnival Mon-Tues 25th and 26th July
Homebush

CHS Athletics Carnival Wed-Fri 7-9 September Homebush

Mirrabooka Update

2021 saw the introduction of our Support Unit, Mirrabooka. We have established a welcoming, caring, and respectful space for our students to learn in and we would like to thank all of our students and families for making it the space it is today.

We wish all our community a safe and happy holiday period!

The Mirrabooka Team.



The students in Mirrabooka have been working hard since returning from the online learning period. The students have completed some hands-on activities creating Bird Feeders in the woodwork room with Mr Bath and have thoroughly enjoyed using the power tools. These students have used their creativity, collaboration, and communication skills to complete this task and we are proud of them for achieving this

We are looking forward to what 2022 has in store for us in Mirrabooka and wish the students well over the Christmas period.

Thank you from Lola.

Lola has had a terrific year with all students and would like to thank the entire learning Erina Learning Community for welcoming her. She is very eager for next year and wishes all Erina High a happy holiday.

As the year comes to an end, we are wrapping up the plays that we have been studying throughout the term.

Our new Year 12 completed their first assessment task on Monday 13th December. These times are displayed outside the English staffroom. We are looking forward to seeing the creative presentations based on their related texts and reading the essays for the Common Module -Texts and Human Experiences. The prescribed text that students have been studying is the film Billy Elliot.

If any past or current students have outstanding books from English that need to be returned to school, please do so before the end of the term. It is important that we have access to these books so that 2022 classes can use them.

We are looking forward to 2022 and hope it is a year without disruptions in the classroom.

The English Faculty would like to wish all the students and their families a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.





What's
Cooking in
TAS!







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.

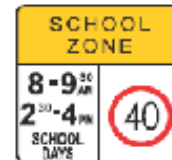
If you have an unexpected appointment or if your child is unwell in class, please phone the school office ahead of time so we can have your child ready for collection.

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.

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.

- ✓ 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 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
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle

**Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
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- ✓ 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.



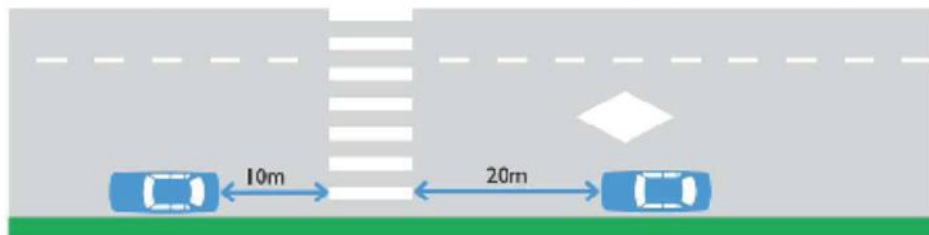
- ✓ A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.



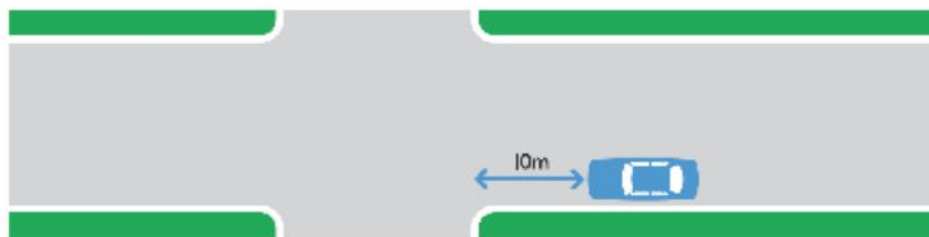
Other times when you must not stop

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:

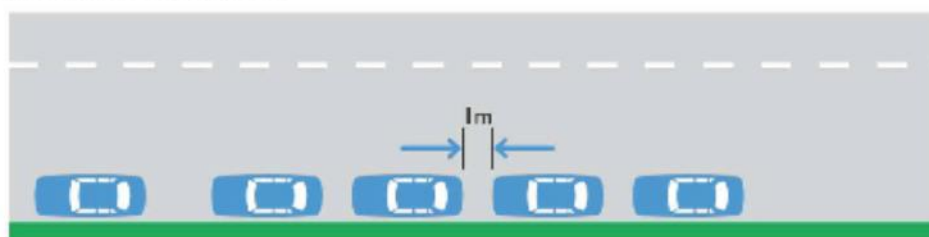
- ❑ Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- ❑ Across a driveway or footpath
- ❑ On a median strip or traffic island
- ❑ On footpaths and nature strips
- ❑ On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing



- ❑ Within an intersection
- ❑ Within 10 metres of 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.



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