

THE LATEST
NEWS FROM
ERINA HIGH
SCHOOL



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Upcoming Events

24 Oct

Junior exams
begin

18 Nov

Year 5 Fun Day
(Little Day Out)

25 Nov

BWSSA Gala
Day Zone

12-14

December
Year 8 & 9
Camp

16 December

Last day of
Term 4

Principals Message

I have been very pleased with the way students and staff have returned to school in Term 4. There has been a positive approach to learning and a settled and productive atmosphere in classrooms.

The holiday break has obviously allowed all students and staff to refresh and return to school with focus and enthusiasm. Term 4 began with a HSC Launch Day for our Year 11 students which addressed some key areas for success as students begin their HSC Year.

Term 4 also saw the return of Mr & Mrs Mallon after 6 months leave. It has been wonderful having their energy and skills back at Erina High.

HSC

Our Year 12 2022 are now more than halfway through their HSC exams. Feedback from students has been positive with students giving their best in these very important exams. Results for the HSC will be released on December 15 and I look forward to sharing HSC successes with students.

Mock Trial Team I would like to congratulate our Mock Trial Team for finishing a magnificent 8th in the state. This competition included over 200 Public Schools, Catholic Schools and Private Schools. This performance represented hours and hours of preparation and effort for a very dedicated team and is to be commended. To finish 8th out of over 200 school was remarkable and a credit to the students and to Mr Jennings who supported and guided the team. Congratulations to everyone involved.



Congratulations Lachlan Masters

Our vice-captain and Aboriginal student leader Lachlan Masters has been recognised for his outstanding academic achievement in the Nanga Mai Awards 2022.

These awards recognise student achievement across all public schools in NSW. This is a fantastic achievement. Lachlan will be presented with his award in a ceremony at the Opera House in early November. The school is very proud of this wonderful achievement.

Changes for 2023

BELL TIMES: There will be a number of changes to the school day occurring in 2023. The biggest change will be that school will start at 9:00am every day, including Tuesday. The finish time will be 3:10 every day except for Tuesday which will finish at 2:45pm. We will also be removing Period A (8:00am) start for all but a very small number of senior classes. These changes will hopefully be more supportive of students and families and will allow for greater continuity of learning. An email will be sent to all families in Week 6 detailing these changes and the reasons behind the changes.

HIGH EXPECTATION: The school has begun to revisit and refocus on high expectations. There are four areas being targeted: **ATTENDANCE, UNIFORM, LEARNING & BEHAVIOUR.**

The school is very keen to maximise student attendance. Everyday matters, as soon as a student's attendance falls below 90% there are measurable impacts on their learning outcomes. We are striving to have as many students attending above 90% as possible.

Uniform is an area of the school that needs improvement.

The majority of students wear the school uniform well, however, a small but significant number of students are not following the expectations. The school is a "uniform school" and values the wearing of our school uniform. There will be a higher level of expectation regarding uniform from Day 1 2023 and I will be communicating this to families over the coming weeks. I am also aware financial difficulties sometimes makes the wearing of uniforms a challenge and will therefore support any student or family who needs financial assistance for this purpose. Please support the school by encouraging your child to wear school uniform every day and reinforce the message that the school cares about the expectations around wearing school uniform well.

In 2023 there will be a focus on raising expectations in learning with a strong emphasis on writing. Student effort and student responsibility in learning will also be targeted from the start of 2023. We want all students to be engaged, challenged and enjoying learning at Erina High.

The Department has implemented a new Behaviour Policy and the school is required to Develop a 'Student Behaviour and support Management Plan' for implementation prior to the end of Term 2 2023. This plan is positively based with a strong emphasis on support. We have started to communicate to students what some of these changes will mean and have launched Erina High's Core Values as the starting point for this journey.

I have included the Department's 'Behaviour Code for students' so parents can see the direction we are headed and a copy of the Core Values poster. Again, specific details will be emailed to all parents later in the term.

EHS VALUES

— RESPONSIBILITY

- To take ownership of your behaviour and actions.
- To be prepared for learning - equipment, uniform and attitude.
- To ensure you regularly attend school and always arrive on time.

— EXCELLENCE

- To strive to achieve the highest standards of learning.
- To actively participate to your personal best in all aspects of education.
- To act with purpose and demonstrate personal leadership.

— INTEGRITY

- To be honest and fair at all times.
- To always do the right thing, even when no one is watching.
- To demonstrate positive character traits including resilience and determination.

— RESPECT

- To show respect to all students, school staff, and community members.
- To respect the learning culture of the classroom.
- To take care of school facilities and equipment.

— CARE

- To show care to everyone and value the interests, abilities, and cultures of others.
- To negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy and kindness.
- To apply thought and care to all that you do.



Behaviour code for students NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

P & C News

Do you know what the P & C does?

Come along and find out, we look forward to meeting you!

The Erina High School P & C is hoping to build its membership and is looking for interested parents to come along and get involved. The P & C meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month during school terms at 6.30pm in the school library. You can attend in person or via Zoom, whichever suits your needs.

Our last meeting of 2022 will take place Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 6.30pm.

If you have any questions or would like to contact us, you can do so via the school office.

Keep an eye out on the school's Facebook site for reminders and agenda/hot topic items. The Zoom link for the P&C meeting is emailed to parents the Monday prior to the P & C meeting.

Check out the offer below from one of our local businesses. If you'd like to be part of our fundraising activities, please let us know.

Michelle Frazer

P & C President

Dear Erina High School Families – Lavilin offer

We have some pretty epic news to share to solve two problems in your household in one go!

1. Teenagers or family members with body odour - no judgement here and
2. Fundraising for our school

Lavilin Australia has done a deal with your P&C to give 50% of the profits generated by sales linked to Erina High, back to the school. Lavilin is the world's longest lasting commercial deodorant.



All you need to do is one or all of the following:

1. Share this [link](#) on all your social media channels - the more people we can send to that link, the more funds we will raise.
2. Visit this [link](#) and buy Lavilin for you and your family and solve your household BO problems 7 days at a time. You're welcome.

Depending upon the sale, the school will gain between \$5 and \$14 per order.

Thanks for reading, clicking and sharing.

Latest news from our school community

HSIE News

The HSIE Faculty sends its best wishes to the outgoing 2022 HSC year group as they finish their final examinations. For the incoming HSC cohort, now is the time to start developing a consistent study schedule!

The HSIE Faculty would also like to congratulate the Year 11 Mock Trial Team, who were narrowly defeated by Barker College (184-179) in the Quarter Final of the NSW Law Society Mock Trial Competition. To finish in the top 8 out of 122 schools is an outstanding achievement of which each student should be incredibly proud. Well done to Ruby, Jorji, Victoria, Suki, Xander and Lauren for their hard work and dedication throughout the year; and thank you also to Lana for participating in the last round at short notice.

Any students who are currently in Year 10 and are interested in participating in Mock Trial in Year 11 2023 should see Mr Jennings in the HSIE staffroom this term.

Tuesday Sport Year 9 and 10

Students have been reminded of the necessity to be in full Erina High School sport uniform each Tuesday. Sport uniform is composed of the EHS gold sport shirt, plain black pants (no large logos) and if required, a plain navy blue jumper. If full uniform is not possible, students are requested to bring a signed and dated note from home to the PDHPE staff room during break 1.

Text messages and emails from parents will not be accepted for uniform issues as we strive to develop citizens with strong organisational skills and the responsibility for ensuring they have a note falls upon the student.

It is also requested that where possible, medical appointments are made outside of school hours. However, should circumstances dictate that a student requires a pass out from school on a Tuesday, they will be required to bring a signed and dated note to the PDHPE room during break 1.

For 'last minute' pass outs, please phone the school and ask to speak to Mr Whitmore or Mr Keyes.



Math News

Our Year 11 students are crossing over to Year 12. When beginning Year 12 Mathematics there's no harm in questioning why we are learning Math at all. Asking, what is the difference between a linear and a non-linear relationship, we can go deeper and ask why do we care?

Here is a quote from Wigner's infamous paper on the unreasonable effectiveness of Mathematics...

There is a story about two friends who were classmates in high school, talking about their jobs. One of them became a statistician and was working on population trends. He showed a reprint to his former classmate. The reprint started, as usual, with the normal (Gaussian) distribution and the statistician explained to his former classmate the meaning of the symbols for the actual population, for the average population, and so on. His classmate was a bit incredulous and was not quite sure whether the statistician was pulling his leg. "How can you know that?" was his query. "And what is this symbol here?" "Oh," said the statistician, "this is pi." "What is that?" "The ratio of the circumference of the circle to its diameter." "Well, now you are pushing your joke too far," said the classmate, "surely the population has nothing to do with the circumference of the circle?"

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THE UNREASONABLE EFFECTIVENESS OF MATHEMATICS IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES

Eugene Wigner

English News

Welcome back to our Junior cohort to Term 4. All years from 7-10 are currently revising for their Yearly examination in Week 3. Students have been issued with notifications and have been spending class time working towards the exam. We wish them all the best of luck.

Senior English

We have welcomed our new Year 12 cohort into their HSC year. All classes are studying the same module, Texts and Human Experiences and will be viewing the prescribed text Billy Elliot during lessons.

Drama News

Drama Club

Our wonderful hard working Drama Club consisting of students from various Year groups have been working on their Guide to the Galaxy play. Students will be performing this play at the Variety Show in Week 5, showcasing their amazing talent.

Junior Theatresports Team

Our wonderful Junior Theatresports team consisting of students from the Theatresports Masterclass attended their first competition at Sydney Girls High School on Friday 21st October in the evening. The team competed against schools in the Sydney region and showed an impressive effort. Congratulations to Amber, Mollie, Keylee and Holly for their amazing effort.



Mirrabooka News

Welcome to Term 4 to all our students and families! We hope you all had a resting and wonderful break! Term 4 brings more excellent opportunities with many amazing teaching and learning programs on the horizon. This term we aim to begin our Community Access program visiting some of the Central Coasts amazing resources. We will be supporting our Science, Visual Art and PDHPE program during Community Access and supplementing our learning with practical learning experiences. We are hopeful the next few months will see warmer weather and less rain so we can access the beautiful elements of our community. If you wish for your child to participate in this program, please sign and return the Leave to Learn permission note or contact Mirrabooka for further information.

Uniform:

We are proud to represent Mirrabooka and Erina High School and wish to remind our students and families of the importance of wearing the correct uniform. Erina High School uniforms are available at Lowes Erina Fair.

For further information on our uniform follow the link below or contact Mirrabooka on 4367 7353.

<https://erina-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/doe/sws/schools/e/erina-h/www/about-our-school/what-we-offer/school-uniform.html>

Visual Art in Mirrabooka:

For Visual Art this term, students have been participating in the topic of Landscapes. They have been introduced to the French painting technique of "Plein Air".

Students have enjoyed going outside and painting our beautiful gardens in Peace Park.



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

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Applications for student travel in 2023 opened from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can apply now.

A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details before **the end of term 4**.

This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year.

School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.



A caring Community committed to excellence



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Local AECG - Central Coast



We would like to invite our local families and community to our fourth 2022
Local Aboriginal Education and Consultative Group (AECG) meeting:



*When: 4:30pm yarn and food
5:00pm-5:30pm AECG meeting followed by our
Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Full Financial Members
Wednesday 26th of October 2022
Where: Avoca Beach Public School*



We looking forward to seeing everyone in person!

Enquiries & RSVP to Tjudibaring.aecg@outlook.com
Jade Bush (President) & Kayla Bennett (Vice President)

CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES **JOB FAIR**

**17 NOVEMBER
THURSDAY**

**CENTRAL COAST LEAGUES
CLUB LOBBY LOUNGE**

- Traineeships on offer
- Workplace readiness assistance
- Insight into 8 key departments across
*Bar, Gaming, Kitchen, Cafe, Gym, Bistro,
Marketing, Functions and Events.*



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