

THE LATEST
NEWS FROM
ERINA HIGH
SCHOOL



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Upcoming Events

12 DECEMBER
Year 7 Surf Fun
Day

12-14 DECEMBER
Year 8 Camp

12-14 DECEMBER
Year 9 Camp

16 DECEMBER
Last day for all
students

Principals Message

Thank you

I would like to begin the final newsletter of the year with a huge thank you to the entire school community. It has been an absolute pleasure to lead the school for the final three terms of 2022 and I very much look forward to bigger and better things for the school in 2023.

2022 was another very challenging year for Erina High School with COVID impacting heavily at the start of the year causing large disruption to attendance, staffing and learning.

Staff shortages and a lack of casual teachers to cover absent staff was a major concern in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

I am very proud of the effort of the school community during 2022 and sincerely thank you for all you do to support your children and the school. Thankfully there were no periods of learning from home and the continuity of learning was far greater than it had been the previous two years.

I would like to thank students for their patience and understanding during this period, parents and carers for their continued support, and thank staff for their on-going commitment to support colleagues, step in and fill gaps at little or no notice and place students at the centre of their think and their actions.



This year has been a huge year of change for Erina High. The retirement of Karen Nicol after 10 years of wonderful service to the school, Mr Glenn Mallon relieved as Principal in Term 1 and my arrival, Day 1 Term 2.

As I reflect on the year, I can still remember the excitement I felt arriving at Erina to begin my principalship. I was warmly welcomed by the students, staff, and the larger school community. Reaching the end of 2022, the excitement remains. I have enjoyed getting to know the students, parents and staff and have loved my first year as principal of Erina High. The school has very good teachers and students who have the potential to be so much more if they believe in themselves, set and maintain high expectations for themselves, and work hard to realise their goals.

School Presentation Evening

The school's Presentation Evening took place on Thursday 8 December. I want to further acknowledge and congratulate all students who received awards. Success in learning occurs when students work hard consistently over an extended period of time.

This is the key to success, not only in school but in all aspects of life. Student recognition is very important and I hope all students feel proud of their accomplishments and continue to apply themselves with diligence and strive for excellence again in 2023.

To conclude I would like to wish all students and their families all the best for the holidays.

I hope your break from school is a safe and happy one and I look forward to seeing you return to EHS refreshed and ready to learn in 2023.

Sincerely

Paul Broadbent Principal



Reminders

**Year 7,11 & 12 return Tuesday 31
January**

**Year 8,9 & 10 return Wednesday 1
February**

**The last day for cash
payments in the office is
Friday 16 December. The
office closes at 2.15pm**

Below are the new bell times for 2023

SCHOOL HOURS

Mon, Wed, Thu, Friday	
Roll Call/ Assembly	09.00 – 09.10
1	09.10 – 10.10
2	10.10 – 11.10
Break 1	11.10 – 11.40
3	11.40 – 12.40
4	12.40 – 1.40
Break 2	1.40 – 2.10
5	2.10 – 3.10

Tuesdays	
Roll Call	09.00 - 09.10
1	09.10 - 10.10
2	10.10 - 11.10
Break 1	11.10 - 11.30
3	11.30 - 12.30
Break 2	12.30 - 12.45
4	12.45 - 1.45
5	1.45 - 2.45

EHS Uniform

JUNIOR UNIFORM CODE

Warmer Weather

Shirt: Navy polo or lemon blouse/polo with school emblem Shorts: Grey or navy and tailored (no 'trackie' material or logo's) Skirt: Checked pleated (junior colours)	Socks: White/Black Shoes: Black leather only Hat/Cap: Any colour shading the face
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Colder Weather Additions

Shirt: Navy polo or lemon blouse with school emblem Pants: Navy EHS logo micro-fibre pants or plain micro-fibre navy pants (no brand logos, stripes) Pants: Navy or grey long tailored pants (no 'trackies') Stockings: Natural or Black/Navy *Tights can be worn <u>under</u> skirts but <u>not as pants</u> .	Jumpers: Navy with school logo or plain navy jumper/cardigan (no brand names or hoodies) Jacket: Navy fleece zipped jacket Socks: White/Black Shoes: Black leather only Hats: Beanies that are seen as appropriate (all beanies, hoods or hats are not allowed to be worn in class)
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Physical Education and Sport Uniform – also worn every Tuesday (Sport and Masterclass)

Shirt: Yellow/Green/Black sport shirt with school emblem Shorts: Black micro-fibre with school emblem (EHS) Long Pants: Black track pants may be worn for PDHPE, Sport and every Tuesday (not tights). Shoes: Sports shoes and socks Hat/Cap: any colour shading the face

Uniforms are available at Lowes, Erina Fair.

The school operates a clothing pool.

Donations are accepted.

Presentation Night

Our annual Presentation night was held on Thursday 8 December. Congratulations to all of our Award recipients. Your effort and dedication to learning has been excellent this year. So nice to see so many families join us to celebrate these wonderful achievements.



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Year 12 Formal

Thursday, November 17 was the last official event for our Class of 2022 - The Formal. It was an incredible night at Ettalong Diggers and the students looked absolutely amazing.

As their Year Advisors, it's been a huge journey and we are so proud of this group of young adults. We have already heard the most amazing plans for so many of them and know that the future will be bright for all of them! A huge thank you to the families for everything they've done to support their children over the years.

Another big thanks need to go to the staff who helped Year 12 2022 celebrate on the night, it was amazing to see you there. Similarly, we cannot thank Jas and Kianna enough as they took photos for us on the night, we appreciate it so much!

Gemma Berg and Luke Suters



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Mirrabooka News

With the end of the term rapidly approaching I would like to thank all our students, families, and staff for another amazing year at Erina High School. We have had some wonderful experiences this year and are already excited for 2023. We are very proud of our students' achievements throughout 2022 and the staff are hard at work planning for next year!

From all of us in Mirrabooka we wish you a safe and happy holiday period and look forward to seeing you all next year!

Term 4 has been a very busy term for our Mirrabooka students with weekly community access outings, PE programs, excursions, and lots of learning!

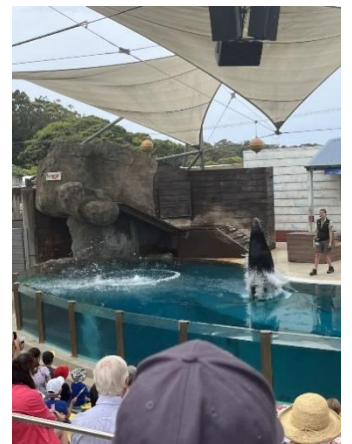
On Thursday 1 of December, students from Mirrabooka travelled to Taronga Zoo in Sydney for Community Access. Students saw lots of different animals around the Zoo and even got to watch the Seal and Bird show. Some of the favourite enclosures included the Tigers, Elephants, Giraffes, and the Reptile House. It was a big day, with some very tired students but it was awesome!

Students from Mirrabooka have been participating in a PE Program, Fired Up Fitness. Ben and Emily, two Personal Trainers, have been joining us here at Erina High School to lead some fun fitness activities including boxing. Students have loved it and enjoyed a bit of friendly competition. Thanks so much to Ben and Emily for our PT sessions.

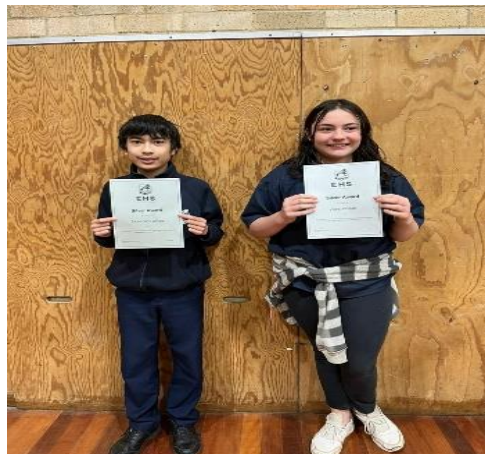
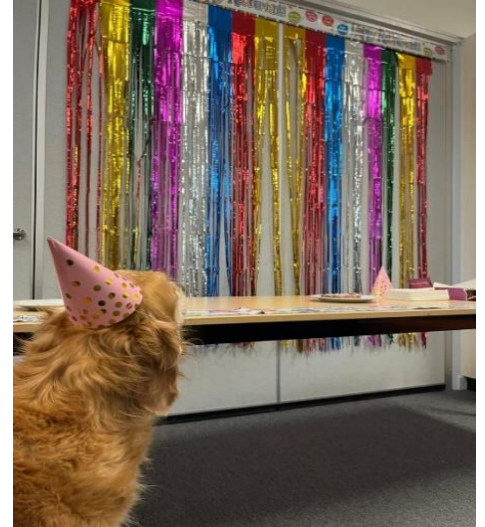
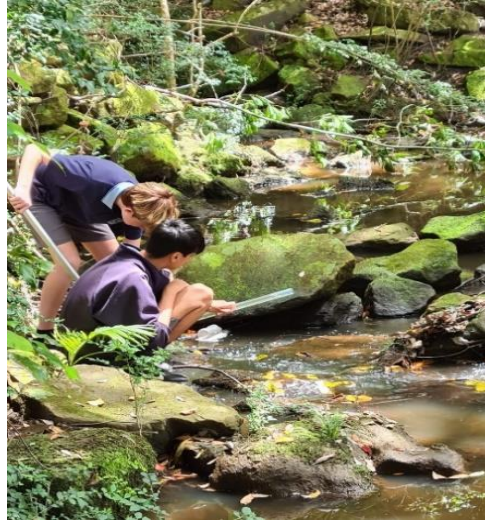
Five students from Mirrabooka went to a STEM Day run by the year 10 Support Unit students at Kincumber High School on Wednesday 30 November. They participated in a range of challenges testing their science, engineering, mathematics, and technology skills. Thank you to the team at KHS for hosting such a wonderful day. Mirrabooka students thoroughly enjoyed the day and made us proud with their enthusiasm and support of one another.



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English News

Senior English

Our current Year 11 cohort have been moving along steadily with their study of Billy Elliot as their prescribed text for the Common Module: Texts & Human Experiences. Students have been working hard on their first Assessment Task for the HSC year, involving a Visual Representation component where students are required to utilise symbolism and imagery to effectively represent the concepts evident in the film. We look forward to seeing their finished visual compositions. They will also complete an in-class essay based on the Texts & Human Experiences unit.

Calling ALL students from 7-11 who have borrowed a book from the English Faculty. Please return these books to your classroom teacher or the English Staffroom ASAP. We miss them dearly.

DRAMA NEWS

Our current Year 9 Drama class have been working on their Screen Drama short films to showcase to their class in Week 9. We have seen some amazing technical camera work and original storylines. It has been an exhilarating learning environment and we are eager to see what else these amazing students can do in the future!



Orientation Day

On Tuesday 26 November, Erina High School held its Orientation Day for Year 6 students from our partner schools. The students had a great time and experienced a range of lessons and had an opportunity to meet some of their future peers.

We look forward to having our new year 7 cohort in 2023.



Year 9 Marine Studies visit to Irukandji and Ray Center.

Year 9 Marine Studies had the opportunity to snorkel with sharks and observe their behaviour in a tropical environment with rays, clownfish and a puffer fish.

Whilst at Irukandji the students learnt all about stingrays and rays. They even had the opportunity to feed them as they swam over their legs. They are known as the Labradors of the sea, as all they want is a pat (and they also have a foot fetish)



Nanga Mai Awards

Huge Congratulations to all our award nominees and recipients for the 17th Nanga Mai Awards:

Xander Britt nominated for Outstanding Achievement in Public Speaking.

Baylee Le Breton nominated for Outstanding Student Leadership.

Lachlan Masters (pictured second from end right) winner of the Nanga Mai Awards for Outstanding Academic Excellence.

The 17th Nanga Mai Awards were held at the Sydney Opera House Wednesday 30 November. The Awards celebrate and recognise the outstanding achievements of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students that demonstrate excellence across a diversity of areas throughout NSW public schools. A fantastic achievement for Lachlan.



Latest news from our school community

Nanga Mai Awards continued



Maths News

As we head into the summer holidays some of our math students have taken the time to investigate the costs of travelling to their ideal destination.

Given a budget to work with, students investigate the price of flights, passports, accommodation and even the need to buy luggage. They quickly find that the money can run out swiftly, and are then encouraged to look for cheaper alternatives and think hard about their priorities.

Financial mathematical skills help us all make informed, smart decisions and are a core element in EHS math lessons.

Starting with learning to represent percentages as decimals and fractions and as the years go on, we develop more sophisticated concepts such as compound interest.

The Mathematics faculty would like to wish everyone in the EHS community a safe and relaxing summer holiday break.



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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LOWES WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE... **NSW BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM**

What is covered by NSW back to school program?

3 x \$50 Vouchers

Eligible purchases are limited
to the following

School uniforms (K-12)

- Your complete school uniform
- Hats
- Socks
- Shoes
- Umbrellas
- Raincoats

Trade Schools (pathway program)

- High Vis Polo Tops and Shirts
- Industrial Pants and Shorts
- Steel Cap Boots
- Socks Protectors
- Safety Equipments

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