

THE LATEST
NEWS FROM
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Upcoming Events

Wed 23 Feb

Online
curriculum
evening -
All years

Fri 4 Mar

School photo
day

Thu 10 Mar

Catch up photo
day

Thu 17 Mar

School
vaccination
program -
Years 7 & 10

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 8th April

Principals Message

As previously communicated, I have taken this term off on leave for some much -anticipated travel. I also have the great privilege to mind my gorgeous baby grandchildren a couple of days through the week which I am thoroughly enjoying. It is for this reason I have made the decision to retire after 38 years in education. It has been the highlight of my career to be the Principal of Erina High School for the past 10 years and feel truly honoured to have held this position. I am so proud of what we have collectively achieved in our quest to be the local secondary school of choice as we take our place as a competitive outstanding educational facility.

I sincerely thank the teaching and non-teaching staff for their incredible support and pay tribute to the extraordinary work they do in supporting the education and wellbeing of our students. The genuine care and commitment they have in supporting our school community is inspiring and deeply appreciated. I am so proud of our students and what they have achieved, particularly over the past two years. They have risen to the challenges presented and maintained their focus on achieving at great heights. I hope they will always take great pride in being part of a wonderful school that has always been commitment to providing every opportunity for them to be successful.

To our parents, carers, staff, students, and community I cannot thank you enough for the strong support I have always received, it has been deeply and sincerely appreciated. Erina will always hold a very special place in my heart, and I will always treasure the memories of my Principalship at Erina High School.

Thank you so much for the beautiful, kind messages of congratulations and acknowledgment that I have received on my announcement to retire. It has meant so much to me and I will always be grateful to have been a member of the most amazing Erina Learning Community.

Fondest Regards,

Karen Nicol

Principal (2011- February 2022)

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2022 School year

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope staff students and families have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break enjoying time with family and friends. Our community again is showing an amazing resilience and patience with the various impacts of COVID on the way in which we live.

It has been a great start to the 2022 school year with students well prepared for learning and striving towards their personal best. A special welcome to our year 7 students and families and I commend all students on the positive start they have had to school. Erina High School has seen an increase in the size of our Year 7 cohort and it is exciting to watch these students grow over the next 6 years on their own journeys towards success.

Congratulations and Farewell

After an extensive career in Public Education spanning 39 years Mrs Karen Nicol has decided to retire. Her commitment to students on the Central Coast and their learning has been exemplary. Many years as a classroom teacher across various schools, Karen's natural aptitude for leadership was evident. From Narara Valley High School as a Head Teacher Home Economics, to Deputy Principal at Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College Tumbi Umbi Campus, to Principal at Morisset High School and her 10 years at Erina High School. It truly has been a stellar career.

The great teachers have impact on students' lives and the greater leaders motivate and inspire others, Mrs Nicol has done both of these throughout her career. I have had the pleasure of working with Karen for my entire time at Erina High School. She has been an amazing mentor and friend and she has had a significant impact on my own leadership style. Her love and passion for Erina High School is infinite. Karen displayed a tireless work ethic, and her vision and leadership has embedded a positive culture of learning of wellbeing at Erina High School. She has been responsible for the introduction of many innovative teaching practices including NEXUS, Ontrack, Masterclass that have Erina High School well placed in a time of educational reform.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU.



Staffing Update

- Mr Ward will be Relieving Deputy Principal Y10-12.
- Ms Walsh will be Relieving Head Teacher Administration.
- Mr Bath and Mrs Holmes will be sharing the Teacher role in TAS.Ms
- Ms Keane will continue to relieve as Head Teacher English.
- Mr Jennings is a welcomed addition to the Erina High School Executive. Mr Jennings was successful in his appointment as Head Teacher HSIE and comes to Erina High School from Callaghan College Jesmond Campus.
- Ms Kearney will be acting Head Teacher Wellbeing

Welcome and congratulations to our new permanent staff

- Mrs Kate Glasson- SASS Food / Prep Assistant
- Mrs Patricia Hendrie- Visual Art Teacher
- Mr David Fletcher- Mathematics Teacher
- Mr Michael Harriot- SLSO Mirrabooka
- Ms Aaron Cahill – SLSO Mirrabooka

Welcome to our temporary teachers

- Mr Daniel Weir and Ms Rebecca Harman
- **Science**
- Mrs Katie Porter and Mr Brendan Avis - **HSIE**
- Ms Rebecca Slocombe – **Visual Arts**
- Ms Cassidy Pugsley – **TAS**
- Ms Kit Hamilton and Mr Luke Goodley – **English**
- Mr Jed Austin, Ms Chontelle Teasdale
and Ms Deb Batey- **Teaching and Learning**
- Mr Luke Sutars and Mx Spencer Toohey
– **Mathematics**
- Mr Warwick Whitmore– **PDHPE**
- Ms Julie Pennings and Mr Matthew Jeffs– **Music**
- Ms Jennifer Galea – **LOTE**
- Mr Ethan Brown in **Special Education** and
Kim Steen and Aaron Cahill – SLSO's in
Special Education



Reminders

Payments can be made online via the Erina High School Website.

Credit Card Payments are no longer accepted by phone, physical card must be presented at the front office.

2021 HSC results

Congratulations to our 2021 HSC students on their strong results we are very proud of the 89 students who achieved their HSC and the positive outcomes they have achieved, and we wish them all the very best of luck in their future endeavours. I sincerely acknowledge our year 12 teachers for their dedication and commitment to supporting our HSC students to achieve their personal best.

Our Star performers

Albin Kilander



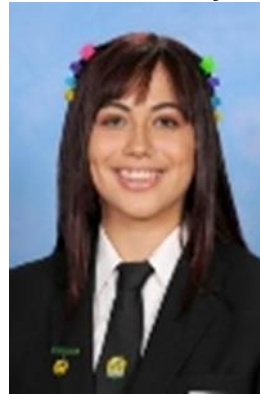
Mathematics Advanced - Band 6
Modern History - Band 5
English Advanced - Band 5
Physics - Band 5
Engineering Studies - Band 5
Mathematics Extension - E3



Corey Webb

Mathematics Advanced - Band 6
Engineering Studies - Band 5
IPT - Band 5
Physics - Band 5
English Standard - Band 4
Mathematics Extension - E3

Catherine Boyack



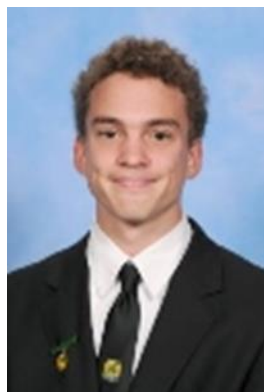
Biology - Band 6
Mathematics Standard - Band 5
English Advanced - Band 5
Music - Band 5
Drama - Band 4



Luka Zetovic

- Engineering Studies - Band 5
- Mathematics Advanced - Band 5
- Business Studies - Band 5
- English Advanced - Band 5
- Physics - Band 4
- Mathematics Extension - E3

Sam Vayman



English Advanced -	Band 5
Drama -	Band 5
Industrial Tech-	Band 5
Business Studies -	Band 4
SAC -	Band 4

Band 6's - 3

Biology- 1

Mathematics Advanced- 2

Band 5's - 50

COURSE	BAND 5	COURSE	BAND 5
Biology	1	Mathematics Ext E3	4
Business Studies	1	Modern	1
Drama	2	Music	7
Engineering Studies	4	PDHPE	1
English Adv	8	Physics	3
Food Technology	3	Visual Arts	7
Industrial Tech	2	VET Construction	2
Maths Stand 2	2	VET Hospitality	2

Student expectations

All students have started the school year positively and focused on learning, thanks to our year advisers and Head Teachers for ensuring students are aware of their new classes and assisted in settling students into the new school year. Thank you to all the families who have ensured their children are wearing school uniform which builds pride and a positive school culture that is supported and expected by our community it is fantastic to see our students looking great in their uniform. All students need to be well prepared for learning each day that requires them to be equipped with appropriate writing materials, books and laptops/ chrome notebooks as well as specialist equipment for Technology, Art, Sport and PE lessons. Students are expected to carry their equipment in suitable bags that protect and secure their materials.

Senior students have been advised of the school's expectations in terms of their regular attendance and management of a flexible timetable. All senior students are to attend roll call each morning that they are timetabled. Students commencing the day later need to sign in through the front office and can leave if they have no scheduled lessons for the rest of the day. Students are NOT allowed to leave during breaks or scheduled study periods in the middle of the day rather use this time effectively by completing work and assessment tasks in the library as supervised by the tutorial team.

Year 7 2022

A special mention to our year 7 students who have settled into school life at Erina extremely well. I am very pleased to see all students participating in learning and managing the transition with ease. Congratulations to Mr Joyce, Mr Schoffl, Ms Kearney, Mr Nicol, Ms Close for their support in ensuring our year 7 students were well informed and cared for during the first critical days of high school. A reminder to parents who have concerns about their students learning or wellbeing should contact their children's year adviser or Ms Kearney welfare coordinator as the first point of contact. I have listed each of the year advisers for your information.

Year	Year Advisers
7	Ms Close
8	Mr Dodd and Mrs Mallon
9	Mr Quinn and Mrs Richardson
10	Ms Kronja and Ms Hamilton
11	Mr Austin and Ms Walsh
12	Ms Berg and Mr Sutters

EHS Principal's Message Continued

I have also included a list of our executive for families to contact if they have concerns or questions and can direct the enquiry to the best person. Erina High School is committed to positive communication and believe problems are better solved when shared and discussed. Please be aware that both our Year Advisers and executive have a teaching load and may often not be able to return a phone call on the same day but will certainly make contact at the first available opportunity.

Faculty/Area of responsibility	Executive Staff
Deputy Principal – students 7,8,9	Mr Joyce
Deputy Principal – students 10,11,12	Mr Ward
Head Teacher English	Ms Keane (Relieving)
Head Teacher Mathematics/LOTE	Mr Wade
Head Teacher Science/Visual Arts	Mr Huntington
Head Teacher HSIE	Mr Jennings
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning	Mr Schoffl
Head Teacher PDHPE	Mr Keyes
Head Teacher TAS/Music	Mrs Holmes / Mr Bath (Relieving)
Head Teacher Administration	Ms Walsh
Head Teacher Special Education	Mr Nicol

School Attendance

Erina High School is committed to working closely with families to ensure all students attend school on a regular basis. Successful students are those students that attend every school day possible and attend all 5 lessons each day. Missing one school day means missing 5 lessons which causes difficulty when students next attend because they often have missed vital concepts that can cause them undue stress and anxiety. Please contact school personnel if you are concerned about your child's attendance patterns. The school will continue to send a text message on the day of a student absence, this has a once only reply facility for parent with a 24 -hour window for reply. These replies are then uploaded against the student's attendance records which parents can access through the parent portal. If the reply is sent after 24 hours it does not automatically upload to the student record this is done manually. The Deputy Principals will monitor student attendance in 2020 and will contact families when student's attendance is falling below 85%.

P&C

EHS is fortunate to have such a strong and active team that support our school, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and encourage them to join our P&C. The P&C meet the third Wednesday of each month and at this stage they will be remotely through Zoom. For further information please contact the Erina high School office.

School plan

In 2022, EHS commences a new a new planning cycle. The school plan is a 4-year commitment that requires ongoing monitoring and reflection. The significant disruptions over the last 2 years impacted on the ability to implement a number of key initiatives in our plan. There is significant analysis of all internal and external data and community consultation when developing a plan and our 2022 plan will commence with the same strategic directions as in the previous plan with some adjustments based on feedback.

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Strategic Direction 1 – Student Growth and Attainment

Purpose – *To ensure students demonstrate growth in their learning through explicit, consistent, and research-informed teaching practice. Accessing quality, targeted professional learning our teachers will be supported to use student assessment data to drive effective teaching and learning.*

Strategic Direction 2 - Positive Education to Connect and Thrive

Purpose – *To create proactive, rich and meaningful opportunities for all learners to develop and enhance their wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. This enables all students, staff and the wider school community to belong, thrive and flourish together now and into the future*

Strategic Direction 3- Aspiration for success

Purpose - *To ensure all learners are strongly supported and inspired to maximise their growth potential through targeted, personalised quality learning experiences to achieve success. Identifying and responding to individual staff and student needs in meeting the demands of current educational programs that provide a platform for successful life outcomes.*

We aim to have the plan finalised before the end of the term and publish on our website

Enjoy the rest of the term as we focus on the main game of quality teaching and learning.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Glenn Mallon
R/Principal

Latest news from our school community



Francis Bruce Fitzpatrick (Bruce) 28/10/1948-05/02/2022

Bruce/Fitzzy or Mr Fitz passed away of Motor Neuron disease and was farewelled by many on the 14 February 2022.

Fitzzy was an esteemed and highly respected member of the Erina High School staff. He was held in high regard among his peers in the Maths faculty and was a gifted Maths facilitator. His involvement in many sporting teams across all academic years both in school, interschool and weekend sport was appreciated by the students.

Fitz instigated the brainchild idea of the original agreement for joint use of EHS oval with Erina Leagues Club. He was an integral part of both school and club with his involvement as a teacher, former rugby league player, coach and mentor.

Our deepest condolences to his partner Roz, his three children and six grandchildren.

Taken too soon. Rest in Peace Fitz.

English Update

The English faculty are excited to welcome back the 2022 cohorts and are looking forward to the year ahead.

In Stage 4 and 5 students are exploring poetry with each year focusing on a selection of poems. Through this study students will be exposed to different styles of poetry and ideas that are represented through this text type.

Year 7 – Aboriginal Poetry

Year 8 – Poetry as Song

Year 9 – Refugee Poetry

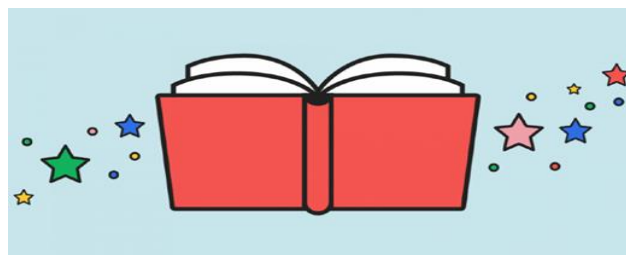
Year 10 – Various poems chosen by the teacher.

Year 11 **Advanced and Standard English** are currently studying their Common Module: Identity and Belonging with a focus on a selection of texts. **English Studies** are working on their mandatory module of Achieving Through English.

Year 12 Advanced English is studying Module A: Textual Conversations, **Standard English** is studying Module A: Contemporary Asian Australian Poetry.

Miss Kronja is running the Premiers Debating Challenge again this year and all junior students are invited to sign up. It is such an excellent opportunity for students to engage with students from other schools and work on their communication skills. We were quite successful last year and would love to be again in 2022.

We encourage all our students in years 7-10 to bring a book for their reading time in English.



HSIE Update

I would like to thank the school and community for the warm welcome I have received since taking up the Head Teacher HSIE role at the start of the term. I feel very privileged to have this opportunity to work with such a talented and dedicated group of teachers, and I look forward to a productive 2022.

This term, students will be able to enter into a number of exciting HSIE competitions. These include the Law Society of NSW Mock Trial Competition, the Australian Geography Competition and the Sharemarket Game. More information about these competitions will be provided to students in coming weeks.

Well done to our HSIE HSC students for the strong start they have already made to their studies this term. For example, Year 12 Business Studies students are developing their speed writing skills to ensure they are well prepared for the HSC Examination; while Year 12 Society and Culture students are progressing well with the drafting of their Personal Interest Projects. Even from the start of the year, a little bit of revision each night will go a long way to HSC success. Whether answering homework questions, drafting practice essays or making summary notes on palm cards, consistency is key and will pay dividends at the end of the year!

Mr. Mathew Jennings

Head Teacher HSIE



Congratulations to the following House Captains and Vice Captains

Bean Captains - Evan Campbell and India-Rose Barnett
Vice Captains - Marcus Clarkson and Beth Balagawi

Dunlop Captains - Anthony Geracitano and Holly Favetta
Vice Captains - Jaden Holmes and Crystal Grumley

Henderson Captains - Lachlan Masters and Morgan Mannion
Vice Captains - Harry Lakomy and Phoebe Pitstock

Kendall Captains - Liam Underwood and Zahlia Vickers
Vice Captains - Alex Raynaud De Faria Mendonca and Lucia Richards

We look forward to seeing all these students dressed up in their house colours and cheering on their teams at the swimming carnival.



Swimming Carnival



Swimming Carnival

Monday 21st February 2022

Gosford Pool

9:00am to 2:45pm

Students can make their own way to the pool or catch a bus from school at 8.50am sharp. The cost of return travel is \$5.00 and is to be paid by Friday 18th of February as seats are limited. Money for the bus must be paid at the Front Office. Buses will leave from the pool at 2.45pm so that students may catch normal buses home.

The cost of entry to the pool is \$5.00. Students should try to have the correct change for pool entry

Students are asked to come in Mufti clothing in their house colours.

BEAN (surnames A-D) – YELLOW; DUNLOP (surnames E-K) – RED; HENDERSON (surnames L-P) – BLUE; KENDALL (surnames Q-Z) – GREEN.

Students will be required to wear coloured swimming caps which are supplied on the day.

Please ensure that you have a hat and adequate sun protection lotions.

Students are required to wear appropriate swimwear for a School Swimming Carnival. Brazilian or Cheeky bottom style swimwear is NOT permitted to be worn. Plain black board shorts will be provided for any students wearing inappropriate swimwear.

Students are encouraged to bring their own lunch and appropriate refreshments. Food and drinks will also be available on the day from the Gosford Pool Kiosk.



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.

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



School Photo Day



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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Friday 4 March 2022 and Thursday 10 March 2022

**ORDER NOW go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code
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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by *advancedlife*. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit **advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au



school photographs are coming up soon



Group presentation format is chosen by your school. Format may vary from options shown.

Refer to back frames.

NEW

43 Personalised Stickers

Please note: Traditional or Composite group and the presentation format are chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:

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in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned to your school 4-6 weeks after the day of photography

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

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School Student Travel

Term 1 2022



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

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Auskick (5-10)

Junior (9-17)



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