

THE LATEST
NEWS FROM
ERINA HIGH
SCHOOL



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Upcoming Events

10 August

Year 10 Love
Bites -
Relationship
Program

15 August

Year 12 Trial
HSC
Examinations
begin

17 August

P & C Meeting
6.30pm in the
school Library

18 August

Mirrabooka Art
Gallery of NSW
excursion

29 August

Year 10 Valid
Testing
commences

Principals Message

HSC

It is hard to believe Year 12 are in their final term as students of Erina High School with a Graduation Assembly less than 7 weeks away.

Term 3 is a vital term of learning for Year 12 students with HSC Trial Examinations taking place Weeks 5 and 6 and then the immensely important post-trial revision period, where students must keep attending school and take advantage of the face-to-face contact with their teachers.

This will consolidate their understanding of their HSC course work with past experience showing students who maintain engagement with school post-trial are the students who achieve the best outcomes in the HSC.

This final term can be very stressful for students and I would encourage all students to reach out for support from the school if necessary.

I would also like to wish all students completing HSC major projects and sitting HSC Performance Examinations good luck.

Junior Parent-Teacher Evening

It was very pleasing to see so many parents attend the Junior Parent-Teacher Evening in Week 2. Feedback from the parents I spoke to and from staff was very positive. The importance of parent connection with the school and genuine learning conversations cannot be underestimated. Thank you to all parents who attended.



August P&C meeting – Erina High’s Future Directions.

Our next P&C meeting will be an opportunity for all parents to come into the school and find out about the possible changes and directions of the school in 2023.

I have been here for a little over a term and have started discussing changes that are likely to occur within the school from 2023 with staff and would love to share this with parents and seek your input. Areas for consideration currently include changes to the school day, changes to the timetable structure, school plan and school beautification, school uniform, mobile phones and attendance to name a few.

If you are interested in finding out what is happening and/or interested in providing feedback please attend the August P&C meeting (Wednesday 17 August, 6:30pm start in the school library)

Student success

It has been wonderful to see Erina High School students continue to have success in a wide range of extra-curricular areas including sport, CAPA and academics. I want to thank students and staff for the additional commitment and effort required to participate and succeed in extra-curricular activities. A special mention to the school’s Mock Trial Team that have progressed to the final knock out stage of the state-wide competition.

Sincerely

Paul Broadbent

Principal



Reminders

Prohibited items in school.

We would like to remind our community that certain items are not prohibited in schools. An item that can be overlooked in the prohibited items list are multitools. These items appear on the list as they often contain a sharp blade that has the potential to cause damage and fear.

We ask that our community have the conversation with our young people around multitools to avoid any occurrence of these at school. I have attached an information sheet for families to look at regarding prohibited items. Thank you for your ongoing support to keep the school community safe.

No prohibited knives at school

Parent, carer and student factsheet

There is no good reason to bring a prohibited knife to school.

NSW now has the toughest knife laws in Australia. It is against the law for students to have a prohibited knife in a public place or at school. Significant fines of over \$2000 or jail related sentences can be imposed for knife related offences.

No prohibited knives allowed at school under any circumstances

As school policy is designed to keep all students safe, no type of prohibited knife is allowed at school, including flick knives, sheath knives, push daggers, trench knives, butterfly knives, star knives or any item that can be used as a weapon (such as a chisel).

If a student is found to be possessing or carrying a knife at school the principal may call the police. The student may also be expelled or suspended from school immediately.

Possessing a knife includes a student having one in their bag or locker, even if they do not use it or threaten anyone with it. Having a knife for self-protection is also illegal. Any wellbeing or safety concerns should be escalated to the Principal.

Parents and carers are advised not to send butter knives or fruit knives in lunchboxes, or knife tools for craft purposes. In lessons requiring the use of knives, for example cooking or trades, the student's teacher will supply and supervise the use of the tools.

Every student has the right to feel safe and secure at school. There is no good reason for a student to ever have a knife at school.

There are some senior subjects, such as hospitality, where students may be required to have their own knives.

The school will advise parents, carers and students about these courses and the procedures for carrying knives legally to and from school.

Tougher penalties apply

The law makes parents and carers responsible. Parents and carers need to make certain their child is aware of the school's rules and the state laws about knives.

Parents and carers need to be aware of these laws, as they can also be charged if they allow their child to carry a knife.

The police can search any young person they suspect of having a knife and can confiscate any dangerous object they might find during the search. The young person must comply with such a police search, or they may be arrested and charged.

There are very tough sentences for assaults or threats that involve a knife, for example, if a student is in a fight and wounds someone with a knife.

If a student commits this sort of crime with other young people, the sentences are even tougher. In some cases, the jail term can be for 14 to 25 years.

It is also illegal for anyone to sell a knife to anyone who is less than 16 years old.

Exemptions

There may be circumstances when a knife is required to be carried and a person is able to establish a 'reasonable excuse' for possession.

A 'reasonable excuse' includes, but is not limited to, the knife being 'reasonably necessary' for:

- The lawful pursuit of an occupation, education or training
- Participation in lawful entertainment, recreation or sport
- Genuine religious purposes, or
- Travel to or from any of the above.

Telephone interpreter service

If you would like more information please call the school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist with your enquiry, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language.

Tell the operator the phone number you want to call and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Latest news from our school community

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.

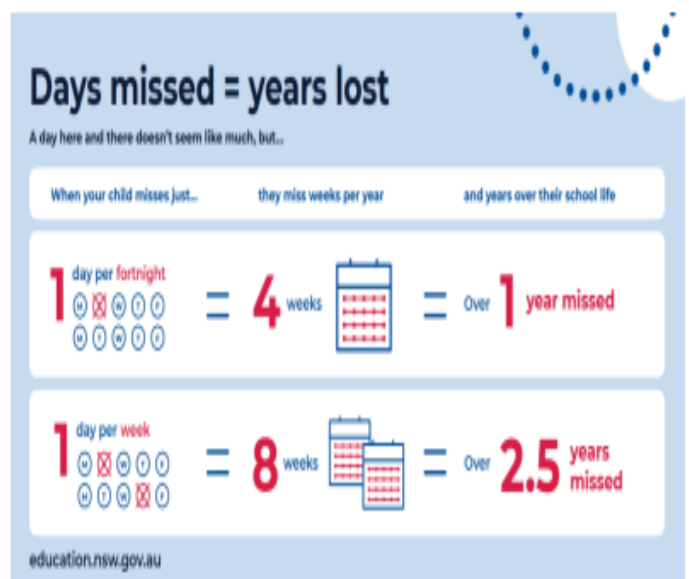
Reminders

Lateness to school.

Students that are late must have some kind of notification from parents or guardians, explaining the lateness. This can be a note, phone call, an email or in person. Late students are to report to the Front Office for registration of lateness and to hand in a late note.

Attendance

In the event of an absence, if you have not phoned or emailed an explanation prior to 9.00am, one nominated parent will receive an SMS message letting them know of the child's non-attendance at school. There is an option to **reply** to this SMS with an explanation for the absence.



Latest news from our school community

Languages

This term, Year 8 Japanese students are engaging with elements of modern Japan, including popular culture such as anime, manga, music and fashion, as well as with the rich cultural tradition of Japan. Students are gaining confidence in using basic Japanese to communicate with each other through the practice of listening, writing and speaking. They have learnt basic greetings, numbers, colours, days of the week, months of the year, parts of the body and we are focused on expressing how we feel and different emotions.

We have learnt all this through a variety of mediums, e.g; songs, short stories, research tasks, writing, computer technology such as Duo Lingo and practicing with a partner or in groups. We are focused on learning Japan's rich culture as a companion for learning to speak the language and this success criteria will be shown in their assessment task of researching and compiling an Itinerary to visit Japan and tour the cultural sights, applying the knowledge students have learnt in class.

The ability to communicate in Japanese provides incentives for travel and for more meaningful interactions with speakers of Japanese, encouraging sociocultural understanding between Australia and Japan, and cohesion within the Australian community.

It also provides opportunities for students to gain insights into the contributions that have been made by Japanese-speaking communities to Australian society and to the global community.

Students in year 8 are enjoying learning about Japan, its fascinating culture, and they are continuing to grow in confidence to communicate in Japanese.



HSIE News

Stage 4 and 5 HSIE students have commenced their studies in History this semester. Year 7 are studying the topic, Investigating the Ancient Past, while Year 9 are learning about the Industrial Revolution.

They have been examining the reasons why the Industrial Revolution began in Britain, the emergence of a cheap labour force and the extent of the British Empire.

Year 9 Commerce have commenced the Planning a Business unit of work, while Year 10 Commerce students are looking at the economic and business environment.

They will be considering models of the economy, the business cycle, supply demand and the price mechanism, government intervention, features of businesses, innovation and ethical decision making, looking at issues such as the 2008 Global Financial Crisis. Commerce students will be given the opportunity to run their own businesses later this term.

10% of all student profit will be collected in the form of tax and donated to a local charity!

Year 11 students have commenced their final term of Preliminary studies. Year 11 Business Studies students are studying business planning, while Year 11 Modern History students are investigating the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, before exploring the decolonisation in Indochina.

Congratulations to the Year 11 Mock Trial team, who, after defeating St Edwards College in Round 4, have moved into the Elimination Rounds, competing against the top 32 schools in the state! We wish them the best of luck for their upcoming Elimination Round against Hunter Valley Grammar.

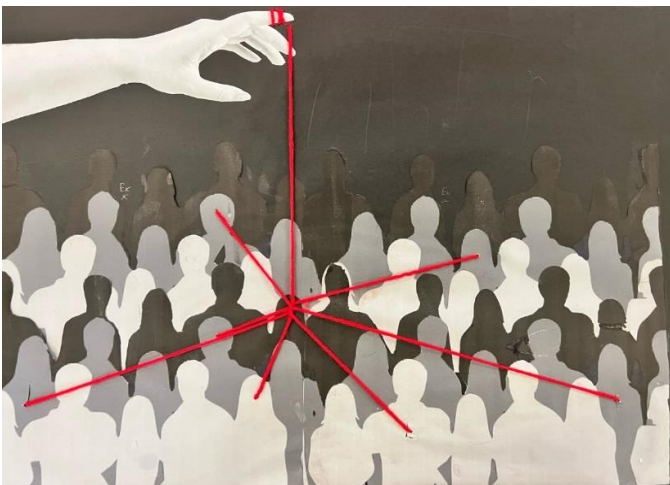
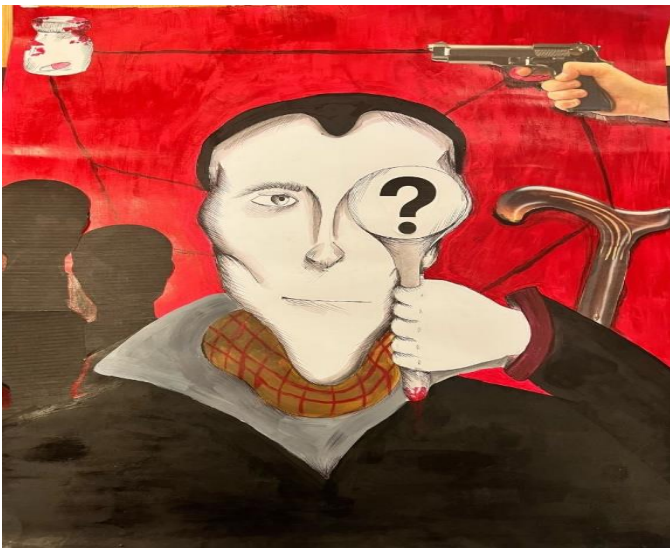
Year 12 Society and Culture students have finalised their Personal Interest Projects and we would like to congratulate them for the consistent hard work and dedication they have displayed throughout the year in completing these projects.

Year 12 HSIE students are underway with Trial HSC preparations. Developing study notes, drafting extended responses and practising timed writing under examination conditions are excellent strategies to help achieve great results!

English News

It is currently assessment time in English. Students in Years 7-10 are working hard to write their speeches based on the play text they studied last term. The junior classes will be studying a novel this term and will look at another text to compare the ideas presented.

Year 11 Standard English completed a visual representation task for Module A: Contemporary Possibilities where they had to represent ideas presented in the crime fiction genre. The following submissions were stand outs and these students should be proud of their excellent work. It was great to see our students use their creative thinking skills to demonstrate their learning.



Math News

Term 3 sees our stage 5 students explore the topic of trigonometry. Starting with right angled triangles we introduce length ratios using the familiar sine, cosine and tangent definitions. The link from triangles to waves is a nice discovery that students can make when considering the graph of a trigonometric function.

In senior years students may study the so called “most remarkable formula in mathematics”, Euler’s formula. This incredibly powerful relation sees trigonometric waves described by complex numbers and is used in all manner of engineering problems and even exotic research areas such as quantum mechanics. Australia is a world leader in the race to build a functioning quantum computer with scientists such as Australian of the Year, Michelle Simmons (pictured here with an electron scanning microscope), leading a team that has achieved many breakthroughs. The humble mathematics of trigonometry is a foundational start for so many careers in STEM.



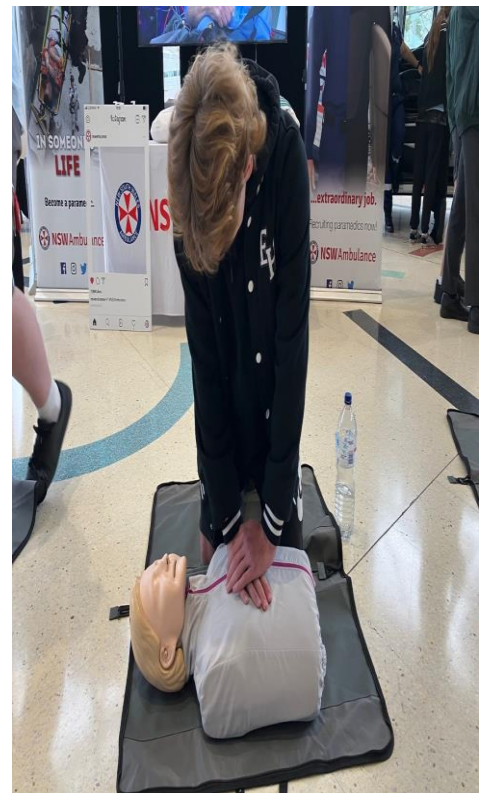
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Year 11 B Street Smart Excursion

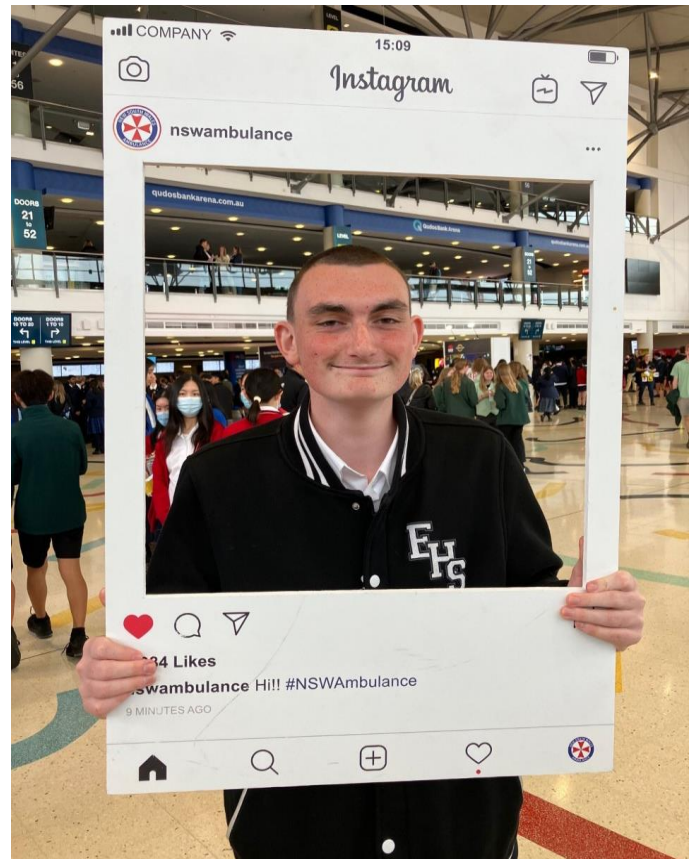
On Wednesday 4th of August, Year 11 attended the B Street Smart Safer Drivers event at Qudos Bank Arena in Homebush. The students were exposed to a crash scene scenario including NSW Police, Police Crash Investigation Unit, Fire and Rescue NSW and NSW Ambulance Service with extrication of a patient from a crashed car, resuscitation and a patient's journey through the hospital.

The students also heard real-life stories from crash survivors and the lifelong changes that these crashes had, not only on their lives but also on their families and friends. To finish off the day there was a live braking distance presentation highlighting the distance it takes to stop your car at various speeds.

Our students were outstanding ambassadors for EHS displaying respect for the speakers and taking on board the very serious messages from the event. We are very proud of how serious they took this excursion and hope they enjoyed the day.



Year 11 B Street Smart Excursion



Sport News

Four teams represented Erina at the Central Coast Oz Tag Tournament. In each age group there were at least 20 teams competing for the title. It was a huge day with 21 quality games being played across all teams. The Open Girls and Boys worked hard in their pool stage but did not progress to the semi-final.

Open Girls Best and Fairest: Morgan M, Coaches Award: Allegra D

Open Boys Best and Fairest: Aidan F, Coaches Award: Joshua G

The 9/10 Boys had wins over Berkeley Vale, St Brigid's and Wyong which was enough to progress into the quarter-final. The boys won their next game against Terrigal who they had previously taken a loss from in the pool stage. The boys played extremely well throughout the day but unfortunately went down to Kincumber in the semi-final and were knocked out of the competition.

Year 9/10 Boys Best and Fairest: Harry A Coaches Award: Blake M

The 9/10 Girls finished at the top of their pool with wins over St Brigid's, Adventist, Henry Kendall and Gorokan, meaning they safely moved on to the quarter-final. The girls won their quarter-final against St Joeys and semi-final against St Brigid's to progress to the grand-final. It was a tough game and the girls played well but Wadalba were the better team on this occasion.

Year 9/10 Girls Best and Fairest: Kate E, Coaches Award: Georgia D

Head Coach: Miss Todd , Assistant Coach: Mr Keyes

Great work to all the students who represented Erina on the day.



Sport News

What an amazing effort from the Open Girls Rugby League team who recently completed in the Isabelle Kelly Cup at Morry Breen Oval. The girls day opened with an 18-10 loss to Wadalba, however, there were very pleasing signs with the girl's confidence building throughout the match.

Grace R and Sienna K really leading the way in the middle with some excellent tackling and hard straight running. In round 2 they came up against a combined Kincumber/Central Coast Sports College team.

A massive performance from Jayda D on the wing helped the girls to a very hard-fought 12 -12 draw. This was an amazing result against two schools.

Their final pool match saw the girls play the much larger Wyong side.

Erin S showed outstanding technique tackling much larger opponents and Tyla S never gave up trying to chase down every line break.

Unfortunately, the girls suffered a few injuries and were not able to come away with the win.

We are so proud of the girls efforts throughout the day. Special mention to Bethsheeba B and Allegra D for playing so well in their first ever official games of Rugby League.

Player of the day is awarded Erin S and the Coaches Award goes to Sienna K.

Congratulations to Morgan M who has recently been named in the NSW CHS Touch Team to play in the National tournament in Queensland in September.

This is the second straight year that Morgan has been selected for the NSW team. Morgan has had an extremely successful year so far with her CHS selection joining her selection in the Touch Football Australia National Youth Squad, as well as the Australian under 18's Tagaroo side.

Well done Morgan, Erina High School is extremely proud of your achievements.



Sport News

Congratulations to the following students on their successful representation of Erina High School at the Sydney North Athletics Championships that were held on the 25th and 26th of July.

We had some fantastic results over the two days with a lot of 4th and 5th place results. This is so close to the CHS qualification, as the top 2 automatically progress through to CHS state Championships.

Well done to all these students:.

Gemma B: 6th in the 16 years girls 800m

Addison J: 10th in the 16 years girls Triple Jump

Blake M: 4th in the 15 years boys 200m, 4th in the 15 years boys 100m Hurdles, 5th in the 15 years boys 200m hurdles and 8th 15 years boys 100m

Riley P: 5th in the 15 years boys 100m Hurdles, 6th in the 15 years Triple Jump

Noah W: 5th in the Open Boys Shot Put

Rory P: 4th in the 15 years boys Javelin

Blake M, Riley P, Alystair R and Cameron B: 12th in the 15 years boys relay.



Sport News

Congratulations to our Zone athletes who competed in the Brisbane Water Zone Championships late last term.

We had some amazing results which saw us finish in 6th place overall for the zone.

Special mention must go to the following athletes who qualified for Sydney North Athletics by winning or placing second in their events.

Gemma B: 1st in the 16 girls 800m and Triple Jump

Kate E: 15 girls 100m

Addison J: 2nd in the 16 girls Triple jump

Blake M: 15 years boys 100m, 100m Hurdles, 200m and 4x100m

Riley P: 15 years boys 100m hurdles, Triple Jump, 4x100m Relay

Rory P: 15 years boys Javelin

Alystair R: 15 years boys 4x100m Relay

Noah W: Open Boys Shot Put and Javelin

Thank you to all our Zone competitors for representing Erina High School with pride throughout the day and giving your best efforts.

Special mention also must go Gemma B and Mikayla P who were both crowned Zone Age Champions due to their incredible and consistent results across a variety of events.

Both Gemma and Mikayla had very full programs and performed extremely well throughout the day, they are deserving winners of this award.



NAIDOC Week Appreciation Day

Our NAIDOC Week Cultural Appreciation Day was a huge success. The Purpose was to engage Stage 3 students from our Erina Learning Community in a broad range of cultural experiences run by AECG approved Aboriginal providers.

The aim was to generate an enhanced understanding of the significance of NAIDOC Week and the meaning of this year's theme 'Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up'. The program included a Smoking Ceremony and cultural workshops run by local Aboriginal man Tim Selwyn from Girri Girra, Bush Tucker and Weaving workshops run by Bush to Bowl as well a Shake and Stomp dance workshop run by Dhinewan Mentoring and traditional Aboriginal sports.

We had over 50 students from our partner primary schools along with our own stage 4 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students along with a friend and our Aboriginal Leadership Team who led students throughout the day. Students were buzzing at the end of day. Huge thanks to everyone involved.



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Junior Blasters **Ages 4-7**

Junior Blast introduces girls and boys to Australia's favourite sport. It's safe & great fun.

- Fun and safe environment to learn cricket
- 16 week program run at Erina Oval on Saturday Mornings 9:30 - 10:30am
- Commences 8 October
- 5 week break at Christmas
- Kids receive a Junior Blast player pack upon registration.



Master Blasters **Ages 6-8**

Master Blast is for boys and girls. It's fun, safe, active and best of all, it's cricket and it's a blast!

- For both boys and girls
- Saturday Mornings 9:00 - 10:30am
- Everyone gets a chance to bat and bowl
- 16 week program commencing 8 October
- 5 week break at Christmas
- All games are played at Erina Oval
- Weekly training

* Subject to public health orders.



Junior Club Cricket **Ages 9-15**

Junior Club cricket is for boys who want to socialise, have some fun and keep active in a competitive environment.

- Graded competitions to suit all skill levels commencing 8 October.
- One day games of cricket, played on Saturday Mornings.
- Formats vary with age. Shorter pitch and fewer players for younger age groups.
- Players receive a playing shirt and a training shirt. New players receive a club cap.



All Girls Cricket **Ages 9-15**

All Girls Cricket is just for girls. It is fast, exciting and gives girls a fun and friendly environment to play Australia's favourite game with all their friends!

- One day games of cricket commencing 8 October 2022.
- Formats vary with age. Shorter pitch and fewer players means more action.
- Players receive a playing shirt and a training shirt. New players receive a club cap.

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