

THE LATEST
NEWS FROM
ERINA HIGH
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Upcoming Events

29 August

Valid testing Year
10 commences

1 Sept

Year 7/8 Netball
Gala Day

7 Sept

CHS Athletics
commences

12 Sept

Year 11 Yearly
exams begin

23 Sept

Last day of
Term 3

Principals Message

I attended a Professional Learning Day on school improvement in Sydney last week, investigating what schools should and can be doing to improve. To start the day principals were asked the following question, "What is the purpose of education in 2022?" On the surface, this question appears quite simple, but it was very interesting to hear the many varied responses from those in attendance. There were two clear themes.

Theme One - The development of knowledge, skills and characteristics to allow young people to be successful lifelong learners.

Theme Two - The development of student character to create caring and socially aware individuals who are active and productive members of modern society.

I wanted to share this with the school community to remind everyone school is so much more than learning. Learning is our core business, but ensuring we have high expectations, structures and programs to support the development of student character is equally as important.

Further to this, staff have been meeting to discuss 'Core Values' that Erina High will focus upon to underpinning the development of student character. Staff have identified the following five as the values of greater significance and will use these in a variety of ways across the school. Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Excellence, Care.

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Year 12 – Final week

Year 12 students have just finished their Trial HSC Exams and by all reports students managed themselves very well. This was the first time students have sat a 3 hour exam in the MPC and I am sure the experience will hold them in good stead in the upcoming HSC Exams. With the HSC now less than 7 weeks away, it is absolutely essential Year 12 students continue to attend every lesson and make the most of their remaining time at school.

Positive attendance and strong engagement will make a significant difference to final HSC results. Year 12 teachers are busily marking exams and writing reports and motivated to support students in this final phase of their schooling.

Students will receive their final school report at the Year 12 Graduation Assembly which is scheduled for Thursday 22 September. Further details regarding the assembly will be communicated to Year 12 and parents closer to the event.

P&C- Future Directions Meeting

At our last P&C meeting I shared some of the changes that will be occurring at Erina in 2023. It was great to see over 50 parents in attendance. I thank you for your interest in the school and your feedback. Some of the key changes mentioned are:

1. Starting the school day at 9:00am every day. We will no longer be starting at 8:50am on a Tuesday.

2. A shift in the timetable structure for Years 11 & 12. We will be increasing face to face classes, reducing the free/study periods during the day and also investigating removing Period A (before school lessons that start at 8:00am)

3. Refinement of the 7-10 timetable to allow for greater continuity of learning.

4. A review and refinement of school uniform. Higher expectations for wearing full school uniform and some additional school uniform items.

5. A review of the school's mobile phone policy and procedures.



Reminders

Request to leave the school early.

Students with a legitimate reason for leaving the school early, or leaving for an interval of time, should present a note to the front office between 8.00-8.45am on the day.

The note, to be written, dated and signed by the parent or guardian, must show the reason for the request, the time of departure and transport arrangements. The student's name and year must also be on the letter.

This allows for minimal disruptions to class and for a prompt departure.

Latest news from our school community

HSIE NEWS

As always, things are very busy in HSIE. Year 7 and 8 History students will shortly be receiving their first assessment task notifications.

Stage 5 HSIE students are currently completing a range of assessment tasks. Year 9 has been working on a take home task about the Industrial Revolution, while Year 10 are preparing for a task about Rights and Freedoms.

Congratulations must go to the Year 11 Mock Trial team, who defeated Hunter Valley Grammar School to progress to the Second Elimination Round!

We are immensely proud of the team and wish them success against Trinity Catholic College in the next round.

Year 11 Business Studies, Legal Studies and Modern History will begin preparing for their Yearly Examinations.

Accessing the syllabus and creating detailed summary notes of each syllabus dot point is a great way to prepare for multiple choice and short answer questions.

Students will also have the opportunity to practice drafting extended responses before the exams commence.

Congratulations must also go to Year 12 Ancient History, Japanese, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Modern History and Society and Culture students, for their committed Trial HSC Examination preparation and willingness to attend study sessions.

A reminder that it is essential to continue to attend all lessons after the Trial HSC Examination period until the end of term. New content may still be covered, and this period of time is vital for students to consolidate and strengthen their understanding of course concepts.



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Math News

Our senior students are completing their final assessments before the HSC. It is a stressful time, and many young people can feel overwhelmed by the volume of knowledge they will be tested on and the expectations they may feel from society at large. A learned Professor once told this Mathematics teacher, “Exams are fun! They are a chance for you to show what you know!” There may be some merit to reflecting on this, but we all know that exams rarely feel like fun, and they usually seem like a blunt tool used to probe knowledge & problem-solving skills in a high stakes environment. Organisation and strategies are the key to minimising stress and maximising confidence.

In Mathematics there are proven techniques that can help prepare a student to achieve their personal best outcome in examination conditions. Listing the topics that will be assessed and writing summary notes for each concept is always a great idea. Then spending a little time each day tackling one or two questions from one or two topics will build confidence while avoiding fatigue. Work, repetition, focus and a healthy balanced schedule will be rewarded with growing self-confidence and understanding.

Following a diligent routine for study is akin to an athlete’s training schedule. There are no guarantees of winning the top prize, but a student can feel assured they prepared wisely and gave themselves the best chance at achieving their personal best. The Mathematics faculty wishes our Year 12 students every success in completing their high school studies.



School Waste Audit

On Wednesday 17th August, a group of Year 9 students were involved in a school waste audit where they worked on separating the school's rubbish into various types of waste. This program is being led by Ms Harman and Mr White, in conjunction with Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre. Our aim is to develop more sustainable practices within the school and educate students on the importance of reducing pollution and our carbon footprint.

Our school is one of 20 schools in NSW to pilot the program, by working toward a long-term goal of decreasing the amount of waste schools send to landfill. It also educates students to become more environmentally aware and dispose of their rubbish at school in sustainably friendly ways. This coincides with the single use plastic ban which will be completely implemented across NSW by November 1, 2022.

Adam Crouch and NBN were in attendance, and Erina High School appeared on the news which showcased the positive work this group of students is undertaking. An article has also been published in the local newspaper, Central Coast Community News.

The link for the news item is below:

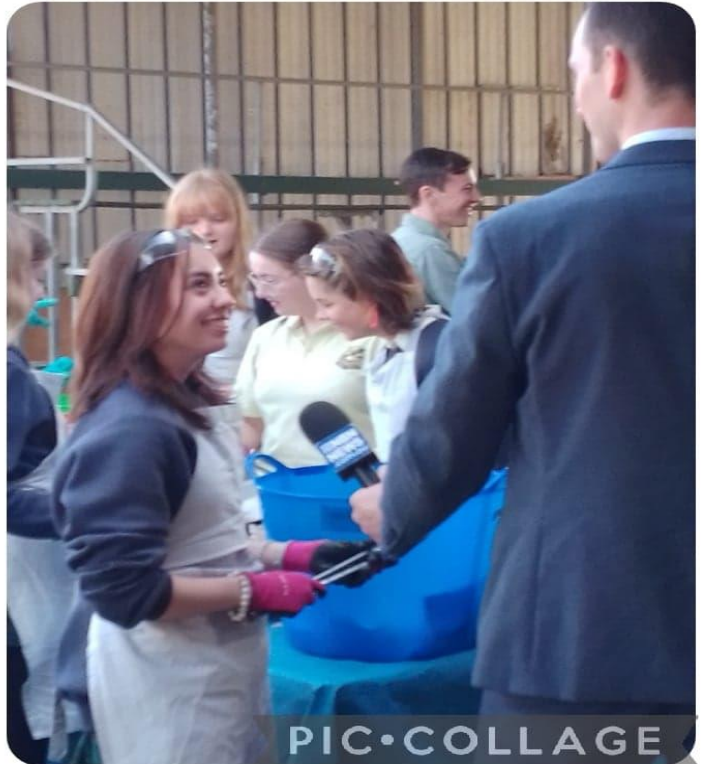
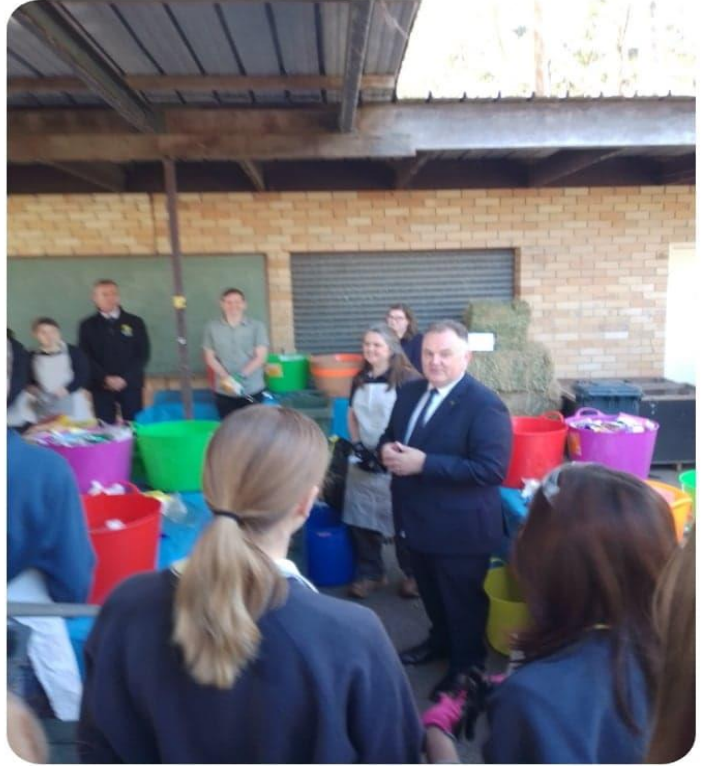
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Mirrabooka News

Peace Park Beautification!

Ziek and David have been hard at work in Peace Park planting some amazing Frangipani cuttings donated to us by our awesome General Assistant Colin.

Great work boys and thank you Colin!



Mirrabooka News

Archibald Prize

On Thursday the 18th of August, students from Mirrabooka travelled by train to Sydney to visit the Archibald Prize at the Art Gallery of NSW. Students were lucky enough to have a guided tour and then participated in an art workshop where they made their own portraits.

After the gallery, students visited a local food court before travelling back home by train. This has been the first opportunity for students from Mirrabooka to participate in a community access program using public transport since lockdowns from last year. It was a great day enjoyed by all.



Mirrabooka News

Excursion- By Ava Hlavaty.

To get to the Art Gallery of NSW we first got to Gosford train station at 8:15am. We got off at Central Station then caught another train to St James. We arrived at 10:00am and had a snack before we walked to the Art Gallery. When we got there, we started the tour of the Archibald Prize 2022. We split into two groups and the tour guide stopped at specific art pieces to talk about them. After the tour we got to do an art piece with random art and craft supplies at the gallery. We then got food at Westfield before taking the train home, we all had a fantastic day!



Mirrabooka News

Last term in Mirrabooka, students worked on their portraits inspired by Chuck Close.

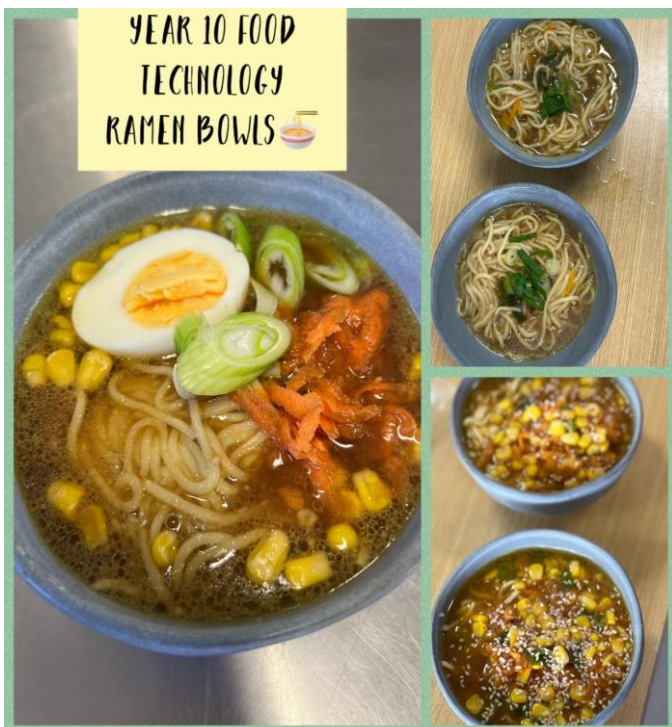
They practiced their drawing techniques including the 'grid method' and shading skills. Taryn Young's artwork is featured, and she is our next "Artist of the Week".



Food Technology News



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Technology Mandatory



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MANDATORY
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YEAR 7
TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY
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FARM VISIT

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New Member Registration Day

Come along and meet our club representatives. We are a fun, friendly and family orientated Club.

2022/23 Season
Sunday 11th September
3pm – 5pm @ NASLSC

All Members are invited to SIPS and a BBQ from 5pm

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