



Upcoming Events

4 December
Year 9 Luna
Park excursion

6 December
EHS
Presentation
night

15 December
Last day for all
students for
2023

1 Feb 2024
Year 7, 11 and
12 return

2 Feb 2024
Years 8,9 & 10
return

Principals Message

Term 4 has begun busily with HSC Exams commencing in Week 1, Junior Exams taking place in Week 2, the HSC class of 2024 participating in an HSC Launch Day and the introduction of the new ban on mobile phone policy in high schools.

The majority of students have adjusted to the new ban on mobile phones well and there is a different level of noise and energy in the playground during break times as students are off their phones and talking and interacting with each other face to face.

Student leaders have approached me and are planning on running some organised activities for students during breaks.

HSC Exams

The HSC Exams enter their final week in Week 4 and conclude on Friday November 3 with the Food Technology Exam. Feedback from students has been that the exams have been that usual mix of some being not as tough as they imagined and others being really challenging. Students are looking forward to completing this final aspect of their high school journey and then celebrating the conclusion of school at the Year 12 Formal on Wednesday November 8.

Student results are released on Thursday December 14, and I look forward to celebrating and acknowledging some wonderful HSC results from the class of 2023.



Welcome Mr Tim Schofield

Mr Schofield has commenced at the school in the position of Head Teacher TAS. Mr Schofield brings with him leadership experience, deep faculty knowledge and has made an immediate impact. I am very confident Mr Schofield will be a wonderful addition to the EHS staff and will be an asset to the school.

I would also like to thank Mr Glenn Bath who has filled in as Relieving Head Teacher for a number of years. Mr Bath's support of the faculty and school is greatly appreciated.

Ban on mobile phones

As mentioned in the opening paragraph, Term 4 has seen the commencement of the ban on mobile phones in all NSW public schools in both classrooms and the playground. The majority of Erina High students have adjusted to this new expectation really well and I thank them for their cooperation and respect of the new rules. We have had a number of students who have not placed their phones into their supplied phone pouches upon arrival at school and then accessed their phones at some point during the school day. These students are having their phone confiscated and kept at the front office. Students who continue to breach the school's phone expectations will be subject to the school discipline procedures for continued disobedience and be issued with formal cautions of suspension and if breaches continue, an official suspension.

I encourage all students to also remember to turn their phones off or place them into aeroplane mode prior to placing them into the pouches.



Reminders

Students not returning to Erina High School in 2024

One of the challenges for every school is producing a school timetable that meets the needs of as many students as possible. School staffing is determined by the number of students attending a school and changes in student numbers does mean changes in the number of teachers allocated to a school. If there are any families who know their child or children will not be returning to Erina High School in 2024 can you please contact the front office and inform the school of this information. This will allow for better planning and teacher allocation in the formation of the 2024 school timetable

World Teacher's Day

Friday October 27 is World Teacher's Day. This is a day to acknowledge the wonderful work of teachers and say thank you for the difference teachers make in the lives of young people on a daily basis.

Erina High School is fortunate to have a large number of caring and dedicated high quality teachers who are making a significant difference every day.

On Friday, the school will say thank you to all teachers with student leaders cooking bacon and egg rolls and providing fruit juices to our wonderful staff.

On Monday October 31 Mr Andrew Manwaring will be recognised at the Central Coast World Teacher's Day award ceremony, taking place at Mingara.

Mr Manwaring is a highly organised and dedicated teacher who is always looking to improve and deliver learning that is engaging and targeted at the point of need for all students. He has a professional, friendly and caring nature that students respond positively to.

Mr Manwaring's students achieved outstanding HSC results in 2022 in Ancient History with two students scoring HSC results above 90.



Reminders

CAPA Variety Night

The CAPA staff and students have been working very hard preparing for the CAPA Variety Night which is scheduled for Friday November 10. I am looking forward to seeing the art display and then being entertained by students in music, drama and dance.

Last year's variety night was fantastic and I am sure this years will be too.

A flyer promoting the night was emailed home earlier this week.

2023 Chick Chat

Week 10, Term 3 saw our Year 7 girls engage in the 'Chick Chat' with Mrs Mallon.

The program is designed to provide essential knowledge and skills to assist our female students in managing their menstrual cycle. It was a great opportunity for students to share their experiences/ tips and tricks and explore some of the new environmentally conscious and sustainable products available to them.

The girls left the program with a gift pack, lollipop and the confidence and skills to face the challenges of 'being a woman'.

Thanks for a great day Year 7!





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Latest news from our school community

MUSIC NEWS

ERINA HIGH SCHOOL

CREATIVE ARTS NIGHT

*Coffee van and light
refreshments
available on the
night!*

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER
EHS MPC

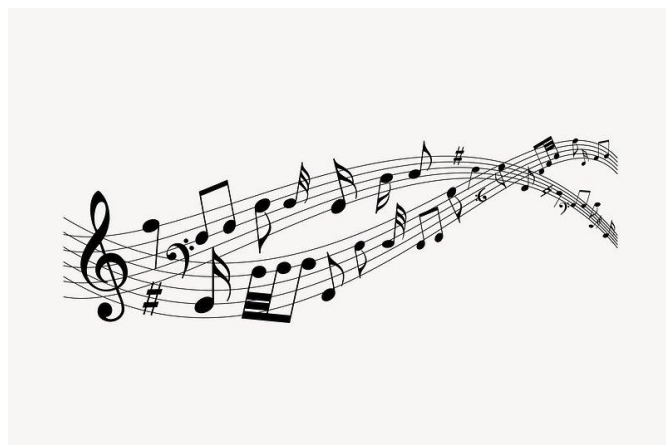
6-6:30 ART EXHIBITION
6:30PM PERFORMANCES

Save the date!

We are thrilled to announce our much-anticipated Creative Arts Night! Our performance night will take place on Friday November 10, in the MPC. An exhibition of student artworks will take place from 6pm and music and dance performances from 6:30pm.

This special evening is an opportunity to celebrate the artistic talents and creativity of our students, and we encourage you to save the date and come along to support our amazing students.

A coffee van will also be available on the night with some light refreshments. We hope you can join us!



Sport News

CHS OPEN BOYS CRICKET

Erina High School are through to the Sydney North semi final of the NSW CHS Open Boys Cricket competition. Erina HS were the first team to qualify for the finals after defeating Brisbane Water Secondary College at MacKillop Oval.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, Erina looked a little shaky as two early wickets fell, including captain and last-knock centurion Lewis G-C. Harry L and Kane D steadied the innings and took Erina to 141 runs when Dwyer was caught out for 48. Zac S made some valuable runs at the end of the innings, however his biggest contribution was his selfless batting, turning the strike over to Harry L who brought up his century in the final over of the innings. Erina finished with a total of 200 runs from 35 overs - Harry L 103.

Despite some loose early bowling, Erina found luck and claimed three wickets, including that of a star batsman, as Brisbane Water began their run chase. Erina's standard of bowling and fielding was not up to its usual high quality, possibly due to the cricket season only just beginning, and some dropped catches and ground fielding errors allowed Brisbane Water back into the match. One of the opposition's opening batsmen was still at the crease and scoring freely, but Erina were able to steady the ship after the drinks break and take regular wickets which applied greater pressure to the top order batter who was now stuck with tail enders. In the end, he would go on to also score a century, however Erina's total of 200 runs was just enough as Brisbane Water finished their 35 overs on a score of 7/194 - Morgan C 2/28.

Erina HS are the last remaining Central Coast team in the competition and now play Cherrybrook Technology HS for a spot in the Sydney North Grand Final.



Sport News

Taylee travelled to the Gold Coast to compete in the National Clubs Gymnastics Championships for Trampolining over the weekend.

Taylee made the finals in Trampoline which they take the first 16 out of 62 competitors which was her only goal coming into this competition. She went to the finals in 10th and held her position coming- 10th out of 62 competitors in Trampoline.

33rd out of 86 competitors in DMT, only missing the final by 0.6



Finance News

School Bytes has a new Finance Parent App making it easier to sign permission notes and make payments.



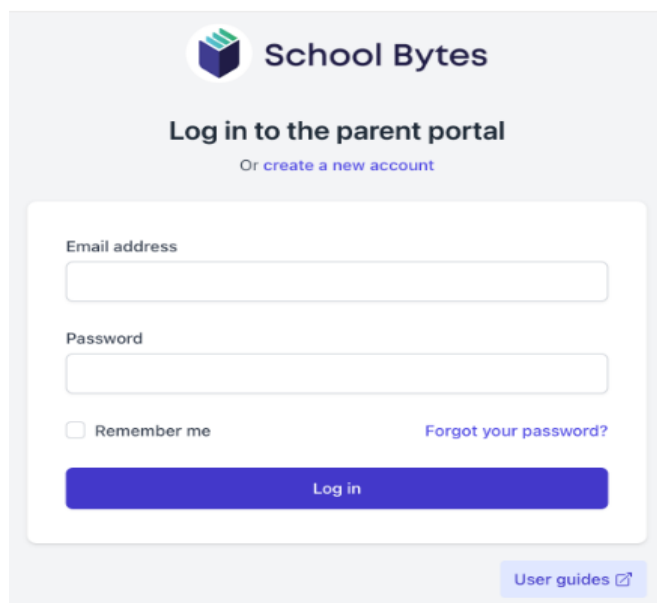
Erina High School uses School Bytes for online permission notes and payments that can be accessed via a parent portal. The School Bytes parent portal enables you to view all your children in one portal and process payments for multiple siblings in one transaction.

Once your portal has been activated you can use it to give consent for events, process online payments and view any outstanding fees. Your payment details can be stored in the App so you don't need to type it in each time making it a quicker, easier process.

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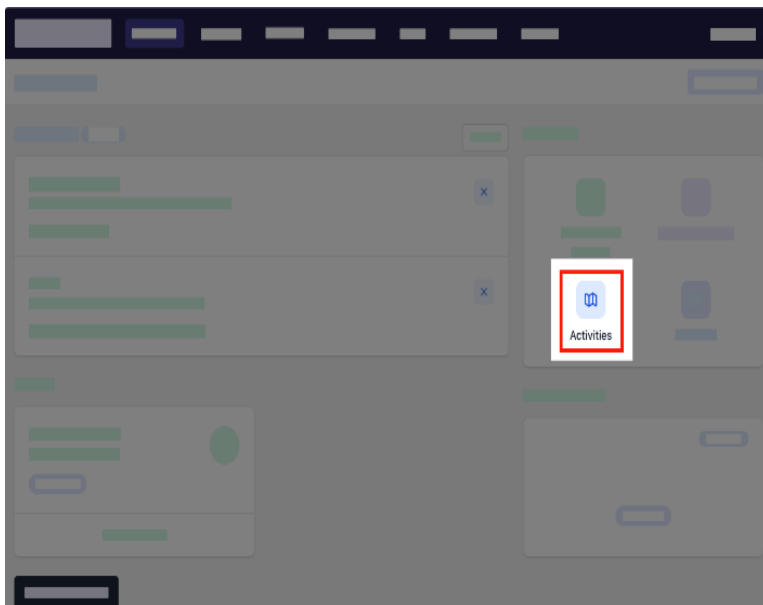
See below for step by step instructions on how to pay and give consent for an activity.

1. Open School Bytes.

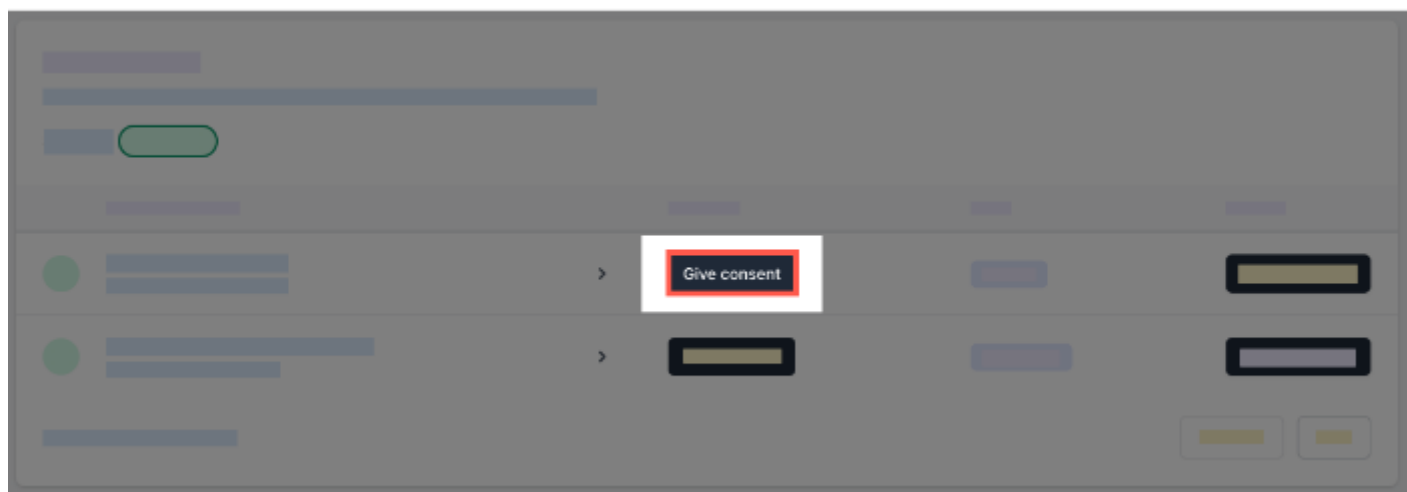


The image shows the School Bytes login page. At the top is the School Bytes logo and the text "Log in to the parent portal" with a link "Or create a new account". Below this are input fields for "Email address" and "Password". There is a "Remember me" checkbox and a "Forgot your password?" link. A blue "Log in" button is at the bottom. A "User guides" link with an external icon is in the bottom right corner.

2. Select the activities tab.

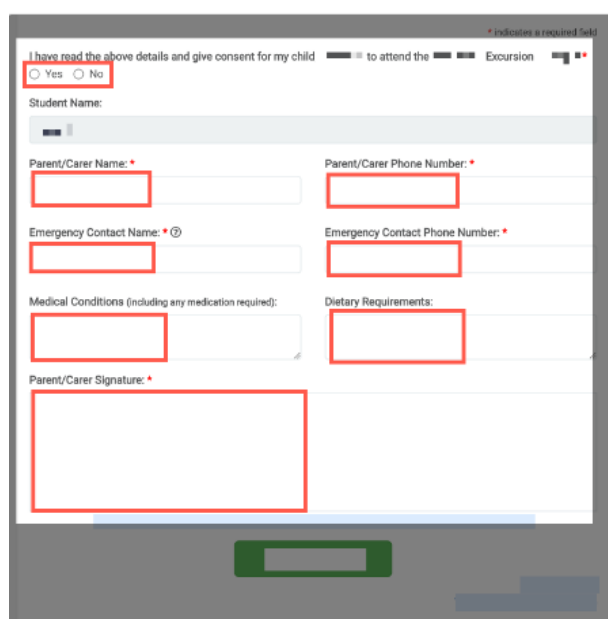


3. Select give consent. This MUST be done prior to payment or it will not work.



Finance News

4. Enter the relevant details in consent form.



I have read the above details and give consent for my child ☐ Yes ☐ No to attend the ☐ Excursion ☐ * indicates a required field

Student Name:

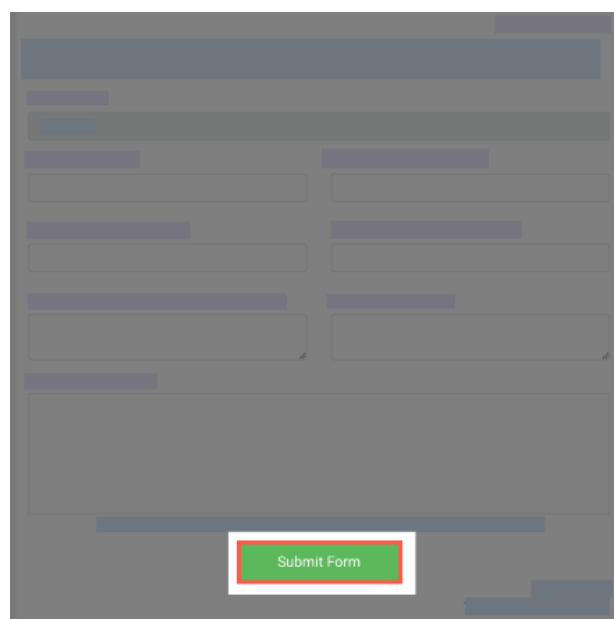
Parent/Carer Name: Parent/Carer Phone Number:

Emergency Contact Name: Emergency Contact Phone Number:

Medical Conditions (including any medication required): Dietary Requirements:

Parent/Carer Signature:

5. Select submit form.



6. Enter your payment details.

You will be redirected to a secure Service NSW payment page to enter your credit/debit card details to finalise payment.

7. Payment successful.

Click anywhere outside the receipt prompt to return to the parent portal. A receipt will be automatically emailed to you.

Transport for NSW



School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 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 because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification 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 travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the 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.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children 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.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](#)

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NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build
friendships



Develop
life skills

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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