

THE LATEST
NEWS FROM
ERINA HIGH
SCHOOL



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Upcoming Events

4 Dec
Year 9
Luna Park
Excursion

6 Dec
Presentation
Night

11 Dec
Year 10
Luna Park

11 Dec
Year 7
Surf and
Survive

13 Dec
Praise and
Reward
excursion

Principals Message

During the last three weeks, I have lost count of the number of times I have pinched myself regarding how lucky I am to be the Principal of Erina High School. I have had the privilege of watching a wonderful group of Year 12 students celebrate the conclusion of their 13 year school journey with the Year 12 Formal at the Springs, Peats Ridge.

I watched in awe and with pride at the students performing brilliantly, and often out of their comfort zone at the CAPA Performance Night, also I attended the Tjudibaring AECG Awards Night to see numerous Aboriginal Erina High School students be recognised for cultural, academic, sporting, creative arts and leadership achievements in 2023. I also had the honour of watching our school captains represent the school with distinction at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Tarragal Glenn

and saw our PASS and junior leadership students supporting, encouraging and building positive relationships with students from partner primary schools at the Year 5 Fun Day. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the Erina High School teaching and non-teaching staff who give hours of their own time to provide these opportunities for Erina High School students. Over the remaining weeks of 2023 there are a number of key activities that will be taking place. The school will be holding Orientation Day activities next Tuesday November 28 for students and parents, the Erina High's Presentation Evening will take place on Wednesday December 6, which celebrates and acknowledges student achievement across a range of areas, and the Sports Presentation Assembly will be held on Friday December 8.



Changes for 2024

There will be a number of school-based and department changes occurring at the beginning of 2024.

(BYOD) Bring Your Own Device

It has become apparent that Erina High School needs to become a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) school. A BYOD school is where schools ask students to bring a personal laptop to school each day to support their learning. This initiative is aimed at providing students with greater access to technology in classrooms, promoting a more interactive and engaging learning environment and preparing students for success in an ever-increasing digital world.

I understand that this is a significant shift in expectations and there will be processes and support available for families who are unable to meet these expectations. In 2024, we will begin the implementation of BYOD with our Stage 6 senior students and will be asking students in Year 11 and 12 to bring their own laptop to school each day. Conversations with senior students indicate that many students already have a laptop. Students in Stage 4 and 5 (Years 7-10) are more than welcome to bring laptops to school to support their learning but this will not be a requirement for students in 2024.

The plan is to create systems and structures to support BYOD across the school from 2025. The school is establishing processes to ensure all senior students who do not own a personal laptop will have access to a school laptop to support their learning. Further information regarding this expectation and the roll out of BYOD will be emailed home in the coming weeks.



Reminders

EHS PRESENTATION NIGHT

06 | DECEMBER | 2023

6:00PM

Save the date for a night of celebration!
We will be honouring the outstanding achievements
of our award recipients.

New Year 7 courses: Learning to Learn & The Resilience Project

The school has developed a Year 7 Learning to Learn course where there is a very strong emphasis on the skills required for success in the ever-changing modern world. Whilst all teachers and all KLAs teach course specific skills in conjunction with content knowledge there are specific future focused learning skills (communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity) and specific learning skills (organisation, short and long writing technique, typing skills, the use of a thinking matrix called ALARM) which if understood and adopted by all students enhance their chances for success in learning.

The Learning to Learn course will be delivered in a single period per fortnight and taught by Mr Tom Model (HSIE teacher) to ensure consistency of delivery.

To compliment the Learning to Learn course Year 7 students will also undertake a wellbeing education program called "The Resilience Project". This program supports youth mental health with an emphasis on positive emotions gratitude, empathy and Mindfulness (GEM).

The link below will take you to 'Resilience Project' home page if you are interested in reading more about the program.

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/education-2/>

New Student Behaviour Policy

The department has released a new Students Behaviour Policy for familiarisation in Term 4, with full implementation day 1, 2024.

The new policy has seen the return of very explicit expectations for students regarding behaviour and a much clearer set of procedures for schools to use to support positive behaviour and manage inappropriate student behaviour. I am very confident the new policy and procedure will allow Erina High School to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment where students can learn, and teachers can teach with minimal disruption.



Reminders

Erina High School has updated the processes that need to be followed if your child needs to leave school during the day. A "passout" will be granted to students to leave the school only if written communication is provided to the administration staff. This must be in the form of a hand written note or an email to the school in the **morning**. We are no longer able to accept a phone call during the school day. This process is in line with Department of Education guidelines.

Should you need to collect your child unexpectedly, then you must present to reception in person to collect your child and there may be a wait while we send for your child.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.

Mirrabooka News

Food Technology:

This term in Food Technology, students have been investigating foods for special occasions. They were tasked with designing and decorating a cake for a specific occasion. Here is a photo of Lachlan's "cursed theme" birthday cake - inspired by cakes that don't quite 'match the brief'.

We would like to share with our community this amazing artwork created by Bodhi. As a part of the Love Bites Central Coast program for respectful relationships, Bodhi has created this submission for their 2023 art exhibition. Congratulations on this amazing achievement and your talent and creativity is something you should be immensely proud of!



Mirrabooka News

Taronga Zoo

Recently students from Mirrabooka who study Photography and Art went on an excursion to Taronga Zoo. The student's main goal was to take photos of the animals and their habitats. Some quality photos were taken and shared in their classes. Well done to Lukas, Lachie, Eric and Taryn who represented the school with distinction.



Food Technology News



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Food Technology News



**YEAR 8
TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY**



**YEAR 10
FOOD TECHNOLOGY
'LOADED FRIES'**



**YEAR 10 FOOD
TECHNOLOGY
'MATCHA CREPES'**



Latest news from our school community

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Year 7 Technology



Student success!

Congratulations to Harmony M in Year 9 who was awarded a Certificate of Participation for her submission into the Central Coast Childrens Art Competition 2023. Harmony's artwork is now on display at the Lions Club in Toukley. Well done Harmony, we are very proud of you.



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- Aged 30 years or over
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What is involved?

You will be given a **\$50 gift card** to complete the following:

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- Resting arterial health measures
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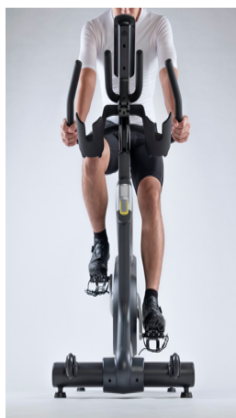
I am interested! How do I get involved?

For more information, contact Emily Cox via

Phone: 02 4985 4515 or

Email: emily.cox10@newcastle.edu.au

This project has been approved by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. H-2019-0429.



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WPNC needs you!

**Come and join us for
the 2024 season | April – Sept**

- Registration at Erina Leagues Club, January 31, 5pm – 7pm
or visit our website www.woodportnetball.com
- Register online from January 1 to February 4, 2024
- All ages required from U7s to U17s (age turning in 2024)
- All weekly training sessions and Saturday games (same time every week)
are held at **Adcock Park**

If you would like further information
please contact our registrar:

Mel Fowler, Registrar
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 Woodport Netball Club



Reminder to parents and carers:

Apply now for 2024 School Opal cards

Dear admins and teachers,

Applications are now open for 2024 Student Opal cards on Transport for NSW website. We encourage parents and carers to apply now to make sure their children receive their School Opal card before the start of the 2024 new school year.

Could you please share the information below before the end of Term 4 to help your parents and carers prepare their children early for their bus journey to school next year.

Please share on your school channels – email, text, social media or website!

Sincerely

Busways Customer Service team

Getting to school by bus in 2024

Will your child be catching the bus to school next year? Applications are now open for a 2024 School Opal cards. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of this year. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible. Here is how it works:

School Opal cards

- All students catching the bus in 2024 will need a School Opal card.
- Under the [School Student Transport Scheme \(SSTS\)](#), eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.
- For more information about the SSTS and how to apply for a School Opal Card, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer, and click 'apply for a school travel pass'.

Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to busways.com.au/nsw
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to 'school timetables'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device.
5. If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.
6. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.

