

Term 3 | Week 9, 2023



CELEBRATION NEWSLETTER

ISSUE #2



Hello EPHS Team!

We are very happy to share another snapshot of some of the things that have been happening and what's coming up at EPHS this term. We hope you enjoy it!

COMING UP

- **Year 8 Excursion to Penrith Lakes** - Wed 20th September
- **Year 12 Graduation** - Wed 20th September
- **Year 9 Luna Park Excursion** - Thurs 21st September
- **Last day of Term 3** - Fri 22nd September
- **Monday 9th October** - Term 4 begins

SCIENCE week

During Science Week, students participated in a range of fun Science activities and lessons. There was a paper plane challenge, exciting Science demonstrations and an escape room for students to enjoy.



DRESS AS *a scientist*

On the 14th of August, students and staff were invited to dress as a Scientist to celebrate the beginning of Science Week. Our school community showcased a range of creative Scientist costumes and it really set the mood for a fun packed day celebrating Science!



YEAR 7

Snake Tales Incursion

Also on the 14th of August, year 7 headed to the hall for a fascinating incursion about reptiles. The learning from this incursion supplemented the work year 7 have been doing in their “Classification and Interactions” topic. A few lucky students even had the opportunity to hold a reptile!



YEAR 10 & 12

Luna Park

On the 17th of August, our year 10 Science and year 12 physics students had a fun day at Luna Park tasked with investigating the laws of motion by exploring all of the exciting rides. Students and teachers are reported to have enjoyed this entertaining excursion.



The English Faculty are proud of the wonderful choices many of our students have made.

Our students have been encouraged to focus on the skills that they acquire whilst completing tasks and to seek assistance to further their understanding of these skills.

Year 7 have been having a lot of fun performing scenes from Macbeth and developing their understanding of Shakespearean language. They have also been working on their Mythical and Magical Worlds unit by exploring the fantasy genre.

Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 are all working hard to engage with their novel studies, making great progress in their critical analysis skills. It has been fulfilling to see the creative sides of so many of our students come to light, also. We have a range of new novels being studied in 2023, including The Van Gogh Deception,

Graveyard Book, The Incredible Here and Now, The Sky So Heavy and Between Us.

Year 11 Studies are working on a music unit, focusing on different text types and organisation. Year 11 Standard are enhancing their skills in deconstructing and analysing Peter Skrzynecki's poetry, and Year 11 Advanced are delving deeper into the key ideas of classic literature through their study of To Kill a Mockingbird.

Year 12 are in their final term of school, and we are so proud of the amazing achievements and progress that they have made. Each student has grown to be empathetic, kind and has persevered over the course of their schooling.

We cannot wait to celebrate all their hard work and to see them begin their new journey after school.



STAGE 4 AND 5

Premier's Debating Challenge

This year, Erskine Park High School participated in the Premier's Debating Challenge. Our students engaged in multiple debates throughout the year. They engaged in various ways in forming and articulating their thoughts. They presented themselves in a professional and respectful manner when competing against other schools and have learned a lot through this experience.

Our Stage 4 team participated in a number of debates, bringing home the win against Glenmore Park. Our Stage 5 teams also showcased their debating skills, having success against both St Clair and Katoomba. While we did not make it to the championship rounds, we came 3rd and 2nd in our zone. Ms Howell, Ms Diakou and the teams are currently training and preparing to enter the competition next year.



POP UP PODCAST

Inursion

On the 31st of August, a group of Year 9 & 10 students participated in a Pop-up Podcast whole day workshop held in the Library.

During this immersive workshop, our students honed their skills in utilising cutting-edge technology and equipment, enabling them to craft their very own podcasts. They tapped into their creative reservoirs to conceive unique ideas, weaving them into captivating narratives while meticulously planning a production of this magnitude.

The aim of the incursion is to empower these students to imbed newly acquired skills into future whole school projects, serving s as a bridge between the digital landscape and the realm of meta-technology, fostering a dynamic learning environment where innovation thrives.



CAREERS

White Card Course

On Monday, September 4th, a group of motivated students from Years 9 and 10 gathered in the Peppertree Hub to embark on their White Card Course journey.

The purpose of this course was to equip these young individuals with the essential knowledge and skills needed for a smooth transition from school to the world of work, particularly in the construction industry.

Through various engaging activities and training sessions, these students demonstrated their commitment to working safely in construction. We are proud to announce that each and every student successfully obtained their White Card qualification on that very day. Congratulations to all of our accomplished students!



ARTS IN THE PARK

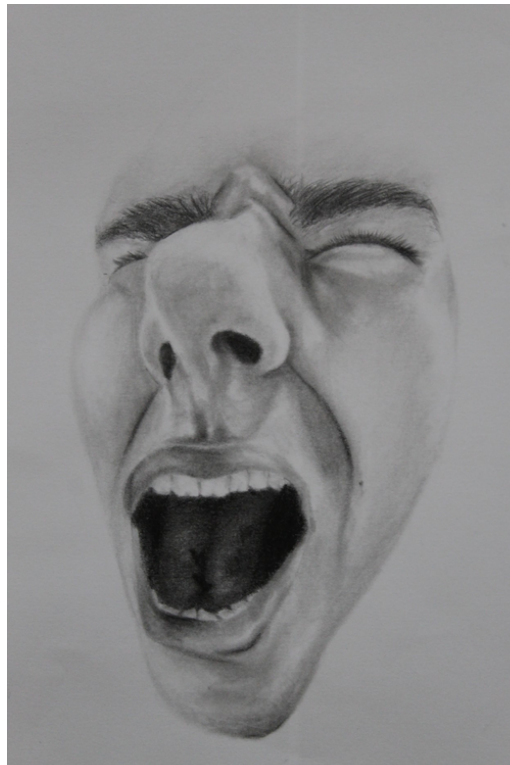
Arts Showcase

With the culmination of developmental, theoretical, and practical lessons leading to the creation of artworks and musical items, the school held its annual Arts in the Park Exhibition. This showcased Erskine Park's talented Visual Art, Photography, Ceramics, Visual Design and Music students.

On display were the HSC Visual Arts Major Works and Musical Performances. Also on show was an incredible variety of junior and senior work ranging from paintings, drawings, sculptures, photographs, prints, designed objects, and textured artworks. The Bald Archie's, the school's annual student portrait competition of the Erskine Park High School teaching staff, was very popular both as a collection of realistic and caricature portraits of our teachers.

An enormous thank you to the Creative and Performing Arts faculty for their hard work and dedication in setting up and dismantling the exhibition and to the local community for attending and supporting the Creative and Performing Arts within the school.





VARIETY NIGHT

Music Showcase

After countless hours rehearsing and refining performances, Variety Night was held on Thursday the 31st of August. It was greatly received by an enthusiastic audience who witnessed the talents of our amazing students. This was also an opportunity for our HSC Music cohort to perform their HSC musical items in front of a live audience before their final external examination. Thank you to all those who supported the event by coming along on the night to celebrate the skills and abilities of our students.



VICTOR CHANG *Award*

We are proud to highlight that last week two of our students, **Millie Sobiecki** and **Luke Keckes** won the Victor Chang School Science Award.

The Victor Chang Award is awarded to gifted students for their tenacity and commitment to science.

We want to congratulate both of our students for their outstanding work in Science and their continued dedication to their education.



B STREET SMART

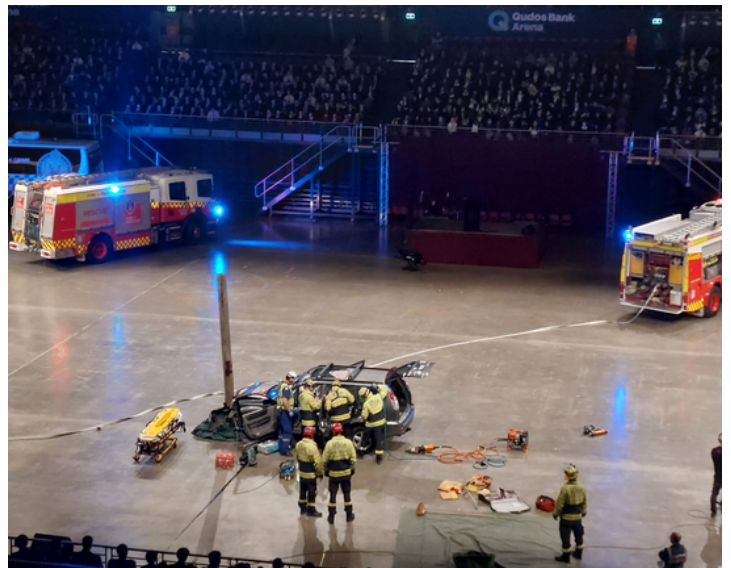
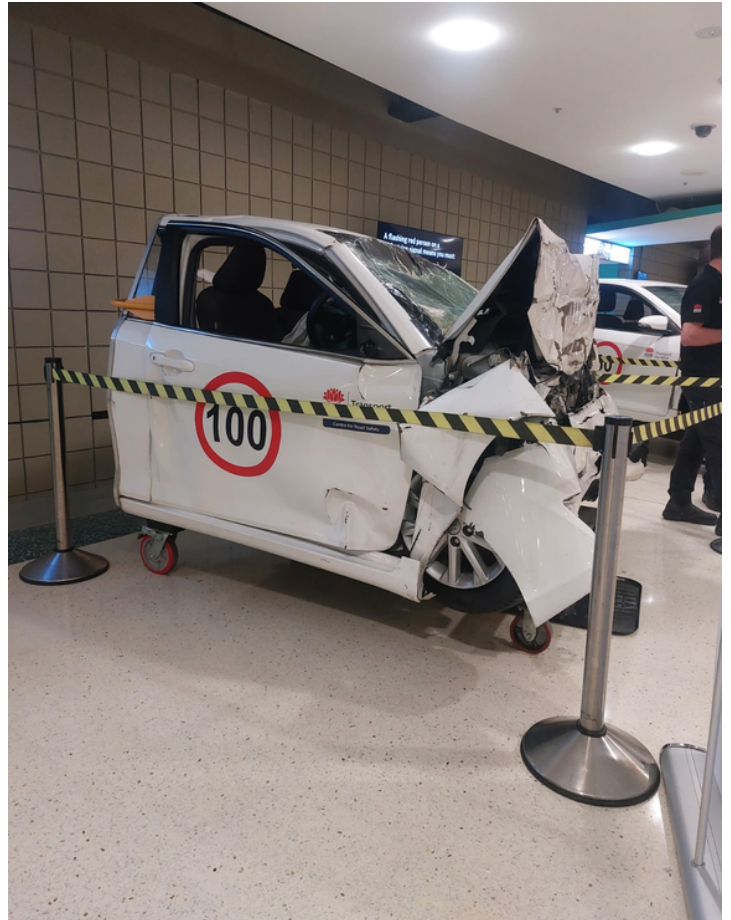
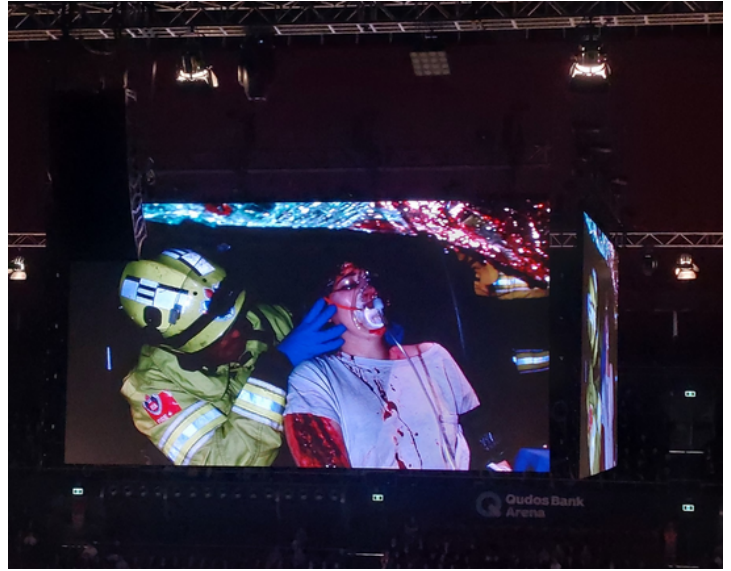
Excursion

“...an exceptionally valuable exercise for our Year 11 students.”

On August 23rd, our Year 11 students embarked on a meaningful journey as they participated in the B Street Smart excursion. This eye-opening experience allowed them to delve into the stark realities of motor vehicle accidents. Throughout the day, they had the privilege of hearing firsthand accounts from survivors of such accidents, gaining profound insights into the consequences of unsafe driving practices.

The excursion also delved into the crucial topics of safe braking distances and the impact of factors like speed, alcohol and distractions on driving.

While some moments were undoubtedly challenging and thought-provoking, this excursion proved to be an exceptionally valuable exercise for our Year 11 students. It not only deepened their understanding of responsible and safe driving but also left a lasting impression on their commitment to making our roads safer for everyone.



SPORTING *Achievements*

Daniel Zullo's outstanding performance at the CHS State Athletics carnival earned him medals in two out of three events, showcasing his talent at the highest level.

His success has fueled his ambition for the upcoming All Schools event during the school holidays, where he'll compete in the 100m, 200m, and 800m races, aiming for a spot at the National Championships in Western Australia later this year.

Daniel has achieved new personal best times and aspires to participate in the 2028 Paralympic Games in Brisbane.

Congratulations on these remarkable achievements, Daniel! Best of luck in your next competition. Well done!



Daniel competed in 3 events and achieved the following results:

- 100m - 4th place - 13.19s (PB)
- 200m - Bronze Medal - 27s
- 800m - Silver Medal - 2:35 (PB)



Congratulations to the Werrington Zone U14 Futsal team who won ALL games! Well done boys!

Vs Kingswood	5-2
Vs St Clair	9-1
Vs Cranebrook	4-3
Vs Colyton	6-2
Vs Cambridge Park	6-2

Semi Final: Vs St. Clair 5-2

Final: Vs Cranebrook 3-0