



Oxley High School LOGBOOK

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I again thank you all for your wonderful children and I look forward to sharing the great educational journey that is Oxley High School.

Higher School Certificate: Congratulations to our students, staff and parents on another successful HSC. The conduct of Years 7-11 during this period was exceptional; students were mindful of being quiet around the hall and library and gave our Year 12 students every opportunity to perform at their best. HSC results will be released on 16 December.

Changes to School Enrolment Ceiling: Our school has undergone major positive changes in the last three years: introduction of electives in Years 7- 8, improved resourcing of subjects, renovation of school areas and improved HSC results. In response to this we have seen a significant increase in enrolments across Years 7-11 for 2016 leading to a recalculation of the school enrolment ceiling. For the remainder of 2015, into 2016 and the foreseeable future, the enrolment ceiling will be set at 1000 students with a buffer of 120 students (12% of total enrolment) for in-zone students. As a result of this we have only limited places on offer with waiting lists across Years 7-12 in place. This will ensure that we are able to resource and room classes appropriately for the number of students. I thank every family for choosing our great school and appreciate your support of Oxley High.

Student Performance in the Local, State and National Community:

- Congratulations to the following students,
- The Junior Boys Cricket on defeating Tamworth High and then Duval High in the Coleman Shield.
 - Lara Graham on her selection in the Australian National U15 Cricket XI to play in Tasmania.
 - The Clontarf boys on their recent trip to Perth and acting as ambassadors for Oxley High School.
 - All of the performers; singers, dancers and musicians at this year's CAPERS.
 - Kye Simpson on his recent successes in motorsport.
 - Kira Northey-Calder on her Physical Culture performance at the Opera House.
 - Best wishes to Gabby Deweger on her nomination for Lions Youth of The Year.

Year 10 Exams: All students are encouraged to make their best efforts to lay foundations for Year 11, the first steps to completing the HSC in approximately 380 school days.

The Positive Culture of Oxley High School and Student Belonging:

I wish to remind every family that Oxley High School has high expectations of everyone in the school. For students this means that we are in full school uniform (socks and shorts included), we bring our books and pens every day and most importantly, we are committed to our learning. Oxley High School has progressed down a path of a positive culture of consultation, expectation and belonging and, in the same tone, increasing numbers of families are choosing to enrol their children at Oxley High School. I would encourage everyone reading this Logbook to consider the numbers of families who have not been successful in gaining a place in this School or are on waiting lists and to value their place with us at Oxley.

Whooping Cough Alert: Early diagnosis of students with a persistent or "whooping" cough is important and in cases where Whooping Cough has been diagnosed, swift treatment of your child helps reduce the spread of infection in the community.

Principals of schools are expected to notify Public Health of students affected by Whooping Cough as a requirement of the Public Health Act 2010. Please note the Whooping Cough Alert from Health NSW attached to this issue of Logbook.

Subject Fees: This is a gentle reminder to families that student elective fees need to be paid in full for 2015 prior to the start of the 2016 school year. Unfortunately a small number of families still have some outstanding fees. Where students have fees outstanding for electives at Oxley High School, they may be ineligible to attend extra-curricular activities such as excursions, CAPERS etc., continue in their chosen elective courses or be eligible for Year 12 Jumpers and Graduation.

As the Principal I want every child to be able to experience as many positive learning experiences as possible and understand that some families have issues making large payments. As such I have a capacity to negotiate a payment scheme.

For families who have simply forgotten to pay their fees on time, please ensure that you have this issue finalised by the end of 2015. For families who are struggling, please come in and speak with the office staff to organise a payment plan. We can guarantee that we will be confidential and mindful of your own individual situation.

Finally, I again thank you all for your wonderful children and I look forward to sharing the great educational journey that is Oxley High School.

Simon Bartlett-Taylor BSc. Dip Ed.
Principal, Oxley High School.



Preview of
The Crimson Pointe
Movie by Geordie
Brown Yr10.
Capitol Theatre
Tamworth
16 Nov. 2015



The Crimson Pointe

On Monday 16 November, Year 10 student Geordie Brown, celebrated his short film premiere at the Capitol Theatre in Tamworth. The twenty minute film, 'The Crimson Pointe' has been in production since December last year.

"It is so relieving to finally have it finished," Geordie said. It was filmed over four days in Armidale, Currabubula, Werris Creek and Tamworth. All the students worked with a professional creative crew, made up of a Hair Stylist, Make up Artist, Costume Designer and Production Designer. Behind the scenes, Emma Tarlinton and Alex Haywood kept the film set running smoothly. The premiere was a hit! With around 350 people attending, it was great to see the recognition for all the very hard working students.

The film will now be entered into three short film competitions, the ABC Film Festival, Flicker Fest and Sundance Film festival.

Remembrance Day Special Photo Presentation



Meg Reading with Mrs Reading and Mr Bartlett-Taylor who is holding the photo of the laying of the wreath by Meg and her brother Jack on behalf of Oxley High School at the Menin Gate Ceremony in France. Meg was able to travel to the World War 1 battlefields of the Western Front in July this year as part of an excursion organised by Farrer Agricultural High School. At Oxley's Remembrance Day ceremony she presented the photo to the Principal as a memento of the occasion at the Menin Gate.

Rewards for hard work



Josie Douglas
Womens Artistic
Gymnastics 2015
State Championships
3rd Overall



Josie Douglas Year 7
Combined High School
Gymnastics 2015
4th Overall
1st on the Bar
7th on the Floor
14th on the Beam and Vault



OXLEY SHOW CATTLE TEAM 2015

This year the Cattle Team has represented the school at Tamworth Show, Sydney Royal, Singleton Prime Beef and Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza. The students in the team, ranging from Years 7-11, Bridie Martin, Woody Dowe, Caitlyn George, Kasey Gregory, Maddie Child, Sigrid Penrose, Abigail Christian, Annalise George, Jack Dawson, Jaydyn Hall and Samantha Craig have been wonderful ambassadors for their school and have had success at all shows.

Tamworth Show: Sigrid Penrose qualified for F002 Paraders at Sydney Royal against 50 other students

Sydney: Our two Murray Grey steers placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th in MSA Eating quality, carcass and hoof classes respectively. Maddie Child placed 6th in the School Paraders.

Singleton: Our two Murray Grey steers placed 1st and 3rd in their Led class and 5 students made Parader finals with Woody Dowe placing 3rd in the 14 years final, also winning their heat in the Farmers Challenge and dressing their cattle as Minions for the Fancy Dress.

In preparation for Scone the team attended the Muswellbrook Youth Education Camp, which was a great learning experience for those that attended and certainly honed their skills.

At UHBB our Angus steer was placed 2nd to the Champion and was awarded the best Groomed and Presented steer and 4 students made it to semi-finals in Paraders out of 760 competitors.

A great deal of work and preparation goes into the selection, breaking-in, feeding, grooming and show preparation of our animals, much of this after school. They are also assisted by students in Agriculture, TAS and Farmer classes.

Well done to the team and good luck for next year! By Mrs Affleck.



Looking ahead

The Oxley Girls Academy visited Qantas and looked at careers options for school based traineeships with Qantas.



The art rooms in Hastings block left vacant when the CAPA faculty transferred to the new Castlereagh building have been completely transformed into state-of-the-art science labs, replacing those lost in the Castlereagh fire. This has provided an exciting impetus for both science teachers and students to become fully engaged in exciting programs.

"Show Your Colours for the Chopper"



Colour Run: On Saturday the 24th of October, 35 Oxley students and staff were part of a new community event "Show Your Colours for the Chopper" to raise money for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. The colour run started with a Zumba party with an attempt to break the world record. It was a fantastic day with seven colour stations strategically placed along the 5km course. Each time we reached a checkpoint volunteers would shower us with an impressive rainbow of coloured powders. At

one point we looked like Smurfs as we transitioned from one colour from blue to green to yellow etc, one layer over the next until we became an assortment of colours in a matter of moments. At the end of the course there was a dance party and a colour throw to celebrate the event. Well done to the Oxley supporters who were involved in such a worthy cause who left multicoloured and enthusiastic for next year.



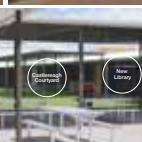
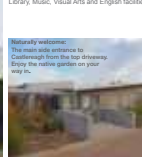
Welcome to QUEST on the Oxley website

Grand new digs

Occupied and open for business from Day 1, Term 1 - 2015. Officially opened at International Night, 27 March 2015.



Castlereagh rebuilt: due to the diligence of students, staff and Wholam's Construction Company, Oxley students are now able to access this facility well in excess of 12 months of the completion date. Oxley now boasts the most modern and up to date Drama, Dance, Library, Music, Visual Arts and English facilities.



Life ahead: the immeasurable joy of a new, clean and well-equipped library.



MIXED NEWS PICS EXTRA

The new Oxley Gym: It's in the shack down the back. Since the start of Term Two the gym has run a strength and conditioning program focusing on weight and cardio circuit training in the new Oxley High gym. The gym has motivated ten students to arrive at school at the early time of 7:30, two mornings a week, to develop their technique and fitness. Students have pushed themselves through the pain and struggle of the weights, accounts which have resulted in a variety of accomplishments. 4 kilometre runs, maximum squats and a variety of powerlifting lifts. Thanks to the staff for starting up this great program. The morning sessions are a great way to start the day and we all enjoy training together. By Corin Webster



Computer update creates excitement

Every year there's a need to take a special photo to record a special event. In this case a group of students, accompanied with their teacher Mrs Hill the arrival of a pair of new Macs to boost the status in the digital technology room in the new Castlereagh block.



Surprise: a Royal Australian Navy helicopter and crew visited the school one day in March. With great skill they managed to land their Sea King Helicopter on our school oval and allowed our students and staff an opportunity to talk to and discuss a career in the flying arm of the Royal Australian Navy.

Each year on the first Friday in August, Australian schools, workplaces and communities support the work of the Children's Medical Research Institute by wearing green and raising funds to help reduce the impact of a world without childhood diseases.

QUEST magazine 2015: The school magazine went to the printer in early November. After subscribers receive their copies, a special edited version will be available as a download from the Oxley High School website. This process sees QUEST enter a new phase. The web edition includes a selection of highlights from the print issue. For a full record of Oxley news and photos, including student and staff portraits, it is necessary to access the print edition.

So much happens in a year at a large comprehensive high school such as Oxley, hence it's a truly illusive task to capture everything in the 80 or so pages of an annual school magazine. Oxley's QUEST aims to collate submissions of stories and photos to show a selection of activities and achievements at Oxley High, realising that so much remains untold.



Oxley Reunions: A happy crowd of over 70 ex-Oxley students from Form IV 1975 (left above) who celebrated their 40th Reunion at Joe McGuire's Pub on Saturday evening 4 October, with a guided tour of the school on the following Sunday morning. A more modest, but equally happy group, the Oxley Class of 1985, celebrated their 30th Reunion at The Longyard Hotel on 27 June 2015.

Duke of Edinburgh Trip 2015 - Warrumbungles National Park



In October, ten students from Oxley's Duke of Edinburgh Award and John Oxley Medal set upon an adventurous journey to the amazing Warrumbungles National Park near Coonabarabran.

The stunning landscape of charcoaled trees and vibrant green regrowth told the story of the 2013 fires where 95% of the parklands were ravaged by fire. Both the students and teachers were in awe of this ancient landscape which began its story 180 million years ago with an inland lake that lay down some of the park's sandstone structures.

The prominent volcanic structures visible today are the remnants of a large shield volcano that was active 13 to 17 million years ago.

Over the three days the students and teachers explored these structures climbing a total of four mountains and trekking approximately 40 kilometres. A fantastic experience was had by all with everyone being a little fitter than when they left!

By Margaret Mercer, HSIE teacher



Technology-specific Subjects

In TAS, Years 7 and 8 students have rotated each term experiencing a range of technology-specific subjects. Students have learnt throughout the year the correct and safe use of materials, tools and machines in a range of content-specific subjects including food, graphics, metals, plant and animal production, plastics, textiles and timber technologies. Through practical experiences, students have developed and applied their skills through a range of experiences to produce projects.

Pictured left, are Year 8 students enjoying 'metal technologies' and learning how to use a sheet metal folding machine which has recently been installed in the Hastings Metal workshop.

NEW GYM



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By Corin Webster



Oxley High School students participating in the Big Sistas program at Bunnings. Check the School Plan available on the Oxley website for information about the Sistas Program and other details.



LITTLE SISTAS

A group photo of Oxley Vale students who are participating in the Little Sistas program.



WORMS!

Year 7 Farming elective learning how to make and maintain a worm farm.



Top Deck Awards: 30 July 2015
 Year 7 Harley Tarran. Year 8 Dalton Bailey. Year 9 Lahkeisha Cook. Year 10 Caitlin Kemp. Year 11 Charlotte Vernon. Year 12 Ryan King.

Top Deck Awards: 23 July 2015
 Year 7 Ben Stair, Jake Monoussakis and Brady Redgwell. Year 8 Jack Miller. Year 9 Joelleen Robins, Hayley Finch, Mitchell Moore and Toby Allan. Year 10 Jacob Simmonds, Corin Webster, Jordan Barnett and Andrew Cross. Year 11 Chris Felix and Havannah Ellsley. Year 12 Olivia Kleinschmidt and Cameron Hollebhone.



CAPERS 2015 'Out of the Box'

November 6 and 7 saw the culmination of a year's worth of rehearsal for 100 Oxley students as they performed in the Creative Arts in Public Education Regional Spectacular (CAPERS).

Oxley High was strongly represented in dance, concert band, choir and many Oxley students featured as soloists in dance, voice, instrumental, a rock band with even members of staff assisting with the provision of live music

for the show. The 2015 CAPERS was well attended and, as in the past, provided students with the opportunity to showcase their talents in a forum that has the potential to lead on to bigger and better opportunities.

This year in particular saw several past Oxley High School students, who have gone on to make it on the world stage, acknowledged for their successes.

Photos by Dave Engert



P&C Report 2015 (published in QUEST magazine)

Our three big fundraising events; Camp Oxley, International Night and the Antique Fair - raised a total of \$44,470.92.

The funds have been spent on:

\$1450.91 Playing Field Upgrades

\$3759.74 Gym Equipment

\$5846.73 School Musical

\$26001.94 Bus Expenses

\$8862.51 School Functions/Events

The canteen has introduced a fresh new menu and a new chiller display fridge has been purchased. In the long term we plan to completely refurbish the canteen, but have to wait for DEC funding support. Our paid supervisors are lovely ladies and are always there with a helping hand and a smile. Unfortunately the number of volunteers continues to be a concern, so please consider coming on board and giving up just a few hours once a month – you won't regret it.

Our all new Antique Fair Committee have

done a fantastic job this year with so many positive comments coming from the dealers and attendees alike. Congratulations to the Committee and to all the parents who helped make the 2015 Fair such a success.

There has been an increase of payment of school subject fees and voluntary contributions this year, taking pressure off our fundraising. Yes, Oxley is a public school, but unfortunately it isn't free and the Government handouts to public education are getting smaller. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. (Note: paying into the Library Fund is tax deductible).

I say farewell to Oxley High as my youngest completes the HSC and my family moves onto the next phase of our lives. My involvement with the P&C has been a very rewarding and challenging experience, taking me way out of my comfort zone. Seeing all that the P&C has achieved in my time here, I am proud to have been a part of it.

Leanne Thompson, P & C President.



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A parent or guardian will need to register on the website to order from the online menu. Instructions below ..

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- 1) Click Register Now! and enter your email
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Choose your own username and password and enter your contact details
- 4) For each child, click "Add a student" and follow the prompts to place an order

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Call 1300 361 769

P & C REPORT CANTEEN NEWS

ORDERING FOOD FROM THE CANTEEN

Students can place orders at the canteen over the counter before school and at recess for the following break.

They can also order online.

We would like to introduce to you flexischools Online as our NEW ONLINE ORDERING PROVIDER.

This is the same system used by Tamworth Public School.

Please go to www.flexischools.com.au and complete the simple registration process. You can also visit them on their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/FlexiSchools>

The Our Online Canteen system finished up at the end of last term. Any left over credits with this company will be forwarded onto the P & C and will be set up as a credit in the canteen.

All canteen orders can be picked up from the side door.

As usual we could always do with more helpers in the canteen. Please let us know if you have a few hours spare at any time.

CONTACTING US: If you have any questions please feel free to contact us in the following ways:-

Email – oxleyhighpandc@gmail.com

Facebook:- Write on our wall or send us a personal inbox message on either of the pages listed above or you can call Robyn on **0477 845854**.

PETER KIDD MEMORIAL RUN

Peter Kidd was an Oxley High School student who was an outstanding athlete. Peter was shot and killed whilst leading a Queensland Tactical Response group. In memory of Peter, a one hour endurance run is held each year at our school.

The run was held on Wednesday 12 August 2015. We were presented with a cool clear day, perfect conditions for a one hour run.

All Students participated well, but of course there can be only one winner of the title.

This year's winner was Lincoln Williams (Year 10) who ran over thirteen and a half kilometres in the hour.

Jessica Bailey (Year 7) ran the furthest for the girls with a distance of 8768m.

Well done to all participants, and I hope we can have more participants next year. Peter Yeo (Sports Coordinator)

Lincoln Williams	13,611m
Corrin Webster	13,360m
Logan Bailey	12,275m
Thomas Kemp	11,941m
Logan McCarthy	11,607m
Jacob Ellis	10,772m
Jessica Bailey	8,768m
Kayla Mehrton	6,680m
Mikayla Reeves	5,010m
Isabelle Anderson	5 010m

CONGRATULATIONS to Lachlan Damir Year 7 and Rohan Birrell Year 8 being selected to play in the Nationals Basket-ball Competition in Perth.

Whooping Cough Alert



Dr Vicky Sheppeard, Director Communicable Disease Branch, has contacted all schools to publicise the information below concerning Whooping Cough.

Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](#).

You and your laptop!

A reminder to siblings of Year 12 students who have laptops being decommissioned by Mr Lambert. You can collect them on behalf of your brother - sister - family.

See Mr Ashley J Lambert
IT Administrator
Oxley High School

Oxley Parents and Citizens Association

Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month upstairs in Macquarie Block in the Staff Common Room. Please consider taking an active role in your child's school.

You will be made to feel very welcome.
Entry to Macquarie Block is by the side gate closest to the student carpark.

Further information <https://www.facebook.com/oxleyhigh.pandc> or contact the school on (02) 6766 1677