

Oxley High School, Tamworth

December 2015

LOGBOOK

Traditional homeland of the Gomeroi - Kamilaroi Nation



OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL

FINAL
EDITION
FOR
2015

*Merry Christmas
and Happy Holidays
to All*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



"This year has been another very rewarding and positive experience for me as principal and for this school. I again thank you for your wonderful children and look forward very much to a successful 2016."

Welcome students, staff, parents and carers to the final Oxley High School 2015 Logbook. This Logbook celebrates our successes over the school year and reflects on another great year of achievement at our school.

Firstly, on behalf of the school and our dedicated staff I would like to thank each and every family for showing faith in the staff at Oxley High school and choosing us to educate your children.

Secondly, the school would like to thank the students for their hard work and dedication to the spirit of Oxley. Because of the characteristics and aspirations of our students we still have an academically driven curriculum, differentiated to maximise learning and underpinned by excellent welfare and extra-curricular programs. It is students like you that make Oxley High School a great place to be a teacher.

Thirdly, Oxley High school would like to thank the staff for making this great school what it is; your high levels of professionalism have allowed this school to foster students who are highly achieving, have high expectations, are highly connected and highly supported. This school recognises your efforts that make this school highly inclusive and sought after for aspirational families.

As the Principal of this wonderful school, I wish to convey my satisfaction with the successes of Oxley High School. These have only been brought about by the staff and their dedication to the cause of teaching your children.

I would like to thanks to the following exceptional people for their loyalty and shared vision for helping to make our school successful;

- Mrs Biffin, Mrs May, Mrs Blaker and Mr Baldwin for their energy and desire in assisting me to lead Oxley;
- The School Executive Team; Mr Walsh, Mr Petrie, Mr Maxwell, Mr Blaker, Mrs Hansen, Mrs Mercer, Mrs Mooney, Mr Hamilton, Mrs Rapley, Mrs Reading, Ms Thurling and Mrs Hill for their dedication, teamwork and desire to continually improve our school.

Although I cannot mention everyone and everything that has happened in the name of great teaching, I would like express my gratitude to all the teaching and support staff for your commitment and pride in your work.

I would also like to thank the Captains and Vice Captains Bronte Somerville, Joel Ridgeway, Matt Hollinworth and Erin Skewes for their senior leadership of the school and their counsel on issues concerning students and how to improve the school.

Furthermore, I would like to thank the parents of the P&C for upholding high standards for the community, raising funds to spend on students and sharing their perspectives on our school's performance.

When you are surrounded by excellent people, it is not hard to have an excellent school.

2015 has been a great year. We have made significant inroads to address some of the perceptions of our school, our personal values; wearing of uniform, high academic rigour, student welfare and connectedness and, safety of students and staff to name a few.

Overall what we have seen in the last three years has been an increase in enrolments. We will move to 925 students in 2016. We have also seen approximately 40 students enrol from the local independent schools in 2015. These families have identified that Oxley's students, staff, programmes and high standards are most commendable and admirable. To highlight this our HSC results are consistently at the top of the Tamworth results and are expected to be repeated again in 2015. Our students are still competitive in local, state and national cultural and sports events and most importantly, our past and present students are talking positively about the Oxley experience.

Largely 2015 has been another very rewarding and positive experience for this principal and this school. I again thank you for your wonderful children and look forward very much to a successful 2016.

Yours sincerely,
Simon Bartlett-Taylor BSc. DipEd.
Principal
Oxley High School
Tamworth NSW 2340

"Giving Tree" for the Salvation Army

Each year Oxley High participates in a reverse Christmas Tree. This is where students or families may donate new toys and non-perishable food items to be distributed by the Slavation Army to families doing it a bit tough in our community. Donations may be handed into any of the Macquarie offices windows.



All grown up!

Year 12 Formal
TRECC Tuesday 10 Nov. 2015



Photo from Oxley's Facebook

Some time down the track: the joys of the reunion

Another generation of fine young people graduates from high school but will they ever experience the joys of the school reunion?

Entrenched as many of them are with social media, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn or whatever, will they ever know the curiosity, the excitement, the satisfaction, of being reunited with someone from far in their past?

Social media gives us a sense of belonging. It gives us a network of friends far larger than those we regularly see face to face. It keeps us up to date with important events in others' lives, allows us to share in their joys and offer support in their times of need.

But we lose something in the process. We lose the magic of reunion.

At a school reunion they might experience the thrill of rediscovering an old lover after twenty years. They could enjoy the hilarity of discovering that a delinquent classmate is now a respected teacher. Or that a mean girl has aged badly. Or that a nerdy kid has become a hot neurosurgeon with a stunning wife.

Apologies to Kerri Sackville, Facebook has killed the high school reunion
SMH December 3, 2015

AECG 2016

Mackenzie Browning - President
Savannah Honess - Vice President
Chantelle Clegg - Vice President
Kaecia Beattie
Ronika Brown
Angelina Honess
Wynona Livermore
Jenarli -Rose Parry
Rosharnie Burns
Sophie Ison
Brooke O'Leary
Portia Markwick
Amber McNamara
Sasha Duncan
Mrs Janine Way

CAPA Council 2016

Year 8 Isabelle Anderson, Abigail Prout (Art Rep.)
Year 9 Meg Reading (Technical Liaison), Lily Singh (Junior Captain & Dance Rep)
Year 10 Grace Hush, Phoebe Parnell (Media Relations Officer & Drama Rep), Isabelle Daley
Year 11 Leah Griffiths (Music Rep), Chloe Singh (Secretary)
Year 12 Gabrielle deWeger (Treasurer), Hope Rodgers (Senior Captain), Chloe Mann, Grace Mills
Teacher: Nicky Engert, Music.

SPORTS COUNCIL 2016

Year 8 Bridie Martin, Jada Ison, Jasmine Squires, Grace Sheridan
Year 9 Rohan Birrell
Year 10 Madeleine Dadd, Breanna Emery, Ashleigh Hodgson, Lachlan Pallot, Katie Richards, Heidi Schimann, Zach Taylor, Jackson Field
Year 11 Gabbi D'Ambros, Amelia Dadd, Katelyn Morgan, Georgia Pryer, Chloe Siddons, Greg Martin-Mallise
Captains - Tessa Pinfeather & John Moore
Vice Captains - Michael Hawkins & Kate Munson
Teacher: Heath Pett

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2016

Captains: Anna Falkenmire & Harrison Lewin
Vice-Captains: Paris Sharp & Lincoln Smith

Year 8 Lucy Bowden, Olivia Collison, Georgia Griffiths, Cailey Walker
Year 9 Logan Bailey, Declan O'Neil, Jasmine Webb, Tahlia Wheeler, Brooklyn Williams
Year 10 Samantha Bailey, Shelby Davidson, Arden Lafforgue, Mitchell Lewin, Jessica Read, Amy Zhou
Year 11 Georgie Brown, Sarah Collison, Alex Haywood, Abby Rowlings, Oj Shilpakar, Emma Tarlinton, Corin Webster, Lincoln Williams
Year 12 Luke Hollinworth, Ruby Kelly, Lily Newby, Eliza Paddison

The Year 7 representatives will be elected in Term 1, 2016.

The Oxley SRC meets each day in Room C8 during PC under the guidance of teacher-coordinator Jane Boulton.



Memories Made on the Gold Coast Excursion

Week Six of Term Four saw 96 year eight students and seven staff embark on the highly anticipated 'Gold Coast Excursion'.

Aware that they were the lucky last year to spend a week at the Gold Coast the students were determined to enjoy it to the fullest and they definitely did.

After a 7am departure (thank you parents) and a ten hour bus trip we arrived at Runaway Bay to the delight of the students who discovered that the facilities were top notch. They spent the next two hours racing around playing beach volleyball, beach dodgeball, beach cricket, basketball and any other game they could think of to play in the massive sandpit that was the three beach volleyball courts.

After a brief interruption for dinner, where Braith proved he could eat as much as Mr Rae despite being one third of his size, the students and teachers continued their fun. It was amazing to see teenagers forget their phones and electronics in favour of diving through the sand in an attempt to slaughter Mr Squires at dodgeball or defeat Miss Artis at volleyball.

The first full day at Runaway Bay saw the students work on teambuilding activities that tested their logic and made them work together to achieve their goals. They guided each other blindfolded through mazes, encouraged each other to tackle obstacles and completed challenging logic tasks,

always working together. After lunch and a swim in the Olympic pool the activities continued on the beach with sand races, and 'Save Baby Wilson.'

Wednesday started with surfing and bodyboarding; activities that convinced a number of students of the need to go to a university or get jobs on the coast when they finish high school. This was followed by an afternoon at Movieworld where kids and teachers rode rides, screamed, laughed, took photos and generally had a fantastic time. Every last available second was used by the kids (including Mr Pett and Miss Davis) who nearly had to be dragged off the Arkham Asylum and Superman rides to catch the bus.

Thursday was more fun and games. Quite literally. We spent the morning at the massive Timezone where students and teachers competed to rule the world, master the dodge 'em track, win the mini golf challenge or survive laser tag. After getting lost in Timezone we moved on to 'Wet & Wild' where the water slides always seemed to get bigger, higher and faster and the students couldn't get enough of them. It was clear at 'Wet & Wild' that the goal of the excursion had been well and truly achieved.

The aim of the Gold Coast excursion was not just to have fun. It was about a group of kids creating and strengthening bonds that will see them able to rely on each other in the years to come. They will be able to draw on their shared experiences and know that their peers

will support, encourage and guide them when needed and they will do the same in return.

By the end of the excursion kids who had never even spoken to each other before that week were sitting together at meals or on buses. There were countless times when a student had been separated from their friends at one of the theme parks but rather than feeling lost or lonely they were immediately invited to join another group of kids to have fun. And it is obvious that this connection has continued on our return to school.

For five days and four nights the Year 8 students on the excursion raced around having fun, learnt new skills, made new friends, wore themselves out and slept soundly. They were praised on their manners and behaviour by strangers and the teachers received compliments on the students' attitude and maturity. All of this praise was well-deserved and the students should be proud of themselves.

A big thank you goes to Mr Rae for the time spent organising the excursion. Year 8 would also like to thank Miss Artis, Miss Davis, Mrs Jeffery, Mr Pett, Mr Rae and Mr Squires for being such fun, enthusiastic and dedicated supervisors.

Now Year 8 and I can start anticipating and planning for the Central Australia excursion in 2017.

By Miss Creighton – Year 8 Advisor



Great Participation Awardees



Dylan Clark



Drew Potts



Thomas Hammond



Jack Anderson



Honour Board Awardees

Clontarf Award recipients:

Clontarf Spirit Award – Jack Anderson
 Senior Leadership Award – Patrick Lyons-Cain
 Junior Leadership Award – Jacob Ellis
 Good Bloke Award – Liam Hatch
 Solid Fella Award – Dylan Clark
 Principals Award – Liam Hatch
 Attendance Award – Drew Potts
 Employment Award – Thomas Hammond
 Brad Puls Memorial Awards – Kobey Potts and Boston Saub
 Great Participation Awards – Jacob Martin, Kobey Potts, Tevi Tavo, Solomon Noon, Haydon Hopwood Young and Jock Ellis



Liam Hatch



Brad Puls Memorial Awardees

Live feed in more ways than one



Going on an excursion without leaving home: Photos above of action at Oxley High from the “live feed” sent by the Society and Culture Association workshop in Sydney. This was an in-school excursion where, via the live feed, resources provided to everyone for the day were put to good use. Ms Taylor catered morning tea and lunch which was very enjoyable.

Summer Splash Sale

A special event organised by the CAPA Council to celebrate the first day of summer on the 1st of December which happened to be World AIDS Day.

Thank you to all who made the occasion such a success.



Thank you Bunnings!

The Oxley Environment Advisory Group was pleased to accept the generous donation of a compost bin from Bunnings recently, put together by the Clontarf boys and Mr MacPherson.

Oxley Cultural Garden custodian Rob MacPherson is delighted by the addition of the compost bin to use for the maintenance of the 2015 award winning garden area of the school.

Jillian Taylor, the school's food technology assistant is pleased too, as using the compost bin for food waste from the kitchen actively involves and introduces students to environmentally friendly practices. Thank you Bunnings!

Pictured left: Christopher Powell, Jillian Taylor and Mitchell Moore

2015 Suck it up Buttercup, Mini Muddies Mud Run



On the 27th of November, 30 students from Oxley High participated in the 2015 **Suck it up Buttercup, Mini Muddies Mud Run** combining elements of adventure. The event took place at the Tamworth AELEC. The course consisted of 70 obstacles over 10km. Our team came together from many different year groups to overcome every obstacle as a team. Cailey Walker was the first girl to cross the

finish line. Overall our six competitive runners came 8th in the very challenging competition. The obstacles required full body strength and a positive attitude. It was such an enriching experience and we all had a very enjoyable time. Next year we're confident that we will be bringing home the trophy
By Alex Simpson and Jessica Hill

Jingle Bells

Prime News visited Oxley High School on the 4th December to film students singing Christmas carols. They sang festive songs such as Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer and Jingle Bells to promote the spirit of Christmas.



*"Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows"*



Excursion to Kenya:
reconnecting with Oxley's friends
in Africa



OXLEY COMMUNITY TOUR TO KENYA JULY 2016
Ex-Oxley student, Michael Hawthorne, has set up three NGO's (Charities) in Kenya, one of which includes a school at Rang'i.

A group from Tamworth has been travelling to Kenya each July school holidays since 2009 to do volunteer work at the school as well as see some of Kenya. The first group consisted entirely of Oxley High School students, staff and family. Subsequently other school and community members have also become involved.

The 2016 Tour will be from 30th June to 17th July. It includes a visit to the Elephant Orphanage, the Kenyan National Museum, the Giraffe sanctuary, a 2 day Safari in the Masai Mara, a guided

visit to a slum, working and living at the St Jennifer Hawthorne Samber Quality School, Friends of Rang'i Community Resource Centre and SEP community resource Centre for 9 days, building a mud hut, plus lots more.

The size of group is limited to 12. Deposits are already being taken.

For more information contact Mrs Jenny Hawthorne at:
jenny.hawthorne@friendsofrangi.org
or pick up a copy of the itinerary and costing from
Mrs Chaffey in the Library.



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

Expression of Interest

Volunteer Wanted

Is there a parent or community member who has the 'know how' and venue to powder coat/ paint three metal Library trollies?

If you would like to volunteer your time and labour and/or discuss this matter please contact Oxley Teacher-Librarian Nell Chaffey:

Phone the school:
6766 1677

Email: narelle.chaffey@det.nsw.edu.au



Tea Party



What's happening here?

It's a photo capturing all the action at this year's second Big Night In, aka Movie Night, held in the staff commonroom in Macquarie block. The movies were Elf and Santa Claus.

Modern Day Teapots:

Year 9 visual arts students have been studying modern art movements. These images above are examples of some of the Modern Art Teapots students have created to demonstrate their understanding of the various modern art styles they have researched.

How do you take your tea?

Milk? Sugar?

Would you like some Pop or perhaps a bit of Surrealism?

Or why not a touch of De Stijl? Enjoy.



Oxley High School

48th Annual Presentation Night - 2015

Oxley High School

48th Presentation Night:

Monday 7 December 2015,
John Copp Auditorium

In a happy and celebratory spirit, honours, awards and prizes were presented to Oxley's students and staff in recognition of their outstanding and excellent achievements during the year.

The Principal Mr Simon Bartlett-Taylor expressed his pride and thanks for another memorable year. Special guest speaker was ex-Oxley student Kate Bryan. Following the speeches and awards ceremony, guests, staff, students and parents gathered in Macquarie for supper and to socialise and enjoy the occasion.

Beautiful flower arrangements make the auditorium look splendid on this special occasion and the supper is greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to the team who put together everything that creates a successful and special ceremony.

Congratulations to all of the prize winners and awardees. Your contributions and hard work continue the tradition of excellence that makes Oxley High such a successful school.

Gordon Bruderlin Award - Ryan McDonald

2015 Principals Award - Kirsten Thomas

Caltex Medal - Toby Fox

The Oxley Medal - Mrs Gail Hansen

Harold Bradley Memorial Award - Geordie Brown

Sir Rodin Cutler Award - Toby Harradine



Gary Haines Award for Instrumental Music - Ethan Latsinos

Bob Gordon Award for Outstanding Student in Industrial Arts - Lincoln Williams

Wendy Hetherington Encouragement Award for Year 10 Mathematics - Madison Rawsthorne

TAFE NSW New England Institute Award for TVET Achievement - Melanie Morgan

New England Region VET in Schools Excellence Award - Thomas Smart

Tamworth Teachers' Association Award for Public Speaking and Debating -

Middle School: Alexandra Haywood, Senior School: Kirsten Thomas

Topper Award for Literacy Excellence - Courtney Mead

Kevin Anderson Award for Outstanding Service to the SRC -

Middle School: Shelby Davidson, Senior School: Anna Falkenmire

Scarf Foundation Award - Lincoln Williams

Mock Trial Award - Anna Falkenmire

The Tamworth Zonta Club Award - Michelle Nugent

George Harrison Award - Sarah Wells

McLean Award - Amy Zhou

John Copp Memorial Award - Bronte Somerville

Rotary Clubs of Tamworth Award - Shelby Davidson

The Northern Daily Leader Award - Sarah Collison

Malcom MacPherson Award - Natalie Gaunt

Quast Family Award - Emma Bailey

Combined Lions Mathematics Medal - Toby Harradine

ADF Australian Defence Force Awards for Leadership and Teamwork -

Yr 10 Abby Rowlings, Yr 12 Joel Ridgeway

University of Newcastle Year 11 Excellence Award for Science - Rachael Smart

Kate Bryan Award for the Study of Health Science - Courtney Mead

Lowes Penn College Scholarship - Olivia Kleinschmidt

University of New England Vice Chancellor's Prize for High Academic Achievement - Alisha Perry

University of Newcastle Scholarship - Jack Reading



Harold Bradley Memorial Award -
Geordie Brown



2015 Principals Award -
Kirsten Thomas



Kate Bryan and Courtney Mead

Ex-Oxley student Kate Bryan was guest speaker at Presentation Night 2015. Kate trained in medicine at Monash Uni and later specialised in Paediatrics. She stands with award recipient Courtney Mead who received the Kate Bryan Award for the study of Health Science.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

YEAR SEVEN: EXCELLENCE

Lucy Bowden: HSIE - History
Olivia Collison: English
James Drake: Technology Mandatory
Eleanor English: HSIE - Geography
Hieu Huynh: Visual Arts
Bridie Martin: Science
Lucy Orman: Technology Mandatory
Abigail Prout: Language Mandatory. Mathematics, Music
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

YEAR EIGHT: EXCELLENCE

Elise Dustin: Technology Mandatory
Sehnoor Kaur: Geography
Cameron Kemp: Technology Mandatory
Kate Stacey: English, History, Mathematics, Music
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

YEAR NINE: EXCELLENCE

Alex Bailey: Graphics Technology, History
Phoebe Barnes: Mathematics
Claire Brown: Industrial Technology - Timber
Andrew Burton: Industrial Technology - Electronics
Isabelle Daley: Commerce, English, Food Technology, Science
Ethan Daley: Information and Software Technology
Shelby Davidson: Dance
Ben Dunst: Industrial Technology - Engineering
Maigan Galloway: Geography, Mathematics Accelerated, Visual Arts
Jazmin Jones: Child Studies
Mitchell Lewin: Drama,
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
James Lye: Agriculture
Phoebe Parnell: Music
Jessica Read: Photographic and Digital Media
Ayva Steel: Physical Activity in Sports Studies (PASS)
Jordon Sylvester: Industrial Technology - Metal

YEAR TEN: EXCELLENCE

Abigail Christian: Agriculture
Sarah Collison: Personal Development, Health and Physical Ed.
Amelia Dadd: Commerce
Hannah Foley: Child Studies
Leah Griffiths: Music
Alexandra Haywood: Drama
Caitlin Kemp: Food Technology
Charlton Lane: Information and Software Technology
Erica Langan: Japanese
Hannah Long: Dance, English
Chelsie Rivenell: Physical Activity in Sports Studies (PASS)
Kelly Russell: English, HSIE Geography, HSIE History, Science
Ojaswi Shilpakar: Mathematics
Alex Simpson: Industrial Technology - Timber
Emma Ward, Textiles Technology, Visual Arts
Ella Whyte: Photographic and Digital Media
Lincoln Williams: Industrial Technology - Engineering,
Industrial Technology - Metal
Sarah Wilson: Elective History

YEAR ELEVEN: EXCELLENCE

Jaygan Cannon: Music 1
Zac Chmieluk: Legal Studies
Chantelle Clegg: English Studies
Max Collison: Business Studies
Emily Cook: Community and Family Studies
Anna Falkenmire: English Extension 1, English(Advanced),
Geography, Mathematics, Modern History
Personal Development, Health & Physical
Education, Visual Arts

YEAR ELEVEN: EXCELLENCE (CONTINUED)

Olivia Harris: Drama, Society & Culture
Bree Hemmings: Agriculture
Brandon Lane: Chemistry, Physics
Industrial Technology - Timber Products
and Furniture
Kiara Northey-Calder: Dance
Brodie Patterson: Industrial Technology
- Metal and Engineering Technologies
William Savage: Biology, English (Standard), Maths General 2,
Software Design & Development
Jackson Sharpe: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies
Rachael Smart: Ancient History
Thomas Smart: Metal and Engineering
Kate Stewart: Economics
Joseph Taylor: Food Technology,
Hospitality - Kitchen Operations and Cookery
Lachlan Wasson (Yr 10): Mathematics Extension 1

YEAR TWELVE: EXCELLENCE

Lillianne Betts: Hospitality - Kitchen Operations
Thomas Byrnes: Industrial Technology - Timber
and Furniture Technology, Music 1
Ellie Camilleri: Food Technology
Baden Clarke: Construction
Jessica Cook: Hospitality - Food and Beverage
Lakayla Dickson: Community and Family Studies
Megan Faulkner: Ancient History
Tod Furner-McBeath: Design & Technology
Lea Gilchrist: Mathematics General 2, Textiles and Design
Sophie Hardcastle: Dance
Toby Harradine: Mathematics Extension 2, Physics,
Software Design & Development
Stuart Honeysett: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies
Tori Kennedy: Drama, Society & Culture
Olivia Kleinschmidt: English Studies
Ryan McDonald: Economics, Geography, Mathematics Extension 1,
Studies of Religion I
Tanika McLean: Agriculture
Courtney Mead: Biology, Chemistry, English(Advanced), Mathematics,
Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Michelle Nugent: English (Standard)
Alisha Perry: Legal Studies
Jack Reading: Visual Arts
Saige Sinclair: Exploring Early Childhood
Mikayla Spicer: English Extension 1, Modern History
Kate Stewart: Accelerated Year 11, Business Studies
Jake Towells: Metal and Engineering
Alisha Perry: English Extension 1, English(Advanced), Geography
Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Jake Read: Business Studies, Economics, English (Standard),
Geography
Jack Reading: Business Studies, English (Standard), Geography,
Mathematics General 2, Personal Development,
Health & Physical Education
Maeve Shakeshaft: Drama, Personal Development,
Health & Physical Education
Erin Skewes: Mathematics General 2
BronteSomerville: Visual Arts
Mikayla Spicer: English(Advanced)
Annabelle Stier: Drama
Kirsten Thomas: Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 2,
Textiles and Design
Amber Thomas: Mathematics General 2
Allen Turner: English Studies, Industrial Technology - Timber
Callan Whyte: Geography, Mathematics General 2
Samuel Williams-Glass: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies
Jack Woodbury: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies

OUTSTANDING AWARDS

YEAR SEVEN: OUTSTANDING

Izabelle Anderson: Language (M)
Charlotte Baker: English, Language (M), Visual Arts
Lucy Bowden: English, HSIE - Geography, Music, Science
Rhanne Coleman: Drama, HSIE- History
Olivia Collison: HSIE - Geography
James Drake: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Visual Arts
Eleanor English: Clay Worx, HSIE- History, Language (M), Maths, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Technology (M), Visual Arts
Amy Ervine: Digital Express
Connor Fawdry Technology (M)
Lara Graham: Technology (M)
Georgia Griffiths: Dance, HSIE - Geography, HSIE - History, Maths
Hannah Griffiths: HSIE - Geography, HSIE- History, Music
Taylah Hannon: Dance, Language (M)
Hieu Huynh: Science Busters
Eric Ip: Science Busters
Jada Ison: Language (M), Music
Kaecia Beattie: Technology (M)
Jake Manoussakis: Digital Express, English
Bridie Martin: HSIE - Geography, Mathematics
Ayesha Menzies: Backyard Farmer
Hayden Michalski: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Visual Arts
Emma Moss: Mathematics
Ella Murphy: English
Makayla O'Leary: Drama
Lucy Orman: Language (M) Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Jenarli-Rose Parry: Visual Arts
Daniel Peel: Movement Studies
Abigail Prout: English, Science, Technology (M)
Jynaya Schulz: Visual Arts
Grace Sheridan: Technology (M)
Asia Simmonds: English, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Technology (M)
Troy Taylor: Backyard Farmer
Dakota Thomas: Clay Worx
Holly Ward: Technology (M)
Ethan Weir: Movement Studies, Technology (M)

YEAR EIGHT: OUTSTANDING

Dalton Bailey: Personal Development, Health and Physical Ed.
Logan Bailey: Personal Development, Health and Physical Ed.
Edmund Bourke: History
Alexander Budden: Mathematics
Zachariah Burn: Backyard Farmer, Mathematics, Technology (M)
Stella Byrnes: English, Geography, History, Music
Madison Chaffey: Visual Arts
Jesse Claydon: Backyard Farmer
Tanisha Donnelly: Backyard Farmer, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Elise Dustin: Music
Jordin Ferguson: Clayworx
Ryley Fitzgerald: History
Caitlyn George: Mathematics, Science, Technology (M)
Ella Hemmings: English, Technology Mandatory
Sarah Hill: English, Visual Arts
Abbey Hombsch: Science Busters, Visual Arts
Sehnoor Kaur: Science, Visual Arts
Jessica Kemp: Technology (M)
Makayla Langdown: Digital Express
Kaitlyn Moss: History

YEAR EIGHT (CONTINUED)

Sarina Nikolovski: Movement Studies
Krystal Noble: Digital Express, Technology (M), Visual Arts
Hayden Phillips: Science Busters
Meg Reading: Technology (M), Visual Arts
Joseph Ross-Ward: English, Mathematics, Science
Lachlan Russell: English Jam Factory, Science
Lily Singh: Jam Factory
Kate Stacey: Geography, Technology (M)
Laura Stewart: English, Geography, Mathematics, Science
Alanna Swain: Science
Lara Taggart: History
Olivia Tarlinton: English, Movement Studies, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Jessica Watt: Technology (M)
Alexis Wheeler: Clay Worx
Brooklyn Williams: History, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Technology (M)

YEAR NINE: OUTSTANDING

Phoebe Abra: Food Technology, Industrial Technology - Timber, Visual Arts
Alex Bailey: Geography, Science
Samantha Bailey: History, Visual Arts
Phoebe Barnes: Food Technology, History, Photographic and Digital Media, Science
Madalene Bowen: Agriculture
Annelise Brooker: Graphics Technology
Claire Brown: Physical Activity in Sports Studies (PASS)
Jessica Burton: Industrial Technology - Timber, Photographic and Digital Media
Shayla Collett: Child Studies
Madeline Dadd: English, Geography, Industrial Technology - Timber, Visual Arts
Isabelle Daley: Geography, Mathematics Accelerated
Shelby Davidson: Mathematics, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Samantha Deacon: Agriculture, English
Breanna Dewson: Child Studies, History
Ben Dunst: Industrial Technology - Metal
Breanna Emery: Drama
Alyssa Flemming: Photographic and Digital Media
Maigan Galloway: Commerce, History, Science
Kasey Gregory: Agriculture, Industrial Technology - Metal
Kyle Hahn: Agriculture, Industrial Technology - Electronics
Ashleigh Hodgson: English, Mathematics Accelerated
Jordan Holder: Agriculture
Grace Hush: Music
Jazmin Jones: Food Technology, Visual Arts
Samual Kemp: English, Information and Software Technology
Arden Lafforgue: Drama
Mitchell Lewin: Mathematics Accelerated, Physical Activity in Sports Studies (PASS), Science
Pheobe Lye: Dance
Jaycob Martin: Agriculture
Aaron-Scott Macfarlane: Life Skills Science
Phoebe Parnell: History, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Science
Megan Press: Dance, Food Technology, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Sage Radford: Visual Arts
Jessica Read: Visual Arts
Katie Richards: Dance, History, Mathematics, Physical Activity in Sports Studies (PASS)
Joelleen Robins: Graphics Technology

OUTSTANDING AWARDS

YEAR NINE (CONTINUED)

Jordan Russell: Drama
Cameron Rust: Personal Development, Health and Physical Ed.
Heidi Schimann: Photographic and Digital Media
Amelia Smart: Dance, Mathematics
Ayva Steel: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Logan Taylor: Dance, Food Technology
Anna Todd: English
Emily Veness: Dance
Elizabeth Wise: Commerce
English: Geography, Mathematics Accelerated, Science, Visual Arts
Jordan Wynne: Photographic and Digital Media
Amy Zhou: Geography, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

YEAR TEN: OUTSTANDING

Jessica Aldridge: Personal Development, Health and Physical Ed.
Katarina Bierling: Physical Activity in Sports Studies (PASS)
Grace Bowden: Food Technology
Geordie Brown: Drama, English, Food Technology
Madelynn Child: Agriculture
Samuel Clarke: Information and Software Technology, Mathematics, Science
Sarah Collison: Commerce, English, Visual Arts Physical Activity in Sports Studies (PASS),
Amelia Dadd: English, HSIE Geography, HSIE - History, Visual Arts, Personal Development, Health and Physical Ed.
Marshall Field: Personal Development, Health and Physical Ed.
Leah Griffiths: Drama, EnglishHSIE - History
Jaydyn Hall: Industrial Technology - Metal
Alexandra Haywood: HSIE History, Japanese
Laila Hoy: Drama, Photographic and Digital Media
Caitlin Kemp: Commerce, English, HSIE Geography, HSIE History
Charlton Lane: HSIE Geography, Japanese, Science
Erica Langan: Music
Dennielle Lastra: Food Technology, Industrial Technology - Timber
Jayme Lay: Dance
William Livingston: Elective History
Hannah Long: Drama, HSIE Geography, HSIE History, Science
Carissa Lynch: Child Studies
Brianna Mead: Drama, English, Japanese, Mathematics, Music
Katelyn Morgan: Agriculture, Industrial Technology - Timber
Jasmine Pace: Food Technology, Mathematics, Textiles Technology
Kavanagh Pallier: Agriculture, Industrial Technology - Metal
Asia Parry: Food Technology, History Elective
Georgia Pryer: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, Photographic and Digital Media
Physical Activity in Sports Studies (PASS)
Emma Ransom: Photographic and Digital Media
Madison Rawsthorne: Commerce, Industrial Technology - Engineering
Chelsie Rivenell: Commerce
Kelly Russell: Mathematics Extension 1 (Preliminary), Information and Software Technology
Sara Salariosa: Child Studies
Jessica Saunders: Visual Arts
Ojaswi Shilpakar: HSIE History, Physical Activity in Sports Studies
Chloe Siddons: Dance, HSIE Geography
Chloe Singh: Commerce, Dance, English
Casey Skewes: Mathematics, Photographic and Digital Media, Visual Arts
Shannon Vanderstelt: Dance, Photographic and Digital Media
Paige Vering: Photographic and Digital Media
Nicholas Walker: Industrial Technology - Metal
Emma Ward: Food Technology
Lachlan Wasson: English, HSIE Geography, Information and Software Technology, Japanese
Corin Webster: Agriculture
Emma Wells: Mathematics (Preliminary), Textiles Technology, Visual Arts
Sarah Wilson: Drama, Visual Arts

YEAR ELEVEN: OUTSTANDING

Madeleine Ames: Agriculture
Skyla Bamforth: HSC Business Studies, Mathematics Extension 1, Physics
Shelby Botfield-Mohr: Dance
Zac Chmieluk: Geography
Max Collison: Economics, Geography, Legal Studies
Madeline Coombes: Community and Family Studies
Chantelle Corby: Business Studies, Legal Studies
Samantha Craig: Agriculture
Gabrielle Deweger: Mathematics General 2
Chris Felix: Business Studies, Chemistry, English(Advanced), Mathematics Extension 1, Physics
Sarah Fibbens: Food Technology
Brianna Flynn: Drama
Montana Francis-Crane: Food Technology, Society & Culture
Jacob Grierson: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies
Layla Harris: Dance
Michael Hawkins: Metal and Engineering
Cameron Johnston: Economics
Tiana Jusic: Society & Culture
Sarah Kellner: Society & Culture
Brandon Lane: HSC Mathematics, HSC Mathematics Extension 1, English (Standard)
Charlton Lane (Yr 10): Mathematics Extension 1
Sinead Langdown: Ancient History
Harrison Lewin: HSC Business Studies, Chemistry
Hannah Lye: Drama, Legal Studies, Mathematics General 2, Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies
Chloe Mann: Biology, Mathematics General 2, Music 1
Rhiannon Miskle: Agriculture
John Moore: Visual Arts
Lily Newby: Business Studies, Geography, Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Amber Noble: Business Studies
Eliza Paddison: Community and Family Studies, Geography, Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Tessa Pennefather: HSC Business Studies, Geography, Mathematics Ext. 1, Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Amber-Lee Phillpott: Agriculture, Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies
Prudence Ransom: English Studies
Sam Reeves: English Studies
Jack Reeves: English Studies
Mitchell Reeves: Metal and Engineering
Kaitlyn Robards: English (Standard)
Jack Robinson: Metal and Engineering
Hope Rodgers: Visual Arts
William Savage: Ancient History, Visual Arts
Paris Sharp: Community and Family Studies
Lachlan Sharples: Software Design & Development
Dylan Sheedy: Metal and Engineering
Rachael Smart: Biology, Chemistry, Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
Kate Stewart: Drama, English(Advanced), Mathematics
Joseph Taylor: Business Studies
Sheydin Thompson: Hospitality - Kitchen Operations, Mathematics General 2
Jessica Urquhart: Community and Family Studies
Charlotte Vernon: Dance, Visual Arts
Sarah Wells: Biology, Mathematics General 2

YEAR TWELVE: OUTSTANDING

Amber Abra: English(Advanced), Society & Culture

Emma Bailey: Music 1

Skyla Bamforth: Accelerated Year 11 Business Studies

Samantha Bradbery: Community and Family Studies

Baden Clarke: Agriculture, Industrial Technology - Timber

Edward Clements: Legal Studies, Personal Development,
Health & Physical Education

Joshua Curry: Business Studies, Geography

Hannah Ellison: Dance, Food Technology

Megan Faulkner: Community and Family Studies, English (Standard),
Mathematics General 2

Jesse Flemming: Economics, Mathematics Extension 2

Natalie Gaunt: Agriculture, Drama

Lea Gilchrist: Visual Arts

Amber Goff: Community and Family Studies, Legal Studies,
Society & Culture

Alison Hannan: English Extension 1, Food Technology

Sophie Hardcastle: Personal Development,
Health & Physical Education

Rosie Harper: Drama

Toby Harradine: English(Advanced), Mathematics Extension 1

Kira Heckrotte: Drama

Matthew Hollinworth: Business Studies

Mathew James: English Studies

Tori Kennedy: Modern History

Ryan King: Design & Technology

Olivia Kleinschmidt: Hospitality - Food and Beverage

Rachel Krechting: Geography, Mathematics General 2

Brandon Lane: Accelerated Year 11 Mathematics

Brandon Lane: Accelerated Year 11 Mathematics Extension 1

Ethan Latsinos: Music 1

Harrison Lewin: Accelerated Year 11 Business Studies

Kiara Loy: Exploring Early Childhood

Mystie Mark: English Studies Exploring Early Childhood

Angus McBean: Physics

Ryan McDonald: English(Advanced), Mathematics

Tanika McLean: Mathematics General 2

Rhys McPhee: Design & Technology

Courtney Mead: Mathematics Extension 1

Izaak Mitchell: Modern History

Michelle Nugent: Textiles and Design

Tessa Pennefather: Business Studies

Alisha Perry: English Extension 1, English(Advanced), Geography

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

Jake Read: Business Studies, Economics, English (Standard),
Geography

Jack Reading: Business Studies, English (Standard), Geography,
Mathematics General 2, Personal Development,
Health & Physical Education

Maeve Shakeshaft: Drama, Personal Development,
Health & Physical Education

Erin Skewes: Mathematics General 2

BronteSomerville: Visual Arts

Mikayla Spicer: English(Advanced)

Annabelle Stier: Drama

Kirsten Thomas: Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 2,
Textiles and Design

Amber Thomas: Mathematics General 2

Allen Turner: English Studies, Industrial Technology - Timber

Callan Whyte: Geography, Mathematics General 2

Samuel Williams-Glass: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies

Jack Woodbury: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation Studies

Best and Fairest Players:

Basketball: Senior Boy: Jayden Pryer

Junior Girl: Madeline Dadd

Senior Girl: Amelia Dadd

Chess: Senior Boy: Cameron Johnston

Cricket Senior Boy: Thomas Fitzgerald

Football Senior Boy: Brodie Patterson

Junior Girl: Jessica James

Senior Girl: Paris Sharp

Gymnastics Junior Girl: Josie Douglas

Hockey Junior Boy: Mitchell Lewin

Senior Boy: Harrison Lewin

Senior Girl: Tessa Pinfeather and Gabbi D' Ambros

Netball Junior Girl: Shayla Collett

Senior Girl: Chloe Collett

Rugby League Junior Boy: Braith Nock

Senior Boy: Stuart Honeysett

Rugby Union Junior Boy: Dylan Clarke

Senior Boy: Micah Scarth

Swimming Senior Girl: Ellie Camilleri

Tennis Senior Boy: Thomas Fitzgerald

Touch Football: Junior Boy: Zach Taylor Junior Girl: Ashleigh Bishop

Senior Boy: Micah Scarth Senior Girl: Bronte Harris

Awards for Sporting Excellence

The Hawthorne Trophy for Outstanding Track and Field

Boy: John Moore Girl: Jessica Aldridge

Peter Kidd Memorial Run

Boy: Lincoln Williams Girl: Jessica Bailey

The Cheryl Weaver House Shield

Namoi

Premier's Sporting Challenge Award

Corrin Webster

Pierre De Coubertin Award

Ellie Camilleri

Outstanding Sportsman 2015

Corrin Webster

Outstanding Sportswoman 2015

Jessica Aldridge



Lincoln Williams - Scarf Foundation Award and
Peter Kid Memorial Run with Corrin Webster
who received the Premier's Sporting Challenge
Award and Outstanding Sportsman 2015.



Sir Rodin Cutler Award - Toby Harradine



The mini-grand: being played by Mr Frazer



Maddison Rawsthorn received the Wendy Hetherington Encouragement Award for Year 10 Mathematics with Mrs Gail Hansen, Head Teacher Maths, who was awarded The Oxley Medal.



John Moore - The Hawthorne Trophy for Outstanding Track and Field with Tessa Penefather who received the Best and Fairest Player for Hockey, Senior Girl.



Liz Killen awarded 2016 Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Engineering

Apologies to Jacob McArthur
Northern Daily Leader Dec. 7, 2015,

MENZIES SCHOLAR: ABC science online reporter Bernie Hobbs, left, interviews ex-Tamworth woman Liz Killen on being awarded the 2016 Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Engineering.

FORMER Tamworth woman and ex-Oxley High School student Liz Killen has been awarded the 2016 Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Engineering.

Ms Killen recently graduated from the University of New South Wales with a degree in chemical engineering and her scholarship will allow her to complete a Masters of science communication at the Imperial College in London.

Ms Killen said the discipline focused on making science more accessible and engaging to the general public.

Originally enrolled in a science teaching degree, Ms Killen said she was “passionate about increasing the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) literacy of Australian society,” and particularly the uptake of STEM subjects in schools.

“Less people are doing science-based degrees [but] about 75 per cent of new jobs require skills in science and maths,” she said.

The ex-Tamworth local’s passion for science was ignited by her teachers at Oxley High School.

Ms Killen said a number of her classmates had gone on to achieve great things and it was a testament to the school and its staff.

She also said there could be more awareness in rural areas about potential careers in science for young students.

The scholarship allows Ms Killen to study abroad at a university of her choice.

She said she had looked into overseas study before receiving the scholarship but it wouldn’t have been viable without this help.

The prestigious scholarship, awarded by the Menzies Foundation, will cover tuition fees and provide funds for living expenses for the duration of the degree.



The big anchor: Oxley High has a new anchor to grace the forecourt. It has a presence that cannot be ignored, being massive in scale, estimated to weigh in excess of a ton and stand almost 3 metres tall.

An anchor as a symbol has been part of Oxley High since the school was established in 1967-68 with an anchor as the dominant symbol on the school badge.

In times past, before the digital era, The Anchor was the masthead of Oxley’s weekly newsletter.

There are plans for a smaller scale anchor to be installed by the school’s entrance “nameplate” where the original anchor stood before it was illegally removed some ten years or so ago.