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Oxley High School, Tamworth

Traditional homeland of the Gomeroi - Kamilaroi Nation

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Brooklyn Maloney pours a coffee



Oxley's Yr 11 Hospitality-Business group at the Hilton in Sydney

Work Inspiration Program at Sydney's Hilton Hotel

On May 9th-12th a group of Year 11 Hospitality/Business students were invited to be a part of a Work Inspiration Program at the Hilton Hotel in Sydney. Students participated in numerous workshops over three days and were given a unique opportunity to see first hand the day to day operations of the Hilton Empire.

They were given a tour of the hotel and learnt about many career opportunities within the Hilton such as: house keeping, engineering and plant room operations, barista/cafe course, events management, reception management and presentation, security and famous visitors, chef and kitchen departments. Students also undertook a personality test to see which area they would be most suited to.

Another highlight of the trip was a visit to Nestle. Students were amazed that Nestle don't only produce their beloved chocolates but also produce dog food, coffee, Maggi noodles, baby formula, Uncle Toby's Oats, Carnation milk plus more.

They loved the hands-on chef lesson with Nick, making mashed potato and trying the new gluten free gravy as well as decorating the Panna Cotta's (and eating them of course).

Informal talks were also given by the Nestle Graduate Students on the different roles across Nestle, such as Marketing, Sales, Technical & Production, and the Supply Chain.

A few of the students were also very interested in the nutritional values and the science behind the products.



Dear Parents,

Generally I write about our school and let you know the great things our students do, both in our school and the community.

Last week I received a letter from Mrs Finucane, a member of the Tamworth community, letting me know about our great school and its positive values.

I think that I will let Mrs Finucane speak for me:

26/05/2016

Dear Sir,

I attend "Curves" in Roderick Street Tamworth and noticed two young people there on work experience from Oxley High School.

Today, I mentioned to the Manager, Mrs Sue Cowley, how impressed I was of the manner and respect shown to other ladies in attendance. Jeremy Paff & Bri Flynn are two young people who show common sense, enthusiasm and are keen to impart what they have learnt and skills to all attendees at "Curves."

Sue said it is the school and their parents who should take the credit for this upbringing.

Jeremy is a lovely, well presented young man and Bri is bright, bubbly and interested in our progress.

I must also commend Sue Cowley for accepting students for work experience, as some may not be sure of what career to follow. This is what "work experience" is all about.

May I congratulate your Staff and School for educating our young people to be fine adults and leaders in the near future.

Sincerely,
(Mrs) Margaret Finucane

I can only say that our school community knew this from the very start.
Well done students and staff of Oxley High School!

Yours sincerely,
Simon Bartlett-Taylor BSc. DipEd.
Principal



The Sunday Telegraph

THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH'S FORUMS HIT THE ROAD, HEADING TO TAMWORTH ON JUNE 7

*Why is my son refusing to talk?
What is going through my daughter's head?
Who can help us?*

The Sunday Telegraph continues its campaigning in 2016 to break the taboo surrounding youth suicide and mental ill-health. These problems can be addressed – but only if we are brave enough to talk about it.

The Can We Talk campaign began in 2015 after Mick Carroll realised parents were not being included in conversations around youth depression, mental health and suicide, and wanted to bring them together with experts to better understand how to have a conversation with young people.

Parents desperate for insight into the minds of their children are urged to come along to the ground breaking Tamworth 'Can We Talk' forum.

This FREE forum will be held at West Tamworth Leagues Club on Tuesday 7 June, from 6.30-8.30pm (doors open 6.15pm).

On stage will be clinical experts, parents and young people telling their stories; the NRL's State of Mind Ambassador Dan Hunt, and local police; all available to answer audience questions.

Partnering with leading mental health organisations; headspace, Lifeline and Sydney University's Brain Mind Centre, these ground-breaking free forums will connect our readers - especially parents - with the services and experts who can help. Families are welcome to come as are any concerned members of the Tamworth community.

TO REGISTER TO ATTEND VISIT dailytelegraph.com.au/canwetalk

For more information please contact:

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Our proud partners:



Oxley High School, Tamworth NSW Year 10 Central Australia Excursion 2016

Report by Amy Zhou, Year 10

On the 6th of May, 73 Oxley Year 10 students and 6 teachers set off on their two week journey through Central Australia, starting off with an exciting but long, 28 hour bus ride from Tamworth to Coober Pedy where we got to know our bus drivers, Joe and Geoff.

Some of the highlights throughout the trip are outlined below.

COOBER PEDY: We met our chefs, Carol and Kim, who travelled with us throughout the whole trip cooking us delicious home cooked meals every day. We then explored the town and toured the famous opal mines.

YULARA (ULURU): When we arrived in Yulara we set up our tents for the first time and headed out to watch the sunset of Uluru where many happy snaps were taken. The following day the tradition continued and Oxley students had the opportunity to climb Uluru. The climb was exhausting, cold and windy but was well worth it once we saw the view from the top.

KINGS CANYON: For the first time on our trip we spent the night with no service which caused havoc for some but they survived and the snapchat streaks remained. Kings Canyon walk started off with 300 odd steps followed by a 7km walk which some said feels like you're walking on the moon. For future goers remember to zip up your tents as dingoes don't mind a mess kit to add to their collection.

ALICE SPRINGS: As we drove to Alice Springs we stopped at Stuart Wells for the long awaited Camel rides, which appeared harder for some, as the camels didn't seem to co-operate. Once we arrived at Alice Springs we visited The Royal Flying Doctors Service where we learnt how significant they are in supporting the whole of Australia. Whilst in Alice Springs we visited Simpsons Gap and saw the amazing scenery. We also had some free time to shop around Alice Springs.

DALEY WATERS: On the long drive towards Daley Waters we visited Devils Marbles, such a unique place. At the Daley Waters pub the food was amazing and everyone had a blast dancing to the live entertainment.

KATHERINE: The stop at Mataranka for a swim at the thermal pools was so refreshing. Lovely morning cruise through the Katherine Gorge, with free time in the afternoon where some chose to go on a hike to the lookout, which was mesmerising, while others went for a swim to cool off from the hot sun. The '2016 Central Talent Show' was held. Many talents were shown but the winner was 'The Dom' entertaining us with jokes!

EDITH FALLS: On the way to Kakadu we stopped for a 200 odd meter swim out to Edith Falls where many took on the challenge to go under the waterfall.

KAKADU: We viewed the stunning sunset at Ubirr Rock, with an early start the next day to experience the 'Yellow Waters Cruise' (also known as the crocodile cruise) where many crocs and other wildlife were seen as well as beautiful natural surroundings. Later that night we all experienced the famous 'Kakadu flood of 2016' where many tents came second best with ankle deep water and people forced to bunk with others for the night.

BERRY SPRINGS: This was one of the favourite places for many, with a few hours free to swim in the billabong with the clear blue water. The scenery was beautiful with a small waterfall as well as beautiful sea life.

DARWIN: On the final stretch many were tired and ready to go home but that didn't stop anybody from shopping, spending hours at Casuarina Square while spending money! We visited the museum where we learnt a lot on Cyclone Tracy, a display of 'sweetheart,' some history about Darwin and saw some of the HSC artworks. At night we went to the Mindil Markets where we bought local made products, ate delicious street food and saw the famous Mindil beach sunset.

AIRPORT: After a long day of shopping and seeing the sights of Darwin, everyone was tired but the long 5 hour wait at the airport was still ahead. We were very sad to say goodbye to our bus drivers and cooks. Everyone was running on excitement and adrenaline, and at about 1:30am we boarded the plane for a 4 hour plane ride to Sydney. We arrived at Sydney around 6:00am and boarded our new bus for the long 6 hour bus ride to Tamworth.

THANKS: We would like to personally thank the teachers who gave up their time to go on Central with us, with a special thanks to Mr Hamilton and Mrs Hill for organising the whole trip. Our Year Advisor Mrs Hill was very proud of the excellent behaviour of all of the students during the trip. We would also like to thank Joe and Geoff for driving us around for the two weeks, as well as Kim and Carol for cooking delicious homemade meals! As a whole year group, over the two weeks, we have made incredible friendships and made priceless memories that we will cherish for a lifetime.

We advise future year groups to go on this amazing experience. It's so worth it, and I can promise that you will make many memories to last a lifetime.

See Yr 10 Safari photo diary next page.

Year 10 Central Australia Safari 6 - 20 May 2016

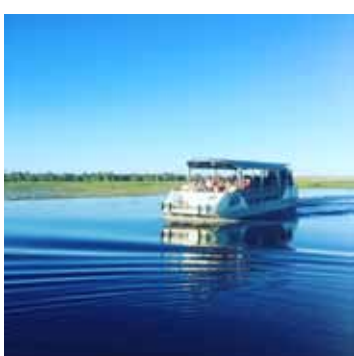


It certainly was a most exciting time to be part of the 2016 Year 10 Central Australia excursion.

FACT FILE

73 x Year 10 students
34 boys
39 Girls
6 teachers

2 cooks, 2 bus drivers
(supplied by company)
Bayside Coaches
7000Kms by land
QANTAS Flight from Darwin
(depart 2am arrive Sydney 5am)



ITINERARY - 01: Day-night coach to Coober Pedy • 02: Umoona Opal Mine, town tour and overnight in underground motel • 03: Yulara and sunset over Uluru • 04: Climb Uluru and visit Uluru Cultural Centre • 05: Kings Canyon • 06: Aice Springs, Camel rides at Stewart Wells, Royal Flying Doctors' Service tour • 07: Alice Springs, Ellery Big Hole, free time shopping • 08: Daley Waters, tour of Devils' Marbles on route • 09: Daley Waters to Mataranka, swim in thermal pools • 10: Katherine Gorge cruise and bush walk • 11: Katherine to Kakadu, sunset at Ubirr Rock, view rock art • 12: Cruise of Yellow Waters Billabong, Nourlangie Rock, Vowali Cultural Centre • 13: Kakadu to Darwin, swim at Berry Springs • 14: Darwin city sights, Darwin Museum, sunset at Mindil Beach Markets, Darwin Airport for flight to Sydney • 15: Arrive Sydney then coach to Tamworth.

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Oxley placed second in exciting day of chess at Manilla Central School

Tuesday, May 3, twelve students from Oxley High (Shelby Davidson, Amelia Smart, Katie Richards, Cameron Kemp, Joe Ross-Ward, Zach Burn, Jazmin Lissarrague, Noah Lissarrague, Matthew Wise, Blake Turner, Benjamin Stacey and Jeremiah Barbara) participated in the **Interschool Chess Challenge** held at **Manilla Central School** by the Sydney Academy of Chess. Participating schools included Farrer MAHS, Inverell HS, Manilla Central, Calrossy/William Cowper and of course, Oxley HS. The overall successful school was Farrer MAHS, followed by Oxley in second place! Joe Ross-Ward was Oxley High's most successful student, winning 5 of the 7 rounds he played. The challenges, the wins, the draws and the losses were all taken in 'their stride'; the

group were complimented on their behaviour and sportsmanship during the event. Thank you, Wayne Chaffey; bus driver, supervisor and chess coach extraordinaire!

Chess update, Round 2: The Oxley High Chess team played Peel High, at Peel High during Week 5 for Round 2 of the NSW Junior Chess League Country Schools Competition. Winning three of the four games, Oxley will move on to Round 3. Team members; Brandon Lane, Jaygan Cannon, Cameron Kemp and Joe Ross-Ward had their chess ability suitably tested by each opponent and no game was easily lost or won.

Sun-Herald City2Surf

Sunday 14 August 2016

- Are you running in the 2016 City2Surf?
- You can support the St Jennifer Hawthorne Samber Quality School in Kenya that Oxley has close links with.
- When you register choose "Friends of Rang'i" as your charity in the charity drop down box.
- Have friends or family who are competing? Ask them to choose "Friends of Rang'i" as well.
- Costs you nothing but could make a great difference to the education of underprivileged children.

Jenny Hawthorne

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Increasing access to local quality education and improving living standards of vulnerable children.

Please assist if you can.

WANTED

WHITE, GREY OR CREAM
CLOTHING

The school is asking for donations of clothing which is white, grey or cream to be used as costuming for the Addams Family Musical to be held at the end of the year.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring donated clothing to the front office for Ms Natalie Creighton

GIRL POWER - Oxley Sports Council Reports: Jessica, Ollie and Mikaela

**Jessica Aldridge - Shot Put**

Competed at: Australian Athletics Junior Championship (AAJC) in Perth and the Australian Athletics Open Nationals (AAON and an Olympic qualifier) in Sydney Olympic Park
Results: At the Australian Athletics Junior Championship, Jess placed 1st in the Under 18's 3kg shot put, 3rd in the Under 18's javelin and 4th in the Under 20's 4kg shot-put. At the Australian Athletics Open Nationals, Jess placed 5th in Opens 4kg shot put.

Highlights: Jess made personal bests at each competition "It was my first time in Opens. I was looking at trying to make the top 8 and surprised myself with 5th. I was also the youngest in the event. I was competing against international athletes"

How long have you been competing? "Eight years. I love it because I love the competition, going out there to do my best and improve my throws. Winning is a bonus. The atmosphere at big events is exciting and I enjoy travelling and making friends around Australia."

What's next? "School competitions - and I'm waiting to hear if I have gained selection into the Australian Athletics Development Squad."

Ollie Saunders - Cycling

What event did you compete at? Canberra Junior Tour

Results: 2nd individual time trial,
2nd Criterium,
2nd road race, 3rd road race

Level of accomplishment: state representative

Highlights: my highlight at Canberra was the 2nd road race because it was one of my toughest races I have ridden and being able to break away with two other girls was a great feeling.

How long have you been riding? Since I could walk

Why do you love it? Keeps me fit, I make good friends and it gives me the chance to see the world and gain a lot of fun at the same time

Whats next? The next race I will be competing at is the Goulbourn junior Tour on the 21st and 22nd of May.

Mikaela Short - NSW All Schools Swimming

50m Butterfly - 1st Place (setting a new record)

100m Butterfly - 2nd Place

50m Freestyle - 3rd Place

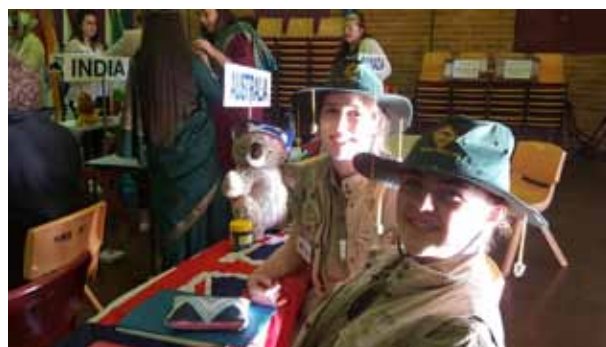
Back Stoke - 3rd

Mikaela will now represent NSW at the Australian All Schools in Darwin - September 15 - 23, 2016



Mikaela Short at 2016 NSW All Schools Swimming Championships

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)



MUNA is an annual, two-day weekend event that is part of an International Rotary project to educate senior high school students (years 10 - 12) on the United Nations organisation and its vital commitment to world peace, in addition to health, education and living standards around the world.

The event provides an excellent forum for students to develop and practice their public speaking skills whilst debating on topical world issues.

On the 28th and 29th of May, four students, Geordie Brown, Caitlin Kemp, Amelia Dadd and Samuel Kemp travelled to Kempsey to compete in the Mock United Nations Assembly (MUNA).

MUNA requires teams of two to take on a country and act and dress as the delegates for that particular nation in the assembly.

In the assembly both teams debated current world issues amongst 32 other countries, whilst creating alliances through

the use of bribes. After each debate all delegates voted on their opinions and either passed or denied each motion.

Both teams had great successes in their debates, with Geordie and Samuel winning the delegates choice for most outstanding.

Many thanks to both Mr and Mrs O'Brien for giving up their time to travel to Kempsey and giving the students this incredible experience. A special thank you is also extended to The Rotary Club of Tamworth Sunrise for sponsoring both teams and making this opportunity a possibility.



“Geordie and Samuel won the delegates choice for most outstanding”

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and www.facebook.com/pages/Oxley-High-School-P-C-Association/133721960089381?ref=hl to check out the latest photos, discussions, events etc.

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.

HOW TO PAY YOUR SCHOOL FEES.

To pay your fees or any money for excursions, go to **Window 1 of Macquarie Office** and pay by using cash, eftpos or cheque.
If you would like to pay by direct deposit please ensure that it is referenced correctly with the student's name and what you are paying for.

For example:

Reference - John Smith School Fees

Account Name: Oxley High School Administration Account

BSB: 032-001

Account Number: 139887

2016 SCHOOL FEES & LIBRARY FUND

SPECIAL NOTE: Parents and Carers are reminded that when paying your student's 2016 School Contribution, such payment into the School Library Fund is tax deductible. It also funds the Oxley High Library.

COMPULSORY SPORT FEE

In order to minimise the cost of sporting events run at Oxley High School, the **\$10.00** sporting fee is again in operation for 2016.

Mobile phones and electronic devices

- Students are required to ensure that all mobile and electronic devices are to be turned off and placed in their bags prior to each lesson.
- Each classroom will have a box where students can place their phone for safe keeping during the lesson.
- Stickers with the students' names have been generated and issued to students to assist in the identification of their phone.
- Phones and electronic devices will be permitted to be used in the classroom under teacher direction and instruction.

PEANUT ALLERGIES & AEROSOL CANS

Please do not bring peanut products or aerosol cans to school as they can cause severe allergic reactions to some students and staff.

Leaving school early

If a student needs to leave school early then they must bring a signed note from a parent to the Deputy Principal before 9am explaining their reason for leaving early. Leave will not be granted without a note or parent contact.

Absence Notes

If your child has been absent from school, please write a note with the following information:

- include your child's full name and roll class;
- include the date/s and number of days your child was away;
- explain why your child was away;
- include other information as needed.

All absence notes should be given to the roll call teacher within 7 days of the absence.

The student's absence is unexplained or unjustified if no notice has been provided by parents within 7 days of the occurrence of the absence OR the absence has been explained by the parent but the reason provided, e.g. shopping trip, birthday, is not accepted by the Principal.

Leave for more than 10 days requires a minimum of one month's notice and a **DEC Exemption Form** to be completed.

Leave for less than 10 days requires at least three weeks notice and a letter to the Principal seeking approval.

DEC Exemption Forms

A Certificate of Exemption is required for students planning extended leave from school. Such is issued for certain circumstances that are approved by the Principal, not including family holidays.

Update Your Details

Have you moved, got a new email address or changed phone numbers? Please inform the Front Office of any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

If your child is ill at school

Please do not send students to school if they are feeling ill or have uncovered wounds. It will require us to phone you to come and collect your child.

If a student presents with an illness or injury during the school day we will contact you.

If your child phones you on their mobile to say they are ill advise them to follow school procedures and to go to the Front Office to be assessed, and the school will call you.

Please do not ask them to meet you out the front of the school. It is very important we are aware of their circumstances and that they are collected from the Front Office.

UNIFORM POLICY AND EXPECTATIONS

Oxley High School prides itself on upholding exceptional standards and a positive image both within our school and as members of the wider community. We therefore appreciate the continued support of our parents and carers regarding the wearing of school uniform.

Our school uniform policy and detailed description of the school uniform can be found on the Oxley High School Web Site:

<http://www.oxley-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies/uniform-policy>

Students who are unable to wear the full school uniform on any occasion must provide a note from home to the uniform officer (Deputy Principal) BEFORE SCHOOL to obtain a Uniform Exemption Pass. Disciplinary action will be enforced for those students out of uniform, without written explanation.

If families are experiencing any financial difficulties and are unable to meet uniform requirements, we have a Clothing Pool operating on Mondays between 9:00 and 11:00am and some student assistance is available through Macquarie Office.

If you have any further queries or require support, please contact your child's Year Adviser or Head Teacher Welfare as soon as possible.

CLOTHING POOL

The Oxley High School Clothing Pool opens on Fridays from 9:00 to 12:00 for all uniform needs or pre-loved uniforms.

Oxley High School is always looking for volunteers to run the Clothing Pool, so if you can spare a couple of hours on another day, please contact the school on **6766 1677**.

OXLEY
celebrates



50 Years of Oxley High School Celebration: As the time draws closer to the 50th year of Oxley High School, people in the community who have had an association with Oxley High School (either as a past student, teacher or parent) are invited to contact the school if interested in being part of our 50 Year Celebration Committee. Please contact the school on 67661677 and leave your contact details or email your expression of interest to Natalie Hill at: natalie.j.hill@det.nsw.edu.au

DID YOU KNOW?

Britannica Online can be accessed from home via the Oxley Moodle.

You just need to log in as if you are logging onto a computer at school.

Britannica Online is an up-to-date information source with academic authority.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY SPORT

Non-Sport is held in the Library each Thursday for the benefit of students who are either SICK or INJURED and unable to participate in Sport. Whilst in the Library, students are to be working constructively, or they will be sent to Sports Detention (see below).

If a student wishes to attend Non-Sport they are to bring a note signed by their Parent/Guardian containing the **nature of the illness/injury, a contact phone number where they may be reached that day if required, and the date(s) for which the illness/injury is applicable.**

The note must be handed to the Sports Organiser before school or at recess, at the PE staffroom. If a student does not bring a note, they will go to Sports Detention.

Students who have forgotten/lost their money on Thursdays and need to pay money for Sport each week are able to borrow money from the Sports Organiser on Thursday morning or recess. Please do not come the second half of lunch to borrow money. This money is to be re-paid to the Sports Organiser the next day.

Sport is compulsory at school, and therefore should not be seen as an opportunity to carry out personal matters.

Leave Passes are for students who require leave from school to attend urgent appointments which cannot be made at other times. Students who wish to get a Leave Pass on Thursdays must have a note from their parent/caregiver clearly explaining where the student will be when they leave. **The notes must be handed in before school to Macquarie Office and MUST contain the following information:**

- **Reason for leave**
- **Phone Number for confirmation of appointment if required**
- **Place and Time of appointment**

The wearing of uniform at Oxley High School is compulsory. Uniform for Sport is no different. The correct uniform for sport is a Navy Polo Shirt with collar and embroidered badge. OXLEY Navy coloured shorts or tracksuit pants. A School Tracksuit Jacket or Oxley High School Jumper can be worn during cold weather.

JEANS and CANTERBURY (CCC) SHORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AS SPORTS UNIFORM.

If you do not have the correct full uniform, wear your normal school uniform and change at your venue. Students who are not in the correct uniform will not attend Sport; they will go to Sport Detention instead.

Still thinking of joining the 2016 Oxley Community Tour to Kenya in July?

Check details with Mrs Jenny Hawthorne at:

jenny.hawthorne@friendsofrangi.org

or pick up a copy of the itinerary and costing from Mrs Chaffey in the Library.