

LOGBOOK

Oxley High School, Tamworth

TERM 1 2018—In this issue: Sports Captains, Uni & Drama excursions, Vaccination information, Girls Academy, swimming carnival photos, CAPA & SRC news and much more!

Sports House Captains 2018!



Tanisha Donnelly, Drew Potts
(Vice Captains), Sarah Hill and
Hayden Phillips (Captains).

Hastings

Macquarie

Meg Reading, Brendan Kelly
(Vice Captains), Zac Lewis and
Angel Guy (Captains).



Namoi

**Zac Daley, Brooklyn Williams
(Vice Captains), Jessica Watt
and Elijah Debenham
(Captains).**



**Jacob Ellis, Mikayla Broad (Vice
Captains, Briella Klein and Logan
Bailey (Captains).**

Castlereagh

Sports Council Captains

**Madeline Dadd, Zach Taylor
(Vice Captains), Lliam Watson,
and Katie Richards (Captains).**



2018- Year of Conversation

Welcome to 2018 at Oxley High School. This year as a community we are going to focus on conversation as our wellbeing theme across the entire school. Conversations are social interactions and are essential to all connections within the school community. The emphasis on conversations will underpin the firm educational standards of our school.

During 2018, our staff and student leaders will be actively encouraging and modelling positive, cooperative and respectful conversation within the classroom and in the playground. Throughout the year we will seek to broaden our students understanding of conversations to help them develop both emotionally and socially.

Through Year Meetings, classroom interactions, Wellbeing Wednesday in PC groups and external Wellbeing presentations our students will hone skills related to respectful and appropriate conversations. Students will also be exposed to the concept that problematic conversations are important, for example talking about mental health issues, embracing diversity and speaking up against bullying. It is hoped that we can develop a realisation of the impact of both negative and positive talk on the people around them.

To complement our theme and enhance their understanding, all of our students attended the Motivational Media's program for 2018, TAKE THE LEAD at the start of the school year. TAKE THE LEAD is a presentation that contains powerful images and messages about the value of planning for our lives and making good choices in relationships with others. The songs, stories and comments in the presentation focus on the influence that we as individuals have on those around us.

Any further questions regarding the Year of Conversation should be directed to Head Teacher Wellbeing Mrs Irem Mooney or Mrs Natasha Gillan, or your child's Year Advisor. Throughout 2018 the Logbook will contain articles that will help you keep up-to-date with our wellbeing focus on conversation.





Central Australian Excursion

A friendly reminder to all students who are going on the Central Australia trip from the 4th of May to the 18th of May 2018, that all payments must be finalised by Friday the 13th of April 2018. There will also be a meeting for all parents and students in Week 8 on Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 7pm in the school auditorium.

Year 12 University Excursion

Oxley High School in conjunction with various schools in the district had the opportunity to go on a multi university trip between 4-7th, February 2018. Students participated and benefitted from the University of Wollongong Discovery Day and enjoyed additional visits to Macquarie University, UNSW , University of Sydney and Newcastle University. They also experienced what it was like to stay in university campus accommodation.

It is important for our students to be given every opportunity to explore as many university and course options as possible which will support their post school pathway awareness & development, planning and ultimately their decision making.

We were extremely lucky that our travel expenses were covered by the University of Wollongong and we thank them wholeheartedly for their dedication to helping rural students in their career discoveries.



Year 12 Drama Excursion

On the 2nd of February, Year 12 Drama embarked on an excursion to Sydney to take in the delights of the current industry standard of theatre and to get a taste of the expectation for top grade HSC Major Works. The train ride to Sydney was a breeding ground for excitement and nerves of what was to come in the coming two days in the big smoke, assisted of course by many lollies and crisps! Upon arriving to the Sydney Darling Harbour YHA, the class had minimal time to prepare for their walk through the city lights of Inner City Sydney to Star Casino's Lyric Theatre.

The students could not decide between burgers or sushi for dinner. Conveniently, Star Casino housed a restaurant that was a fusion of both called *Gojimah*. This was definitely a highlight of the trip, then on to the weekend's professional theatrical production at the Lyric Theatre. The lavish layout of the Lyric set the scene for the students that they were about to see something truly special, *Beautiful: The Carole King Story*. This musical opened the students' eyes to one of music industry's more prominent female artists and the many pieces that they'd all heard before, yet never knew came from the one amazing artist. The stellar performances of the cast and the seamless presentation of the production left the students in awe of the calibre and possibilities afforded to the professional standard of theatre. This was the perfect first stage in a weekend based completely around inspiration for the senior Drama students' own final pieces.

The next day, the class attended a two-hour professionally run workshop on devised theatre and group-based techniques at the industry acclaimed Belvoir St Theatre. All the students left the expertly delivered workshop invigorated with fresh ideas, new skills and renewed enthusiasm towards their Group Devised Task for their HSC. From there we proceeded to the Seymour Centre for Session One of *OnSTAGE!*, a compilation of the previous year's best of the best Drama Major Works, both practical and theoretical based. The reaction from the Oxley students was a wonderful mix of admiration, motivation and a healthy dose of 'reality check' as to what is ACTUALLY required to gain the top marks in their beloved and 'just for fun' subject.

After wandering Chippendale, Haymarket and Darling Harbour streets to pass time till the next itinerary point, the students had a big, hearty and healthy meal at Chippendale's *The Rose Restaurant and Bar* and straight into Session Two of *OnSTAGE!* Their reaction to Session Two was much like the first, if not more so leading toward realisation of the expectation of what is required to achieve their personal best, which was exactly the point of this trip. The day was topped off with a much-anticipated visit to the ever-popular *Max Brenner* chocolate restaurant for dessert.

The final day of the trip saw the crew waking up early and a visit to the famous Pancakes on the Rocks for a top shelf and indulgent breakfast before the long and sleepy train ride home to Tamworth. After spending two wet days in the city, many city bus and train rides, about 30,000 steps each and a total of 8 hours of theatrical experiences, the students finally stepped off the train into the 40-degree heat of home. The students of the Year 12 Drama class all seemed to gleam some form of inspiration or motivation from their Drama class trip to the city, in varying degrees and ways. Thank you to Mr McInnes for putting together this valuable weekend of experiential learning for the students. Expect to see the names of these kids in lights one day if their renewed enthusiasm is anything to go by.



Year 12 Drama Excursion!



Oxley Girls Academy

Our first event for 2018 was a meet and greet with Isaiah Firebrace, 2016 X Factor winner and 2017 Australian representative at Eurovision.

Our girls learnt about Isaiah's musical journey before and after his X Factor success and took away a key message, "make your dreams a reality".



Induction Day

Wednesday February 7th was our annual Induction Day. This year Mr Len Waters added a valuable cultural component sharing his knowledge and wisdom, and Miss Charlie Abra gave the girls some tips on coping with stress with her Dreamtime Yoga.

The girls were then taken through Academy expectation and the signing of their contracts.

Tarran Snape, our Post Schools officer, also facilitated a meet and greet with our Year Twelve girls and discussed some future pathways.



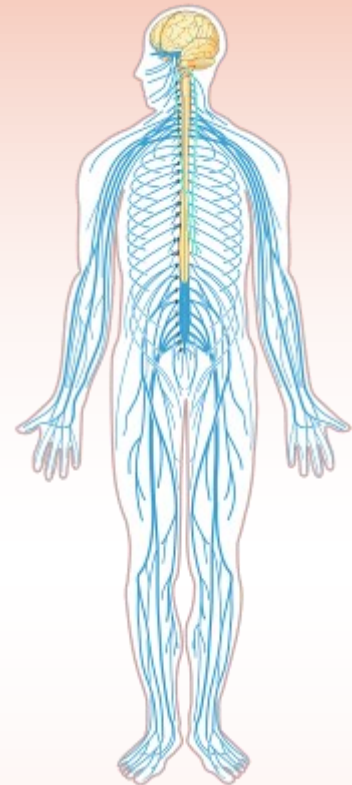
Bangarra Dance Workshops- February 15

Six Oxley HS students enjoyed participating in Bangarra Dance Company Workshops. Students were put through a vigorous warm up and dance routine of classical and contemporary with a cultural element. Congratulations to Chenoa Siesmen and Kelcee Beattie who were selected and invited to further training and development with the Bangarra Dance Company.



Science!

Here are some great cartoons and models of a neuron that 9.2 Science have completed as part of the nervous system.



Reminder from the office:

Please label all items of clothing. Any lost property items that are not labelled and not collected within two days, will be donated to the clothing pool.

Thank you.

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2018 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV9) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Years 10-11	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that students who commence HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8.

Students who have dose 1 HPV at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic as a physical card. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Adolescent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program

In early 2017 parents/carers of Year 7 students were asked to provide consent for their children to receive three doses of HPV vaccine in the NSW School Vaccination Program.

Most* Year 7 students who have received two doses of HPV vaccine are considered to be fully vaccinated and do not require a further dose.

This change is based on recent international studies that show for children aged 9 to 14 years of age, two doses of HPV vaccine provide the same protection as three doses, as long as the second dose is given at least six months after the first dose. Based on this evidence, the World Health Organization (WHO) now recommends a two-dose HPV schedule, and this has already been adopted in comparable countries (i.e. the UK, Canada, the United States and New Zealand) and is now being adopted in Australia.

In 2017 Year 7 students were given the second dose of HPV vaccine at least six months after the first dose to accommodate the urgent roll-out of the Meningococcal W Response Program to Year 11 and 12 students. Year 7 students who have received only one dose of HPV this year will be offered their second dose in 2018. Parents/carers whose children were vaccinated in 2017 but who still wish for their child to receive a third dose of HPV vaccine can access a free dose from their general practitioner (GP).

* Students with significantly impaired immune systems are still recommended to have three doses of HPV vaccine. Parents of these students should make arrangements to complete the vaccine course with their GP or by calling their local public health unit on 1300 066 055.

More information is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/hpv or by calling your local public health unit on **1300 066 055**.

Library news...

Oxley High Students & Staff can discover and borrow from our eBook Collection anywhere, anytime.

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Browse

Patrons locate your library via the app & authenticate themselves, or browse your OPAC or browse directly on your school's ePlatform.

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Borrow

Patrons click to borrow titles which are streamed and/or downloaded onto their personal mobile device or PC.

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Return

Titles automatically expire after loan period (no late fees!), and can be returned early by most devices.

Search for titles via your Oxley High Oliver online catalogue

ePlatform has apps available for Apple, Android and Windows 8/10 devices, to make reading even easier.



AEROSOLS ARE PROHIBITED AT SCHOOL.

There are a number of staff and students at Oxley HS who are severe asthmatics and are adversely affected by the spraying of aerosol cans.

All aerosols are strictly forbidden on school grounds at all times.



SECONDARY BOYS HOCKEY

The 2018 Secondary Schools Boys Hockey Competition will be run again on Wednesday nights from 6pm. This year the format will be a little different!

The first five weeks will be a FREE "fast 5s" half field social competition that will commence on Wednesday May 16th (Term 2, Week 3). BBQ, music and fun atmosphere provided!!

The concept is that existing hockey players come along and bring as many friends that are non-hockey players so they can try hockey free of charge, in a fun, social atmosphere. We are hoping that this will then lead into school teams, concluding with a Grand Final on Wednesday September 19th.

If you are interested please see Mr Yeo in the PDHPE staffroom ASAP.



GIRLS U15s NETBALL

U15s Girls Knockout Netball Team played Gunnedah High School in their first round and won 51 to 19. All girls worked as a team to achieve their success. Indiana Hall was awarded the most valuable player for all of her efforts throughout the game. All students are congratulated and wished all the best in their next game against Duval High School. (Coach) Shayla Collett, Imogen Collett, Georgia Robertson, Lori Rivenell, Madelyn Rennie, Issabelle Kelly, Grace Edgecock, Deminique Chesterfield, Mataya Gabutto, Indiana Hall and absent from picture Charlotte Henderson.



Vocal and Instrumental Programs



The Oxley High School Creative and Performing Arts Faculty is pleased to announce that, beginning in 2018, we are offering the opportunity for interested and talented vocalists and instrumentalists to be involved in an instrumental ensemble and/or a vocal ensemble. These ensembles will rehearse once a week and be integrated into the student's timetable. This will mean that students who are involved will be withdrawn from a timetabled lesson once a week. These ensembles will work towards performing at annual school functions and community events.

Placement in these programs will be dependent on:

- An ability, interest and potential as an instrumentalist or vocalist
- An excellent record of attendance and conduct
- A recognisable commitment to school studies and academic performance

Due to the large number of students that have expressed an interest in the Vocal Ensemble, students will need to audition to gain a place in this group. Students will be guided through a number of vocal exercises in order for staff to determine their ability to pitch accurately and to ascertain their vocal range and voice type. (Soprano, alto, tenor or bass)

The instrumental group has been well supported by student interest and at this stage, staff will be able to form an ensemble that is inclusive of string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. This group will cater for students of all abilities.

The CAPA Faculty can assist with the loan of instruments if the student does not currently own one. This loan will attract a hire fee (minimal cost) that will allow staff to maintain and upgrade instruments into the future. Please contact the Music staff in the CAPA Faculty if you have any questions or need to arrange the loan of an instrument.



Swimming Carnival Fun!



CAPA COUNCIL 2018

It was a hot, hot, hot day and the CAPA Council combined their enthusiasm and every bit of energy for one of our many fundraising events of the year, **Valentines Day!** Thank you to all who joined in on the fun and bought cakes at the stall and had their pics taken at the photo booth. Also, this year we delivered a record breaking 176 chocolate roses to students during PC....it always puts a smile on people's faces.

The CAPA Council look forward to a year of events, fundraising and being actively creative, representing our student body. The next event we will be partaking in is International Night. See you there.



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT!

Please support our school and the Oxley HS P&C by coming along and enjoying our annual International Night. It is on Friday the 23rd March in the school quad. Everyone is welcome, a great atmosphere is created and lots of delicious food from all around the world will be available!

More details to follow on the school FB page.



Please contact Sarah on 0400587687 if you would like to be involved or are able to help in some way. Thank you.

SRC Report

At the beginning of February, the Student Representative Council (SRC) went on their annual planning camp to Echidna Gully near Armidale. Over the course of the three days, the students evaluated last year's performance as a leadership body, set new goals for the upcoming twelve months and started to plan fund-raising activities.

This was an outstanding opportunity for the SRC to get to know and bond with their new members. Many games were played and good times were had by all. Thank yous must go to Mr Squires and Miss Aleksandroff for their enthusiasm and guidance whilst on camp.



SRC 2018

Office Bearers

President- Brooklyn Williams (Year 11)
Vice President- Jasmine Webb (Year 11)
Secretary- Tahlia Wheeler (Year 11)
Treasurer- Jessica Watt (Year 11)
Senior Media Liaison Officer- Amy Zhou (Year 12)
Junior Media Liaison Officer- Ryan Post (Year 8)
Boys School Captain- Mitchell Lewin (Year 12)
Girls School Captain- Shelby Davidson (Year 12)
Boys Vice-Captain- Arden Lafforgue (Year 12)
Girls Vice-Captain- Jessica Read (Year 12)

Year 12

Samantha Bailey
Isabelle Daley
Elizabeth Wise

Year 11

Elise Dustin
Maddison Iskov
Jessica Kemp

Year 10

Lucy Bowden
Olivia Collison
Christopher Powell

Year 9

Isabella Clapham
Noah Lissarague
Benjamin Stacey
Matthew Wise

Year 8

Conor Jones
William Russell
Gabrielle Siddons



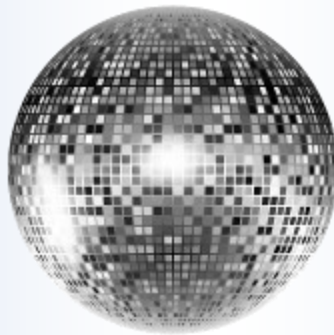
Year 7 Welcome Disco – Pyjama Party!



The Macarena was a big hit on the night!



Jess Read and Mr Muhl



Brooklyn Williams, Jess Watt, Maddi Iskov, Laura Stewart and Sarah Hill



Amelia Smart, Shayla Collett, Logan Taylor and Nikeisha Johnston



Mitchell Lewin, Jess Read, Sami Bailey and Arden Lafforgue



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Non-attendance Interview Program in Schools (NIPS)

Oxley High School will be involved in an attendance initiative known as NIPS. The program will be run by a team including a Regional Attendance Officer(s) and school staff.

The objective of NIPS is to reduce the number of students who have unjustified absences. The team will talk with students whose attendance is of concern. The team intends to raise awareness in the school and home environments of the importance of regular attendance.

Students with attendance issues will be individually interviewed by this team to discuss any barriers to regular attendance.

If your child is interviewed, you will receive a letter outlining the process which was followed.

If you have any queries about NIPS, please contact Mr Mark Jenson HSLO on 0448569660.

Yours faithfully

Simon Bartlett-Taylor
Principal

2nd February 2018