



LOGBOOK

Oxley High School, Tamworth

TERM 2 2018—In this issue: Anzac Day, Central excursion, reports from Wellbeing, CAPA Council & Sports Council, Chess, Athletics Carnival, Visual Arts and much more!



**ANZAC
DAY
2018**

**Thank you to our staff and students who
proudly marched on Anzac Day.**







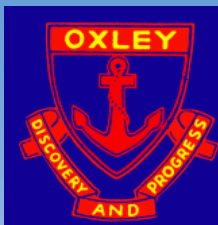
ANZAC DAY



Work Experience!

Here's a few pics of students at their recent Work Experience. Tom worked at Connexions Café (left and right photos) and Corey worked at Tufrey's Concreting and Plastering (centre photo).





REMINDERS

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 Website: <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 in Macquarie courtyard 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 Store in the Canteen. It is opened every day for all uniform needs or pre-loved uniforms.

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.

Please be aware that early leave is not to be used for lunch or for things that can be done outside school. Leave will not be granted without a note or parent contact.

ABSENCE NOTES

If your child has been absent from school, you can 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.

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.

PEANUT ALLERGIES & AEROSOL CANS

Please be reminded not to bring peanut products to school as we have some students with severe peanut allergies. **Aerosol cans are banned at school** as they can cause affected students and staff to have potentially fatal reactions.

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 there is an issue with your account, please contact the office ASAP.

LEAVE PASS

Your child requires a note from parent/guardian to obtain a Leave Pass. Please do not just turn up and ask to take your child out as this takes a long time to find the student to get them out of class.

Special Note: Phone the school for afterschool change of plans for **EMERGENCY** changes only.

BULLYING

At Oxley we have a zero tolerance on bullying. If your child is having an issue at school, please tell them to talk to a teacher. If they contact you directly and do not tell a staff member, we will be unable to help them if we are not aware of it.

MOBILE PHONES & 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.

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 2018. Apologies for the late notice in this regard. Families are currently being invoiced for the \$10 Sport Fee.

We wish to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that there is a substantial number of students who have elective fees outstanding from previous years.

Could those parents/carers please make arrangements with the school for payment of these fees, as your child can not be signed out of school until all fees are collected.

If you are having problems meeting your fees for electives or sport please call at the Front Office to discuss any options the school may be able to consider.

Leave Passes for Thursday Sport 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

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.

Visual Arts

Year 9 Self Portraits

Students in Year 9 Visual Arts classes have combined printmaking and painting with layers of texture, colour and pattern inspired by artist Anne Bagby to present a Self Portrait Assessment. Exhibited below are student artworks.



Madeleine Lewin



Chloe Hatch



Anastasia Smyth



Kobbie Dennis

Year 7 Visual Arts

This semester Year 7 have been exploring the local environment and natural world to create textural mixed media landscapes on paper inspired by the Australian artist John Wolseley.



Ruby Spark



Cohen Phillips



Mrs Jo Pursehouse

Visual Arts Teacher



Senior ART SHARKS



‘Good artists copy. Great artists steal’ Pablo Picasso

On Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May a group of 40 Senior Art students from across the region came together for Art Sharks- a Stage 6 Visual Arts Workshop held at the Tamworth Regional Gallery.

This was an exciting opportunity for regional students to engage in a 2 day Art immersion workshop. The theme for the workshop was Exploring the Postmodern Frame in Art Writing and Artmaking. The first day had a focus on the writing and students were joined by Dr Bricknell, a former English teacher and now Literacy specialist. Students looked at appropriation and the moral and ethical issues that arise and debated and discussed their views. Students were also lucky enough to view the back store room of the gallery and have Director Bridget Guthrie talk them through the galleries collection.

Day 2 of the workshop was a great day with former Oxley High School Art Teacher, now retired, Peter Hooper joining us. A very special day for me personally as Mr Hooper, my Year 12 Art teacher, was the reason I wanted to be an Art teacher. Mr Hooper spoke to students about his commissioned Public Art Guitar Sculpture located in Bicentennial Park. We were able to walk down to the park and view the work as well as have the artist talk us through his process from design to installation.

The rest of the day was art making where students created assemblages from recycled timber and found objects. Students also created Picasso Inspired Guitars using cardboard and found objects. All resolved works were exhibited on the walls of the Gallery, which was a fantastic way to end the two days.

Leisel McIlrick

Visual Arts Teacher



Wellbeing Update

Headspace Tamworth is committed to empowering young people with the tools and strategies to face and conquer mental illness head on. In keeping true to this goal, Headspace Tamworth in partnership with Oxley High School, launched the Bullybox smartphone application in conjunction with Reword It.

The application can be downloaded onto Apple or Android devices and is an effective tool in assisting high school students report on bullying. The application is most effective when used on school grounds but if bullying is occurring outside of school hours, please visit <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/> for more information, or if the matter is urgent please phone police 000.



Please read the following link:

<https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/age-13/raising-resilient-young-people/communicating-with-your-teenager>

THE YEAR OF CONVERSATION – Update...

We are continuing our focus on conversations this term with the arrival of our new banner in the main quadrangle. A friendly reminder to our whole school community to think about what we are saying to each other, why are we saying it and what messages are being received when we speak. Every now and then its important to stop and think about the the words we use, how they may be received and what potential impact they have on others. There will be times when we need to ask “how are you?” or “are you ok?”, and other times when simply saying “hello” with a smile can change a persons day in ways we may never know. Some of the conversations we have may be tough and others a lot easier. Most importantly we must remember that conversations are the things that keep us all connected, students, staff, families and the broader community. Connectedness and a sense of belonging allows us all to develop, succeed and thrive in life.

Thank you to Allsopp Signs for making our vision a reality, and Alanna Swain of Year 11 for her creativity and assistance with the artwork. Let’s all be reminded to think before we speak and make sure our interactions have a positive impact on the lives of those around us.



Deliciosa Mexicana

Students in Society and Culture - Support took their tastebuds on a trip to Mexico recently as part of their studies of the culture. All dishes were prepared and thoroughly enjoyed by the eager and ravenous seniors.



Chess @ Oxley 2018

Students from all years interested in chess have enjoyed a number of meets to develop their skills this semester. Last term they attended a regional chess day organised by the NSW Junior Chess League at PLC Armidale. There is another regional chess day organised at the Calrossy, William Cowper Campus next month.

Meanwhile, the Country Secondary Schools Chess Teams Competition, North West Region, is underway. Our team, Isabelle Daley, Joe Ross-Ward, Zach Burn and Benji Stacey won Round 1 against Calrossy but fell to Farrer in Round 2. Twelve students travelled with the team to Farrer to polish their skills with Farrer students. Good sportsmanship and collegiality made for a pleasant morning enjoyed by all.



CAPA News

The Oxley crowd enjoyed the cool vibes at Open Mic @ Oxley, on Friday 11th May, an event organised by the CAPA Council. We are already being approached by people who want to participate in the next event, stay tuned.



The band, "Just Jam" (cool name) playing for the fans. (Freddie Bailey-Cook, Luke Michalski, Mani Mirzamohammadi and Ashton Haak). Also a big thanks to Mariah Walsh, Madeleine Jones, Logan Phillpott, Madison MacAlpine, Georgia MacAlpine and Alira MacAlpine who also participated and wowed the crowd.



The excitement on Cooper, Mae and Melissa's faces says it all! Selling delicious Spider Drinks on the 18/5.

Open Girls Football

The Open Girls Football side have had an impressive season, topping their result from last year. The girls will play in the Regional Final against either Wee Waa or Tenterfield in June after winning their first three matches. With every game, the girls are improving as a team with a strong defence and plenty of options through the midfield and up front.

The road to glory:

Rd 1: Bye

Rd 2: OHS 4 (Emma Allen 46', 66', Ayva Steel 58', Chelsea Emery 62') def. Duval HS 1

Rd 3: OHS 4 (Ayva Steel 28', Jessica James 55', Nikeisha Burgess 60' Emma James 66') def. Armidale HS 0

Rd 4: OHS 2 (Ayva Steel 45', Jessica James 65') def. Tamworth HS 0



Back row: Miriam Barbara, Jessica James, Danielle Bishop, Shelby Davidson, Milla Thompson, Ayva Steel, Ashleigh Bishop, Kaitlyn Burgess, Holly Schalk **Front row:** Katie Richards, Emma James, Chelsea Emery, Breanna Emery, Jordan Donnelly, Nikeisha Burgess, Tahli Thompson, Emma Allen

Good luck in the Regional Final girls!

TRIVIA NIGHT

JUNE 22
6pm

for 6:30 start

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\$10 PP

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Thank You

The SRC would like to thank the following businesses who are supporting our trivia night on the 22nd June 2018.



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Peer Support activities...



Mr Parnell was happy to lose his ponytail for a good cause. Last year he said that he would lose his long ponytail and shave his head if the school could raise \$1000 and donate it towards the Year 12 charity Beyond Blue. The school community rose to the challenge and were happy to see him lose his locks. A huge thank you to Ashleigh Dallas and Wavelengths who donated their time to do the big shave.





Year 12 Geography - Sydney

In early May, both Year 12 Geography classes embarked on an excursion to Sydney to immerse themselves in the topic 'Urban Places' currently being studied. The three-day event saw students visit many different sites and places including:



- Sydney Tower
- The city CBD
- Barangaroo and its urban renewal
- Darling Harbour
- Haymarket (Chinatown)
- Kings Cross
- The Gap (South Head)
- Bondi Beach
- Port Botany (shipping facilities)
- Macarthur Square
- Oran Park Town (Sydney's newest suburb)
- Cabramatta (Vietnamese community)
- Leichhardt (Italian community)
- Macquarie Park (technology and medical hub)



Shelby, Amy & Nikeisha



*Sammi & Megan
at 'The Gap'*



*Students at Barangaroo
Reserve*



The girls trying the local cuisine in Cabramatta



It was pleasing to see the students have fun outside of the classroom whilst learning at the same time. We all had a busy couple of days on the bus, but we will take away some great memories. Thank you must also go to Mrs Mercer for accompanying us on the trip.

~ Mr Squires

Girls Academy!

Central Australia Trip

Three of our Girl's Academy students attended their Year Ten excursion to Central Australia in May, accompanied by Mrs Way who went as a staff member.

The first night we spent at Coober Pedy where we stayed in the underground motel. While in Cooper Pedy we also explored Umoona opal mine, an underground church and were taken on a town tour to view the countryside where the Mad Max films were made.

There were many highlights from the excursion including viewing Uluru at sunset and the guided tour of the base, Kings Canyon, Camel rides at Stuart Wells, Kata Tjuta, Visit to the Royal Flying Doctors Service, Daley Waters, Mataranka Springs, Ellery Water Hole, Devils Marbles, Katherine Gorge Cruise, The Darwin Museum, Crocodulus Park and the Mindil Markets.



Senior Girls-Work Inspiration Hilton Hotel Sydney

It was an early start on May 21 as some of our senior students travelled to Sydney to attend a three- day Work Inspiration Program at the Hilton Hotel.

Our first stop was at the Sydney Cooking School in Neutral Bay where we were fortunate enough to engage in a Nutritional workshop by Nestle Market Nutritionist, Megan. The girls learnt about eating a balanced diet, portion sizes, sometimes foods and creating simple and tasty meals using the five food groups.

Students then participated in a Cooking Workshop with Nestle Chef Kristen McQueen. The girls had so much fun learning to prepare and cook their Thai chicken salad and apple/apricot crumble.

THANK YOU so much to our corporate partner Nestle, especially Rashna for your exceptional organisation of this activity. Thank you also to Megan and Kristen for sharing their knowledge and making us master chefs for the afternoon.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and were quite impressed with their creations.





Day two - students began their three day Work Inspirations Program at the Hilton Hotel Sydney. Students learnt about how a corporate business operates from housekeeping right up to the General Manager. The girls were given a tour of the Hotel and met head staff of each area.

Day three - Students started the morning meeting the Channel 7 Sunrise Team.

Students were given a behind the scenes tour of housekeeping, Main Kitchen, engineering and setting up an event. Highlights today were the Barista course and the towel folding machine in the laundry.



Mark Beretta, David Kosh and Edwina Bartholomew happily posed for a picture with us, as did Natalie Barr .



Day 4 - Today the academy girls enjoyed having speed interviews with team leaders of the Hilton and then creating a career board to present back to the team leaders.

Students were also treated to lunch in the basement Cafeteria before being presented with their work Inspiration Certificates. Thank you to Mrs Cindy Pearce from the Smith Family, Mrs Way and Miss Smith for organising this wonderful opportunity and Mr Petrie for driving the school bus.



Upcoming events for your Calendar:

June 13	Health checks
June 19	Advisory Meeting
June 23	State of Origin Sydney
July 2	NAIDOC Assembly / Morning tea
July 4	Cultural excursion
July 5	Rewards activity

Oxley High School Coffs Coast Futsal Competition 2018



Under 16s Boys

On the 21st of May the Oxley High School futsal teams competed at the Coffs State Futsal Tournament in the under 14s and 15/16s age division with the boys playing in the u15/16s age group. The boys played 6 games over the course of the day, each being tight and intense matches. The first game was against Bishop Druitt College 15s which ended in a frustrating 2-2 draw. They went on to win the next two games against Maclean High School (4-0) and Duval High School (4-3). The last two games were played against Bellingen High School and Bishop Druitt College, these games resulted in a 4-4 draw and a 2-1 win. This rewarded the boys with second place which put them into the final against Bishop Druitt College 16s again. Unfortunately they went down 6-4.

Under 16 Girls

The girls started off their long day of futsal with their first game against Bellingen High School Blue. This was a strong team that the girls were already familiar with. Unfortunately the girls had a loss but didn't let that affect their other matches. Their next game was against Bellingen High School Yellow which was a lucky triumph but a tight match. Duval High School was the next team to play, once again the girls finished with an outstanding win. Before the final rounds the last game to play was against Bishop Druitt College, putting in their best efforts the girls finished off on another victory. As the finals began against Bellingen High School Yellow, putting in their best efforts they were once again successful. The grand final against Bellingen High School Blue was an intense and hard game which resulted with a final score of 3-1.

Under 14s Girls

The U14s girls played their first game against a young Duval High School side and won convincingly. The girls then played against a stronger side, Bishop Druitt High School, which resulted in the Oxley girls winning a tight match. Continuing their success, Oxley then played against their rivals Bellingen High School Blue. The girls won an entertaining game. In the last round game, the Oxley girls had a very strong game, smashing Bellingen High School Yellow. Moving on to the semi-finals, Oxley played against 4th place, Duval High School, the Oxley girls again won convincingly. The grand final was played against Bellingen High School Blue, which was a very tight game, but the Oxley girls just won.

Overall, the three Oxley Futsal teams came back with 13wins/draws and two losses; this success was a reward for hard work. This advanced all teams to the next Futsal Competition at Port Macquarie in August.



Project Empower Workshop

On the 16th of May a group of Year 9 students had the opportunity to be involved in the Project Empower workshop.

Project Empower is a national workshop road trip that empowers young women in regional, rural and remote Australia to reach their full potential.

The workshop aims to inspire self-confidence, discuss and embrace leadership styles, encourage young women to acknowledge and embrace their strengths, understand concepts around gender equality, discuss the solutions for gender equality, and leave the young women with the belief they can do anything.



On Sunday 27th May, students from the **SRC** gave their service to the local community by door knocking for the **Red Shield Appeal**. Hundreds of dollars were donated thanks to their efforts.



L-R: Arden Lafforgue, Jessica Read, Amy Zhou, Brooklyn Williams, Sami Bailey

Year 10 Central Australia trip



After months of anticipation and excitement, the day finally arrived. On the 4th of May, 81 eager Oxley High School students, alongside six brave teachers, waved goodbye to their families and embarked on an unforgettable journey to the Northern Territory for two weeks.

The excitement didn't die down during the next 25 hours through card games, music and lots of junk food as we travelled through NSW and into South Australia during the early hours of Saturday morning to make our first official stop in Coober Pedy. We arrived just in time for breakfast and after we refuelled ourselves, we were off to explore the town. Umoona Opal Mine museum gave us an insight to what life is like living underground and our guided bus tour around Coober Pedy showed us some of the popular spots within the town. For the next couple of hours we were given free time around the town to do some shopping and explore individually.

Even though we were incredibly sick of sitting on the coach, after a nights stay at Coober Pedy we were off on another day long bus ride to Uluru along the Stuart Highway. A highlight of the day was crossing the South Australia/Northern Territory border as it really signified the start of our Central Australia experience. After arriving in Uluru and setting up our tents (our homes for the next two weeks) we travelled around Uluru hearing some of the facts about the huge landmark. As the sun started to set, we were lucky enough to witness the magic of Uluru changing colours during the sunset; it was an unreal experience. The next morning many woke up feeling a little anxious as it was the day we had the opportunity to climb Uluru. Those brave enough, began the daunting climb and those who decided to take a more relaxing and scenic experience, began the guided tour around the base. After over an hour of climbing, many people struggling and the occasional "Nope, I can't make it" with cheering each other on and helping each other up, Oxley High made it to the top of the rock, this moment being very exhilarating and definitely one ticked off the bucket list. We then visited the Cultural centre where we learnt more about the history of the owners of the land and the cultural aspect of Uluru. Kata Juta (Olgas) was our last stop of the day where we finally saw the landmark we all could see during our climb up Uluru.

Kings Canyon was our next destination to camp at and explore. Tents were set up slightly quicker than the day before (although most people still coming to terms with the idea of sleeping in a tent) and we were off to climb Kings Canyon. It was a very unexpected sight and many were shocked at how beautiful it is. Six kilometres later, many red faces got back onto the bus and we headed back for the night which resulted in a few people spotting a dingo just hanging around the campsite. A highlight for many.

Off to Alice Springs we went, but not without a camel ride at Stuart Wells along the way. The camels were relatively friendly, except for the one that couldn't stop growling at those who jumped on. That one HATED us. A lap around on a camel created lots of laughs and some pretty funny photos.

As we arrived in Alice Springs we visited the Royal Flying Doctor Service which was a very interesting and eye opening place. We learnt about the importance of this service in rural areas and how lucky we have got it in a city. We also donated money we had raised over the 6 days which was definitely not from a swear jar system at all. Day 7 provided us a full day in Alice Springs starting with a morning trip to Simpsons Gap for a quick photo opportunity, followed by Ellory Big Hole (waterhole) . It was very fresh this morning, but those brave enough disregarded the advice not to jump in, and jumped in to the ice cold water where they froze! We then shivered our way back as we jumped on the bus and toured around Alice Springs, seeing the local hot spots and learning about the town. We visited the ANZAC memorial which had plaques for the dedication by those who served in World War 1 and many other wars. To finish off the afternoon we were given free time around Alice Springs to shop, many people spending a bit too much.

A week into Central and we were back on our beloved coaches (with a morning sing of "It's a beautiful day" as usual), travelling from Alice Springs to Daly Waters. We stopped by Devils Marbles for a quick picture and saw the potato looking rocks in person. Nine hours later we arrived in Daly Waters and set up camp in a very dusty pub campground with a not too nice smell of the septic tanks reeking into some peoples tents. A long fifty metre walk to the pub later, we had our first experience of a Northern Territory pub feed with live music and delicious burgers and wraps, which made the tiring day of sitting on a bus worth it. Day 9 was a quicker bus trip from Daly Waters to Katherine which we would spend the next two nights at. A definite favourite stop of the trip was when we stopped at the Mataranka Thermal Pools for a relaxing swim whilst on route to Katherine. It was a hot spot with lots of other swimmers and was in a very tropical environment which was nice to see after days on end of red dirt. We made it to the campgrounds and many jumped in for another swim at the pool. Those in the pool joined forces and made a whirlpool which seemed to be hilarious for some reason. Up bright and early on Mother's Day, a mass group of people by trees calling their mums to wish them a great day from 3000km away. Off we went on a quick bush walk up to the top of the Katherine Gorge for a look at what we were about to cruise on. We then hopped onto a boat for a two hour river cruise, hearing many interesting stories about the Aboriginal culture in Katherine and how the gorgeous Gorge was created. We were lucky enough at the tail end of the cruise to spot four Freshwater crocodiles. Back to camp we went where we had the rest of the day for free time, many went for a swim, played some cards but a few spent their time practicing for Oxley High Central Australia Talent night!! After dinner, the show began. With some awesome solo and group singing (cheers to the boys for singing the National Anthem) and an impressive karate piece followed by some not so serious performances - belly slapping, rap poetry, longest yeah boy, broomstick fighting and some food challenges to name a few- the judges knew they had a tough decision to make. The winner was finally decided and Makayla O'Leary took the win with an amazing singing recital.

Day 11, we were travelling again and on our way to Kakadu. Along the way we stopped at Edith Falls which was an amazing sight to see. It was a good 100 metre swim out but with strong winds pushing us, it felt more like a kilometre swim. Nonetheless it was worth the struggle with an amazing waterfall to see and jump underneath. When we arrived in Kakadu National Park we set up camp then set off to Ubirr Rock for an unforgettable sunset over the wetlands. An early morning start to Day 12 was made well worth it as we travelled on the Yellow Water cruise in Kakadu for a beautiful sunrise. We saw a many crocodiles, a lot bigger than those in Katherine, and learnt about many birds and animals that live in the National Park. Following the cruise was a delicious all you can eat buffet back at the resort. We definitely indulged ourselves.

The next day was our final travel day in the Northern Territory where we made our way to Darwin. Our first stop in Darwin was the waterfront where many went shopping to buy souvenirs. The highlight of the day however was the inflatable waterpark on the waterfront where many were launched into the water on a giant pillow, or slid down a huge waterslide. Belly flopping was definitely a hilarious sight to see.

The final day in Darwin started off with pulling down our tents and packing the coaches before we set off to Crocidylus park for the morning. From crocodiles (A LOT of crocodiles) to monkeys, ostriches and lions it was a sight to see so many animals in a small park. We were able to hold a python and baby crocodile if we dared or feed huge crocodiles, many people overcame their fears this day. We said goodbye to all the crocs and moved onto the Darwin Museum and Art Gallery. Casurina shopping centre was another stop for the day, shopping till most of us dropped. Finally we made it to the Mindil Beach markets, our final Northern territory experience for the trip. The markets were an amazing experience, with delicious food, great things to buy and an amazing sunset over the beach, it was the best way to finish this incredible trip. We then had a final sing of our respected bus songs, said goodbye to our bus drivers and cooks then camped out at the Darwin Airport waiting for a 1:45am flight. We were past the point of exhaustion so Mr Perkins and Ms A organised a "Speed" (the favourite card game of the trip) tournament which lasted a few hours as we waited. A quick four hour plane flight landed us back in Sydney where we travelled back to Tamworth by coach and arrived back into our very excited families arms.

I know for a fact that the friendships, experiences and memories made on this trip will last a lifetime. We saw a part of Australia so different to ours and it couldn't have been possible without the help from the teachers who came. Even though we drove you guys crazy when we wouldn't stop talking in our tents, you got us back with us having to put our noses on trees or walk around with brooms above our heads. On behalf of Year 10, I'd like to thank Mr Whitton, Mrs Hill, Ms Aleksandroff, Mrs Bailey, Mr Muhl, Mrs Way and Mr Perkins for organising a trip of a lifetime. We are so incredibly grateful to have been given this opportunity. Until next time, 'It's a beautiful day' Year 10.

By Olivia Collison.





Central excursion





Oxley High School Presents

Ticket prices

- 👑 Adults \$20
- 👑 Students \$15
- 👑 Family 2 x Adults &
2 x Children \$60
- 👑 Children under 8 free



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or the Lives and Wives of a Merry Monarch

Thursday 28th June 2018 👑

Friday 29th June 2018

👑 Saturday 30th June 2018

Show starts at 7:30 pm in the Oxley High School Auditorium

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Directed by Ms Natalie Creighton



Musical Direction by Mrs Nichole Engert



Choreography by Miss Lily Singh



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(Year 8)**

