



**SPEAKING THE TRUTH:** High profile Australian journalist Sarah Ferguson visited Oxley College for a 'master class' and spoke to students from the school's Pin Oak magazine. **Photo: supplied**

## A chance to learn from the masters

IT'S been a big month for Oxley College.

Leading Australian psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg spoke to about 300 members of the Highlands community about parenting and keeping adolescents safe during a recent visit.

Headmaster Michael Park-

er said Dr Carr-Gregg was invited to speak at Oxley, and the school felt it was important to open the presentation to the wider community.

Parents who attended the session were full of praise. "I feel a lot of parents would be sad they missed this event when they hear how valuable

the information was," one parent said.

Students soaked up valuable knowledge when journalist Sarah Ferguson spent the morning at Oxley.

Mr Parker said Gold Walkley Award winner Ms Ferguson inspired many of the students about journalism

and looking for the truth.

"The speech she gave to the assembly was passionate and galvanising. She didn't just speak about journalism, but spoke too about the importance of living an examined, truth seeking life."

— VICTORIA LEE

# No bail for local ice ring suspect

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**Campbelltown Local Court**

A BOWRAL man has been refused bail for his alleged role in the region's biggest drug bust in more than a decade.

Christopher Craig Rose, 27, appeared in Campbelltown Local Court via video-link on Wednesday, accused of supplying a small quantity of a prohibited drug and being involved in the operation of a drug premises.

Rose was one of eleven Highlanders to face court on August 31 accused of taking part in the methamphetamine supply ring, which was busted by police in July this year.

At the time of the arrests, Detective Acting Inspector Matt Woods, Acting Crime Manager, told the *Southern Highlands News* that Strike Force Trinculo detectives had identified the supply of a conservative estimate of 3.2kg of ice through the Highlands between March and July this year.

Local Court Magistrate David Degnan said he was not prepared to grant Rose's bail request as Rose would present an unacceptable risk to the community.

Magistrate Degnan said he was not satisfied that extra bail conditions would address the risk of further offences. The bail request was

denied despite both prosecution and defence teams in agreement about proposed bail conditions.

"Any person who wants to be involved in trafficking drugs should know they can be given a custodial sentence," Magistrate Degnan said.

The offences allegedly took place during a five-month police investigation into drug supply in the Southern Highlands.

Police attached to Strike Force Trinculo made twelve arrests across the Highlands and in Western Sydney on July 26, followed by an additional eight arrests the following day.

To date, more than 50 people have been arrested on drug supply charges, related to their alleged involvement in this large-scale drug ring.

Rose will remain in custody and will reappear on October 26. The 11 other related matters were adjourned to the same date at Campbelltown Local Court.

These included alleged ringleader 26-year-old Moss Vale woman Charlee Joan Lloyd, and 50-year-old Moss Vale man Bradley Bennett.

Bennett is facing more than 25 charges related to drug supply in small, indictable and large commercial quantities, drug supply on an ongoing basis and knowingly participating in a criminal group.

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