

OUR VISION

To be a school whose unique combination of **ENLIGHTENED ACADEMIC RIGOUR, CARE FOR THE WHOLE CHILD** and **CULTURAL RICHNESS** in a unique Southern Highlands setting makes for an education which is not surpassed in NSW.

ACADEMIC RIGOUR:

This means making sure that students strive, stretch themselves and stick to their tasks. It means having high expectations, working hard and rewarding effort. It means making students 'battle ready' for their lives in the highly competitive twenty first century.

ENLIGHTENED ACADEMIC:

This means an inspirational, liberal and non-denominational education based on critical thinking, creativity and open engagement. Not merely a narrow 'marks driven' education.

CARE FOR THE WHOLE CHILD:

This means valuing and caring for each child emotionally, ethically and socially, as well as academically. It means us really knowing every child who dons an Oxley uniform.

CULTURAL RICHNESS:

This means students receiving a high quality cosmopolitan experience in the arts and sport while still retaining the benefits of life in a caring, intimate setting away from the frenetic pace of a major city.

OUR MISSION

TO (AND FROM) OUR STUDENTS

AS YOUR EDUCATORS WE WILL:

Excite you with the richness of what is known and inspire you with the possibility of what is yet to be discovered. Also help you think clearly, creatively and with passion.

Care for you emotionally so you feel that school is a safe harbour where you are secure and respected for who you are.

Engage you as often as possible about values, ethics and the biggest spiritual questions in life. This will be non-denominational, informed by the christian tradition and will also draw from wisdom wherever it is found. Also give you opportunities to serve others.

Help you discover a rich variety of opportunities so that you can experience what it is to really strive and work hard at what is important. These opportunities will be inside and also outside the classroom - on the sporting field, in performance spaces and in the outdoors.

Help prepare you for the future in the exciting, dangerous and uncharted twenty first century.

AS YOUR EDUCATORS WE EXPECT YOU TO:

Seize each day at school. Approach learning with enthusiasm, open minded curiosity and real wonder.

Care for the others within our school and respect their individual personalities and talents.

Seek to develop a well-founded ethical, moral and spiritual world view which will sustain you throughout your life. Also to 'give back' to others in our region, our country and our world.

Commit to stretching yourself and tenaciously finishing what you start. (To strive, stretch and stick).

Approach your life in the twenty first century with optimism, resilience, passion and wisdom.