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THREE DAYS TO GO...

As Year 11 prepares and counts down to their Outback adventure, leaving on Sunday, September 24 2017, here are a few anecdotes which provide a taste of what is to come....

FLIES... They can be bad, or non-existent. In 2004 a competition was held at the lunch stop at William Creek enroute to Coward Springs on the Oodnadatta Track, where 3 students challenged each other to a fly-off with the victor, Emma Burniston, surviving 3+ minutes without attempting to shoo a single fly from her face!

BREAKDOWNS.... There will be times you find yourself stuck on a roadside, with a blown tyre, a broken axle, or broken springs (suspension). Don't be alarmed, there are spares, grease, and bush mechanics to get you safely to your campsite. But, always remember, the offer of a helping hand to grab a spanner will never go astray.

COOKING..... You may be asked to dice 2kg of onions, maybe prepare 250 kebabs, or keep the urn going (for 3 hours)....Then, after the evening's activities are finished there you are, still washing up. You are first awake the next day to prepare breakfast, you're the last to eat lunch, and the toilet stop is interrupted by serving morning tea. Just remember, it's hard to keep 60+ people moving over 600km a day so you do your bit. Your respite: it only lasts for 48 hours till you're off duty!

GETTING UP... when you're woken it is less than 1 hour till departure. Get up, get moving.

SUNSETS as you've never encountered

SING-ALONGS... over the CB, on the bus, on walks, in your tent, on your own

SPECTACULAR WALKS

SOLITUDE & COMMUNITY

MORE LAUGHS THAN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RECALL (maybe a few tears in between too)

Dene Patterson, a volunteer who is going again this year put it this way: "As a first timer in 2015, I had no expectations. Personally, the experience gave me goals - to explore and embrace. This is an Oxley tradition that can't be appreciated until you've done it!"

As a parent observer, I believe the students become a cohesive group, and they start to realise where they fit into the broader community and start to get a sense of direction in their life. It's about doing things in your own backyard."

Have a safe 7500km journey Year 11. Don't let a single opportunity to learn more about yourself, your country and each other pass you by while you discover the ultimate of backyards.

You may travel this path again in your life one day, but you will never travel it like this.

Annik Schaefer

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HEADMASTER'S REPORT

Farewell to Year 12

Oxley is a community. So it is always exciting, yet very sad, when so many of us prepare to leave this community for the much wider world. They are a really friendly, tight knit, collegiate group.. and frankly no one wants to see them go. There will be some tears in the passing out tunnel for sure. As Kalil Gibram wrote: 'Ever has it been that love knows not its own depth until the hour of separation.' I think that many of our Year 12s will feel this keenly as they are about three quarters of the way down that tunnel.

I have met with each of them several times since they started Year 12 studies to talk about their work and what they were hoping to do when they leave school. There are so many laudable dreams and plans, from medicine (Cat) to film school (Ryan), Law (Isabella) to fashion design (Amelia), military (Harry) and engineering (Georgia) to Arts/Law (Ashelle). Then there are that handful who are focused mainly on the 2018 gap year in Europe or Asia or Kiama Beach. We actually have seven confirmed Tutors Worldwide Gap placements in boarding schools in the UK, which is excellent. Of course I need to do a special congratulations to those who want to go into education such as Lillian, and both Mitchells.

The year group and the College have been so ably led by our House Captains, Deputy Heads and Heads. They have had some very striking assembly presentations- not least the one in which I was overthrown by an African dictator called Pedro, played by the School Captain Tom Hill. After I had been flown in my supposed jet to safety I quietly got myself to the back of the hall where I watched in admiration as Tom Hill [as Pedro] hilariously divided up the school into thirteen districts and began to organise a Hunger Games style ritual suppression of the students. Luckily he too was overthrown by an anarchic collective of online Year 12s who hacked the school system and drove him from his brief office. It made for a dramatic and bracing assembly.

The whole year group has been keen to add to the fabric of the College. They have organised house sports days and many impromptu music concerts. They have organised the barracking and the cheering at many house events and singing competitions. When they were in Year 11 they did a wonderful job of writing and directing multiple house plays.

I have been so impressed too with their individual achievements. There are far too many to enumerate here, but it good to reflect on at least a tiny handful. Charlie Dummer has done a wonderful job of absolutely powering ahead with his academic work (currently estimated to get over 95) and playing cricket at the very highest level- he is currently in the NSW Under 19 team. Isabella Davies was a stalwart of Social Service, regularly organising whole school events such as the Year 5 sleepout for a cause and the Walk Around Moss Vale. Mitchell Latham played a completely affecting lead of a young boy in our major production this year of 'The Book of Everything' and fed many people

with Knopflers in the study centre (not an avoidance tactic I am sure). Eliza Drysdale and Celina Yang respectively owned the piano with stirring renditions of Rachmaninoff and Freddie Mercury. Sam Purnell gave people lifts around the school in an antique firetruck (and came second in the public speaking competition too). There was a great deal of talent in the year group.

They have worked hard and adapted to rapidly changing educational demands, such as when we replaced afternoon classes this term with three hour practice exams almost every afternoon for a month. They did this with good spirit, and I enjoyed eating the 'reward' pizza with them afterwards on several occasions. They were even patient when the pizza drivers got lost and went to Berrima instead.

Our Year 12s will always be welcome back to share their stories and their successes with us. However, right now it is sobering to think of all of the leaders, characters, artisans, scholars and sportspeople (and people who are all five at once!) who will no longer be a part of the day to day fabric at Oxley. We will miss them.



Congratulations to Onstage

Eight students - almost half the cohort have been nominated for 'Onstage' for the Drama HSC this year. They are for the performances of 'Ikea' and 'The Tale of Willy Watkins'. The students are Sophie Capel, Tom Hill, Mitchell Latham, Ella Moran, Ryan Muir, Andrew Dowe, Charles Dummer, Cedric Hely, Madelein Kalde, Harry Mahr and Angus Webb. They are really fantastic performances.

Book Launch with David Wright

Our Founding Headmaster David Wright is coming to the Southern Highlands as a guest of Oxley to launch his new book about his life in education and his views about education. It will be in the form of a 'Supper Club' that is run by Bowral Bookstore, and indeed they are partnering with us on this event. I will be interviewing David and speaking with him about the educational issues of today. There is a flyer elsewhere in this Pin Oak, but the critical information is that it is on the 26 October at Centennial Vineyards, for \$50. Bookings and further information to follow.



Dear Year 7 Class of 2012,

Here you are. Standing beneath the sprightly Pin Oak under your coloured house banner. Squeaky clean: new backpacks full of colour coded books, skirts down past the knee and tie perfectly knotted so the emblem can easily be seen.

High school has begun.

Perhaps you have come from a school where half your year progressed onto Oxley or maybe you're from Glenquarry or Wingello Public where a year of fifteen - let alone ninety - was enough to make you dizzy. Being assigned your locker you were marginally disappointed that they weren't full length like the ones you saw Gabriella and Troy leaning up against (in HSM?); instead, you were given the bottom locker in the corner which had been kicked in.

In your first class, you'll flock towards your genders side of the room. Girls, my advice, sit near the door. It will make for a quick exit route when one of the young men (or so they call themselves) let one rip to assert their dominance within the pack. Of course, Mr Bevan will always come to your rescue girls with the trusty one-meter ruler to separate you from any overconfident males.

That same day you will line up in alphabetical order in the PCC and get your first official school photos taken. Advice from your future selves:

- "Side ponies are never a good idea. Never."
- "Revel in your baby-faced complexion, shaving is by no means an enjoyable activity"
- "Get rid of that hideous fringe"

The morning of orientation camp you will be quivering as you catch the house buses from school, your pillow wedged between the straps of your P.E. bag, your mind telling you it's all too much, you'll never make it; trust me kid: JUST. YOU. WAIT. On the bus, you will take a seat. If you're lucky, you'll have a previous friend to cling to. If you're really lucky, you won't. There are many pieces of advice we would like you to have to get through the camp but most importantly "chill out, you'll make friends". What happens of the next two days will remain with you for the rest of your time at high school. You'll go back to school on Monday morning and you'll greet each other like old friends.

Welcome to Oxley College.

Whilst the importance of the title 'Oxley student' probably won't dawn on you until you're in your final weeks of your six-year long journey – take it from us, it will be a title you will be proud to hold.

Through the next few years make sure you do the following: play sport, volunteer, audition for plays, join the choir, take up percussion, take up debating – get involved. Throughout your experience at Oxley you'll miss out on these amazing opportunities if you don't get involved so just have faith in yourself and your abilities but also don't be afraid to look like a fool, there's no greater place in the world for you to make these mistakes. In fact, I'd go as far as to say we encourage it. By the time you reach Year Twelve you will have worked out where your talents lie, but you'll need to do the ground work to get there.

Your time at Oxley will see the school undergo many changes. Headmasters will be replaced, the teachers will take over the detention block, buildings will sprout from the fertile grasses of ELVO and canteen prices will dramatically rise above the RBA inflationary target of 2-3%. Throughout your journey a number of people will leave, you may even find yourself saying goodbye to your best friend as they journey on to other schools and different adventures, leaving you in a pile of tears – but these moments will just highlight how special of a place you are in. Each person acting as their own unique piece to Oxley, a piece the school feels incomplete without. But what you can't see in those moments are the all of new people that will enter your lives, who will add their own beautiful selves to your year. You may even find that some of your fallen students find you all too irresistible and return to Oxley after being gone for only a year.

Be open to learning. Whilst this remains true for every student at every school, know that this time in your life involves learning so much about the world and your part within. For some of you, this may mean using your excursions to actually engage in activities rather than making romantic advances on the bus or actually doing the math's homework in the time you've spent conjuring up some excuse as to why it has not been completed.

In saying that, Tom Hill (whom yes, does become head boy) will reveal to you in year twelve that whilst we learn a lot at Oxley, like every other school, eighty-four percent of that knowledge will leave your brain after your end of year exams. But what remains is what makes your time here at Oxley so unique. From Year 7, you'll remember paddling down the Kangaroo Valley river at eleven pm. From Year 8, you'll remember dressing up in potato sacks for the medieval feast. Year 9 will be remembered by Duke of Ed. hikes and the feeling of power as you left your junior years. Year 10 will be marked by international flavors, from the Netherlands to Thailand. Year 11, whilst there will be many things you remember, the jolt of any bus will send you back to the open plains of the outback, sitting in the back of the dust filled truck groaning at the fifty fourth playing of 'Come on Eileen'.

As for Year 12; it certainly goes in the blink of an eye. Many of you will experience things that will seem unbelievable and heartbreakingly. Some of you will encounter sickness and injuries, some will have their heart broken, some will feel like it's all too much, but this memory won't dictate the way you see Year 12. You'll remember sitting around the Year 12 table in the canteen area belting a rendition of 'Happy Birthday'. You'll recall the late nights in the study center laughing with friends as the days exhaustion finally kicks in.



You'll remember reaching a relationship with the teachers, where you began to see them as friends, rather than scary detention giving aliens. As your whole class, including your teacher, simultaneously laugh with exhaustion after everyone's brains switch off on a Friday afternoon. You'll remember watching Sam chase Mr Ayling around the oval in a game of tip, to then watch the deputy head fling himself over the fence. You'll remember the multiple breakdowns you endured when finishing your assignments, the night before they're due to then arrive to see your teacher with a whole box of cookies and kit kats. Your tutor group will become your family and your House the crazy extended family. Trust me when I say that despite feeling as though you don't have anything in common now, by the time you reach Year 12, you will be hugging them in your last house meeting, as tears rush down your face.

Despite what you do and don't forget, I can guarantee you that you will remember walking out of the tunnel on the final day of your journey at Oxley. The faces of younger students holding out for a hug from their favorite Year 12s, teachers smiling - masking their exhausted faces from their six-year push to get you to this point. You will look around and see the sixty-three kids walking through the tunnel, hair probably out, shirt untucked beneath the drooped arms of the Pin Oak. These are the kids that you have watched grow up; you have all gone through hardships together, watched each other have first girlfriends and boyfriends, surf for the first time, abseil down cliffs despite every instinct to run. The people who have watched you grow from the naïve little Year 7 with their skirt down to their knees and tie perfectly knotted. But, Year 7 class of 2012, your journey is just beginning and you have all this to look forward to.

Lots of love,

Year 12 class of 2017

P.S Remember, you are not to use the senior canteen line until you're actually a senior...

By Catriona Uliana and Charlie Dummer

A list of advice for the canny year 7 student:

"All of us will grow through change and every experience will only help you access more of who you are."

"Invest in uber or air bnb"

"There is no such thing as fitting in or being popular, but being yourself and having fun with the people you are surrounded by! The right people will like you for who you are, always be yourself and don't be afraid to try new things. You will never succeed in life if you don't challenge yourself - SAY YES TO LIFE!!!"

"Everything is temporary. So make the most of the good times and push through the bad time"

"Don't get into a relationship in which you will talk to the boy and hug them twice throughout the duration of the two-week relationship... not worth it."

"Do French"

"Don't be frightened to try new things, or go out of my comfort zones - to do the things that I wanted to do. To not miss out on anything. Because life will work itself out in the end."

"don't stress just enjoy life"

"Find what you love and don't waste time on anything you don't"

"Don't stress about maths cause your gonna drop it anyway"

"Don't try so hard to fit in, and enjoy the company of people I don't know so well"

DEPUTY HEAD REPORTS

Deputy Head Learning: Kate Cunich

Year 12 Final Weeks

It has been a joy to see the way that Year 12 students have continued to apply themselves to their studies in their final weeks of schooling. They have been diligent, engaged and conscientious in the classroom, prompting their teachers to make many favourable comments about their academic rigour and determination to succeed. Their participation in Exam Club has also been exemplary – it is not an easy thing to sit a three hour exam most days of the week, but many students have commented on how it has already helped them in the preparation for their HSC examinations, which commence on Monday 16 October. A few comments:

It allowed us to practice full papers and discuss them in class (this was particularly helpful because the entire cohort had completed the same paper), thus getting effective feedback.

It helped to highlight my areas of weakness, and forced me to write under timed conditions (this was especially useful for English - I still struggle to fit three essays into two hours, and it was good to practice this).

- It was good to work out specific time management & tactics for particular subjects
- It forced us to write & study
- Revealed what I need serious revision on
- Confidence boosting to see an improvement since trials in some subjects

Year 11 Preliminary Exams and Transition to 2018 Year 12

We are similarly proud of the way our next cohort of HSC students are stepping up to the academic plate. They have just finished their End of Preliminary Examinations – a taxing week of study and preparation – and now await their reports.

Our innovative Year 12 Transition Programme will commence for them on their return from Outback: each student will have a 1-to-1 consultation with the Headmaster, Mr Parker, Mrs Hicks (Year 12 Academic Master), Mrs Ritchie (Wellbeing and Careers) and myself.

These consultations will be motivational and data driven, providing students with the opportunity to reflect on their progress so far, and to set the challenging goals required for success in the HSC Year. Their new, 2018 Year 12 classes begin on Monday 23 October.

It has been another wonderful term of learning and teaching at Oxley, and we wish all teachers, students and their families a refreshing break.

Deputy Head Pastoral: Peter Ayling

On 28 August Enlighten Education visited the Year 9 and 10 girls to discuss the importance of friendship and girl power. As a cohort we learnt how to stay true to ourselves while maintaining friendships and other relationships. Danny Miller, aka Gorgeous, shared some of her personal experiences as a teenager who was self-conscious of particular aspects of her body. This allowed us to relate to her on a more personal level. Overall the girls of Years 9 and 10 got a lot out of this experience.

"Was so great and empowering! I would really recommend it to anyone!" – Abbey

"Danny was very relatable and sweet. The whole thing left us feeling empowered and inspired." – Sarah

"It was so lovely seeing all the girls so happy together." – Skye

"After our workshop with Danny Miller our cohort felt extremely cohesive. Learning about the importance of friendship and maintaining good relationships has really improved our ability to connect with each other. A truly amazing experience." – Tully

"Our visit from "Gorgeous" was truly an enlightening experience. Our girls year group came out as a closer cohort. I would most certainly go to another workshop with her!" – Savannah



K-6 NEWS

Head of K-6: Justine Lind

There is a time for holding on and a time for letting go. This week we farewelled our Year 12 class of 2017 and while those of us in K-6 look on to the proceedings with some distance we appreciate the significance of moving on to the next phase in life and the world of possibilities before each student. It is natural then to turn our gaze back in on those who stay behind and we quickly see our own graduating Year 6 students before us. At this time of year everyone is well and truly settled in to their place in K-6 and few hints of newness remain. We too are starting to think about moving on. For our youngest students it is moving on to Year 1, for others it is about moving from infants to primary school and inevitably to those leaving K-6 to head to senior school. Each child begins to see this next transition approaching and we often see a nervousness that also feels like the wing stretching that precedes new flight.

As we conclude Term 3 we are excited to look to this next phase of the academic year, without wanting to wish it away. We look forward to celebrating the contribution and achievements of our Year 6 students as well as the growth of each child in their own endeavours. In Term 4 we are planning to welcome the new members of our community who will join us in 2018. As part of Orientation Day on Thursday 9 November, we also hold "Move Up Day" so that each child in K-6 can begin to prepare for their own transition to the new year. Classes will move to their new classrooms and spend the day with the teachers of the next year level. We won't have allocated classes yet for students moving into Year 1, Year 5 or Year 6. I will write to our community early next term to introduce our new staff and invite your contribution to class placements should you feel there are additional considerations that need to be taken for your child. The students will also nominate peers with whom they would prefer to be placed in new classes. We promise to do what we can in the best interests of each child without compromising the needs of the whole cohort.

As the little piece of the world that is Oxley K-6 continues to grow and change there are moments to reflect on what we do. This year, our generous P&F have arranged a new and exciting whole College event on Saturday 25 November. 'Eve on the Green' will be a wonderful way to celebrate our community and to welcome the warmer weather as we prepare for the holiday season. Our aim is to bring the whole community together for a wonderful family event that features student performers from Kindergarten to Year 12 as well as some special guest spots. For this reason we have decided not to hold our K-6 Carols Evening as a separate event this year. It is important to understand how this event came about. In our early years there was no Drama Showcase or K-6 Production during the year so a carols concert was staged as a last chance offering in the academic year.

Weekly Awards:

Students of the Week

Learning Journey

KK: Andrew Clothier
KL: Sapphire Sparke
Yr 1: Eddie Hunt
Yr 2: Matthew Morschel
Yr 3: Camille Vild
Yr 4: Sasha Privalova-Pratt
Yr 5C: Tommy Poulton
Yr 5H: Luke Sutte
Yr 6: Elena Parker



Oxley Values

KK: Asher Lawler
KL: Marcus Ewald
Yr 1: Molly Harwood
Yr 2: Dakota Winn
Yr 3: Emily Byrne
Yr 4: Annabel Arnot
Yr 5C: Hudson Alexander
Yr 5H: Hamish Hunter
Yr 6: Benedict Regan



It is a busy time in everyone's calendar and may provide some relief from the many events that occur at this time. We feel sure that 'Eve on the Green' will feel like an up-scaled version of the previous picnic feel with a different programme of entertainment. We look forward to seeing as many Oxley families on the night as possible.

Just as times change, so do the people who are with us. Mrs Kristina Landigan has indicated her wish to depart Oxley College at the end of this term and she will do so with our thanks for her many contributions to the K-6 landscape over the last three years.



TIMELINE FROM YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12



Year 7 camp – Eliza Drysdale

“It brought me a lot closer to everyone in my house and year group! However, it was full of rain, rain and more rain...”



2012

Year 7



First Day of School - Izzy Knowles

“We lost one of our year 7 tutor group member (Rhys) on the trip from the PCC to our tutor room. It was not a great start but something we could laugh about”



Year 8 camp - Rosie Bowyer

“Thank goodness Mr Fitschen had his Bronze Medallion so we were allowed to go swimming”

2013

Girls surf camp – Holly Jefford

“The one thing that I aspired to achieve for the week at girls surf camp was to be cool and go ‘SWISHY SWISHY’ on the waves and to possibly not get stung by a ‘blue fish jelly fish’ - but I still managed too!!”



Thailand Trip – Ryan Muir

“Thailand was an overnight train into the wonderful unknown, except one where Tom threw up, Sebastian threw up and Mr Marnoch broke his back...”

Business Week - Amber Thorpe

“You truly see everyone’s competitive side. You are able to witness individuals collaborating so well. It was an experience I recommend everyone gives their all to.”



Holland tour – Cedric Hely

“From Holland to Belgium to France to Turkey - With a group of 12 of my close school friends, I immersed myself into the unique culture of each country. I’ll never forget those 4 weeks and I’d give up anything to do it once more.”



Year 9

2014



Year 10

2015



Outback - Max Mackevicius

“How good is a 7am sleep in...”



Melbourne Drama Tour - Bell Davies

“The drama tour was an amazing cultural experience! I loved being able to spend the weekend with my friends and experience a side to Melbourne that ordinarily I would have missed. I especially loved ‘The Book of Mormon’ and the ice cream we had after!”



Outback - Oli Regan

“Enriching experience which enabled me to see a side to different people which, up till then, I hadn’t seen before”

Year 11



Swimming Carnival - Lachie Ismay

“It went off without a hitch, the sun was out and so were all the smiles. We had great participation from all age groups and some very strong swimmers all round. Florey still holds the winning streak but it’s getting closer and closer every year.”



2016

2017

Year 12



Outback - Rosie Bowyer
“Orange is now my favourite colour..”

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

IN THE WORLD & OXLEY

NATIONAL

AFL & RACISM

Recently on the Project Waleed Aly interviewed retired Afl player Heritier Lumumba who speaks out about his racism that he received in the Collingwood team. Lumumba was a keen and extremely athletic AFL player who even was a part of bringing Collingwood to a premiership. Lumumba has battled racism throughout his whole life, by the age of nine he changed his name to 'Harry O'Brien' to socially be accepted. Lumumba joined the Collingwood team and received constant racism jokes and nicknames which gradually internally damaged Lumumba and by 2013 Adam Goodes received a racist joke from a young Collingwood girl. Soon enough, Lumumba quickly regarded Eddie McGuire (president of Collingwood club as extremely disrespectful by stating on twitter; "I'm [sic] extremely disappointed with Eddie's comments and do not care what position he holds..." Also, during Lumumba's commitment within the club he received a racist name, which was 'chimp'. This culture started to effect Lumumba and soon enough his depression started to misdirect his future. Throughout this interview between Aly and Lumumba they both discussed the issues between the AFL and their lack of awareness with racism. This matter is still continuing in the AFL culture, today.

By Harry Baillieu (Year 11)



Dancing

Over the last 5 weeks year 7-10 have had the opportunity to expand their skills in PDHPE by dancing. We had an outside teacher Miss Emily Turland, introduce us to some dance moves. Then had to work in a group and create 64 counts of original dance. We have 2 weeks to practice with the music and then perform in week 10 for Miss Turland and our class teacher.

By Grace Ayling and Luca Ritchie (Year 8)

SOUTH WEST FOOTBALL SESSIONS

SPRING FOOTBALL CAMP @ OXLEY

September 27th, 28th & 29th

COME AND LEARN THE SWFS WAY

Our vision for our camps is to provide an environment that builds confidence and encourages both boys and girls of all abilities to have fun playing football. We will promote the importance of respect and improving their individual skills.



- Cost \$70 per day or \$190 for all 3 days
- 10% discount for siblings
- 15% discount for 3 siblings
- Boys and girls training, ages from 5-13
- All camps run from 9am-12pm at Oxley College
- Players will play indoor competitions and outdoor sessions which include playing in the blowup field
- Children need to bring boots, running shoes, shin pads, sunscreen, morning tea and lunch

LOCAL



One of the brightest sporting talents in the Highlands is set for his debut in national motor racing competition.

At just 14 years old, Burradoo resident **Lachlan Mineeff** will be the youngest driver on the grid in this weekend's fifth round of the 2017 Australian Formula Ford Championship at Sydney Motorsport Park.

Mineef has previously had a lot of success in go-karts, but is now stepping up to motor racing.

"It's definitely going to be competitive, and I'm realistic in my expectations,"

By Courtesy of Southern Highland News

Bowral Little Athletics

2017/2018 SEASON FUN, FITNESS & FRIENDS

Tiny Tot's to Under 17's

Fridays 5:30pm from October 6
(Tots, U6 & U7 from 5:05pm)

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Online Rego: From August 22 - standard pricing
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Year 12 Breakfast Farewell and the Oxley tunnel
Design and Technology and Year 12 games.

GALLERY



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER CALENDAR

OXLEY SHOP The Oxley Shop will be open during the second week of the school holidays Thursday 3 October, Wednesday 4 October & Thursday 5 October 9:00 - 3:00	Mon 25	Mon 02	Mon 09 OLE WEEK
	Tue 26	Tue 03	Tue 10
	Wed 27 Nepal departs	Wed 04	Wed 11
	Thu 28 Fiji departs	Thu 05	Thu 12
Fri 22 Botswana departs	Fri 29	Fri 06	Fri 13
Sat 23	Sat 30	Sat 07	Sat 14
Sun 24 Outback departs	Sun 01	Sun 08	Sun 15

OXLEY COLLEGE PRESENTS

David H.M.Wright founding Headmaster of Oxley College and author of "The End of Schooling". You are warmly invited to join us for a fascinating evening of conversation between Oxley's founding Headmaster, David Wright, and current Headmaster Michael Parker. They will be talking about David's new book "The End of Schooling" and about the burning issues in education today.

"What finally distinguishes us as individuals, as a nation, is the dreams that we dream. In the end, a school will be defined by the quality of the imaginings of its students." David Wright speech at Oxley College Foundation Night, 2015

Thursday 26 October 2017 at 6.30pm

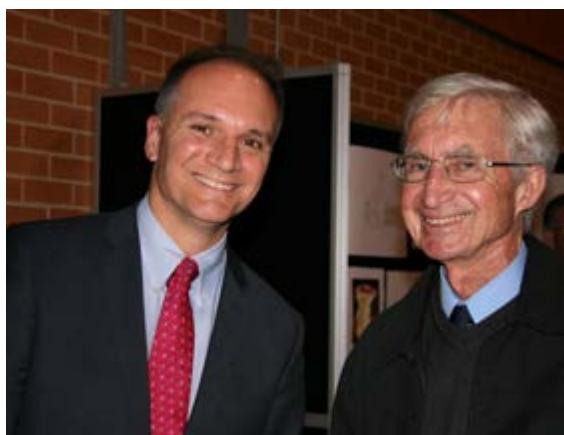
The designated bookseller on the night for David Wright's "The End of Schooling" is The Bookshop Bowral

Centennial Vineyards Restaurant

252 Centennial Road Bowral Ph: 4861 1366

\$50 per person (includes one course + glass of wine)

Tickets available via Trybooking



NEWSFLASH



DUKE OF ED

On 8 September, two groups of excited Year 9 students headed off on their qualifying hike for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Some found the terrain challenging, others were steaming ahead but still we had enough energy to play a few games of softball at lunch, and one group even had a quick dip in the river. Our campsite was at the top of a very long and steep hill, and everyone was glad to put our packs down and set up our tents for our second night. The next day, we got up early and trekked 14km to our finishing point, but luckily the second day's hike had a lot flatter terrain than the first! Everyone was relieved when we finally made it to the Fitzroy falls car park after a hard but rewarding hike. On behalf of everyone who went, we would like to thank Mr Dibdin, Mrs Rees, our Land's Edge leaders and everyone else who helped organise the hike. Duke of Ed is a rewarding experience we would recommend for anyone, and we are all looking forward to taking on Silver and Gold in upcoming years.

By Gracie Phelan (Year 9)

EQUESTRIAN



Recently we have had a number of Equestrian students achieve some outstanding results.

Hunter Taylor competed at the ACT and Southern NSW Hack Championships. Riding his horse 'EBL One Night in Paris', they received Champion Child's Show Hunter Galloway, and Reserve Champion Open Large Show Hunter Galloway. He received Champion Open Galloway and 3rd Child's Galloway on his other horse 'Willowcroft Coco Chanel'. Hunter was also awarded Reserve Champion Rider under 15 years.

We also had a number of students attend the Chevalier Gymkhana on the weekend. Anneliese Wansey received Champion Hack, and Reserve Champion Rider. In the 90cm and 105cm show jumping she placed with two seconds and two thirds. Ayla Cassar placed 7th in the 75cm show jumping and 5th in the barrel race. Luci McManus came 2nd in the 75cm show jumping. Sarah Pietsch-Liddell received thirds in both the 14hh not exceeding 15hh Hack class and Pleasure Galloway, and a fourth in the Open Galloway 14hh not exceeding 15hh. Well done to everyone!

Thank you to all of the equestrian team. It has been great fun working with you and I wish you all the best in your future horse riding endeavours. By Rosie Bowyer (Year 12)

Yr 9 @ BOWRAL CINEMA



In 2006, *An Inconvenient Truth* was released to both critical acclaim and extreme criticism. Al Gore's scientific, straightforward approach to the future of the earth in the face of climate change led to many ruffled feathers. *An Inconvenient Sequel- Truth to Power* documents the lead-up to the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference through the life of Al Gore, while also rehashing many of the claims made in the original documentary. The majority of the documentary is based off of Al Gore's infamous slideshows, and the narrative is provided, nearly exclusively, by Al Gore himself. One particularly eye-opening moment in the story of the documentary is when Gore brings up criticism he faced after the release of *An Inconvenient Truth*. One of the claims in the original documentary was that portions of New York City would be submerged due to rising sea levels. This claim caused many critics of Gore to label him hysterical. Yet, this story is offset with footage from 2012's Hurricane Sandy, a storm which caused huge portions of NYC to dramatically flood. The documentary, though occasionally flawed in its delivery, promotes the message it seeks to promote- climate change is happening, and for the most part, it's our fault.

By Imogen Hatcher (Year 9)

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