



# CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

## Junior School 2018

Welcome to our new look Co-curricular Brochure! We are excited to provide the full suite of offerings in this very popular element of life in the Junior School in a manner that is more convenient to our community and friendly to the environment. The aims and arrangements for each term's activities remain unchanged.

Each term we will re-issue the familiar booklet in pdf form via email. The booklet will contain an overview of all activities offered each year. In addition there will be two pull-out pages; a timetable to outline the offerings and schedule for the specific term and the return Nomination Form.

**A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.**

Oliver Wendell Holmes

As in previous terms there is much on offer to inspire, to awaken and to energise young hearts and minds. There is a wide range of activities on offer that we have clustered under three main headings. There are activities for this with an interest or passion for the Performing Arts; Music and Drama; the Creative Arts and those seeking an intellectual challenge. We look forward to hearing the sounds of happy and engaged children and teachers creating and discovering!

# OUR APPROACH

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## AIMS

The aim of our Co-curricular Programme is to enrich the lives of our students beyond the scope of regular classroom experiences and conventional subjects. In doing so, our hope is to awaken an interest or nurture an existing passion or talent to realise the unique constellation of aptitudes and interests of each child.

**When I approach a child, he inspires me in two sentiments;  
tenderness for what he is and respect for what he may become.**

Louis Pasteur 1822-1895

Our Co-curricular Programme intentionally aligns with our educational philosophy and pedagogy. For each child in all activities there are opportunities for Challenge, Choice, Creativity and Collaboration. We value these aspects of experience at Oxley because the research informs us that these are factors that promote intrinsic motivation and predict success in the future lives of today's children. We invite children into these experiences by sparking their curiosity about the world around them and their capacity to interact with it.

## GUIDELINES

We invite you to read through the descriptions of the Junior School Co-Curricular activities and refer to the timetable in the centre-fold as to the offerings for Term 2.

You will need to return the completed Nomination Form from the back of the booklet to Student Services in the Junior School no later than **Wednesday 2 May 2018**.

Classes are filled on a 'first-in-first-served' basis, and as numbers are limited for some activities, class sizes need to be confirmed as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Activity registration forms are numbered upon receipt at the College and spaces are filled accordingly. We invite you to return your completed page as soon as you have made a decision!

Before an activity commences, you will be contacted personally **only if** your child/children have **not** been allocated to their preferred activities. If you do **not** hear from the College regarding your selected activities, please assume that your child/children will be commencing their activity on the stated date in the Junior School Co-Curricular Activity Booklet. All classes run subject to student numbers.

**Please note, classes commence in Week 2 and conclude one week prior to the end of each term.**



# PERFORMING ARTS - BAND

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## BEGINNERS' BAND



Beginners' Band is an opportunity for students from Year 3 to Year 6 to participate in a training band for concert band instruments including: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, french horn, tuba, electric bass/double bass, drum kit and percussion. Ideally this ensemble is for beginners and in particular for students in the Year 5 and 6 concert band programme which operates within the class Music/Instrumental programme.

## JUNIOR STRINGS



If you play a violin, viola or cello and you like to have fun playing music with other people, then this ensemble is just for you! In Junior Strings we learn how to play music in a group so it sounds even better than by yourself. If you've had at least six months of lessons then you should come and see if you're ready to join in. We play different styles of music, from classical to jazz and folk. It's exciting to see how good this group can sound with only 40 minutes a week practice time. Throughout the year we do concerts and performances too. You can join at any time. Just see a music teacher, or better still, bring your instrument and just show up!

## JUNIOR CONCERT BAND



The Oxley College Junior Concert Band is made up of Brass, Woodwind and Percussion musicians. The emphasis in this ensemble is on fun and the music selected is chosen to be enjoyable and accessible. The band performs at various events with Foundation Day, Orientation Day and Speech Night amongst our regular appearances. During the process of rehearsing for our performances members of the concert band become a close knit and interdependent team.

The ability to read music is essential. A brass or woodwind student needs to be able to play at least one octave on their instrument, and advice on new notes is given during rehearsals. An informal audition is required to ensure students are ready for the level of music performed in this group.

# PERFORMING ARTS -CHOIR

## OXLEY FLAPPERS K-2 Choir

Oxley College has a strong tradition of both singing and instrumental music. 2014 saw the formalisation of 'The Oxley Flappers' – a flapper is a baby swan - within the College! This is an exciting opportunity for any students from Kindergarten to Year 2 to increase their musical awareness, rhythmic skills and group singing experiences.

This formal singing group is in addition to the regular class Music programme that takes place within the school timetable. The Primary Music Programme already encompasses singing, but the formation of the Oxley Flappers will enable us to focus on young students who have a budding and keen interest in vocal music and choral singing.

The class will run subject to student numbers and participant numbers will be capped at 20.

## OXLEY LARKS Y3-6 Choir

Oxley College has a strong tradition of both singing and instrumental music. 2014 saw the introduction of an Oxley Primary Choir within the College and it was very popular indeed, so the Oxley Larks were born! This singing opportunity is in addition to the regular class Music programme that takes place within the school timetable. The Primary Music Programme already encompasses singing, but the formation of the Oxley Larks will enable us to focus on students who have a keen interest in vocal music. Over time, we hope to cover a full range of vocal music, from traditional choir repertoire to contemporary pieces and even provide an opportunity for some solo singing within our performance choices.

The class will run subject to student numbers and participant numbers will be capped at 20.



# CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS



## K-2 ARTS

An Art class specifically for our K - 2 students!

This is a lovely opportunity to encourage budding or interested young artists to explore their creative side and participate in a range of age-appropriate art activities and experience a wide range of different media.

The class will run subject to student numbers and participant numbers will be capped at 15.



## Y3-6 ARTS

These classes are for the passionate artist who would like to progress with their art skills.

This is a great opportunity for Year 3 - 6 students to explore their creative side and participate in a range of activities which could include: painting, potting, drawing, sculpting and print making.

Students will be encouraged to develop their skills in these media areas and will be taught techniques that they can use outside the classroom. There will be opportunities for students to create pieces to take home and also perhaps have work entered in some of the regional art shows!

The class will run subject to student numbers and participant numbers will be capped at 10.



## TIME FOR DRAMA

Time for Drama is an exciting opportunity for those students who are interested in expanding their drama skills. The course will concentrate on theatre sports and drama games that will develop expertise in improvisation, mime, storytelling, observation, movement, characterisation, imagination and teamwork.

The class will run subject to student numbers and participant numbers will be capped at 14.

# INTELLECTUAL & PHYSICAL CHALLENGES



## ROBOTICS

In Robotics students will use the LEGO Mindstorms NXT system to build and control machines. Students will start off by building and programming a 'Domabot' – a simple robot design which gives students the basic working knowledge of using the Mindstorms NXT system. With the basics achieved, students can choose to follow progressively difficult on-line instructions to build more complex robots, or develop their own designs and write programmes to control their creation.

The class will run subject to student numbers and participant numbers will be capped at 15.



## MAD SCIENTISTS

Have you ever wondered how to make a lava lamp? Do you know what a walking rainbow is? Have you always wanted to make heat sensitive colour changing slime? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions then you just might be a Mad Scientist!

Each week we will conduct fun, interactive and sometimes messy hands-on experiments that will instill a clearer understanding of Science and how it affects the world around us. Through participation in the Mad Scientist's Club, you will be able to touch, see, hear, feel and even taste what Science is all about!

The class will run subject to student numbers and participant numbers will be capped at 15.



## BIKE SKILLS K-2

We are delighted to offer a structured Bike Skills programme to our primary aged riders! This seven week course will cover important skills such as balance, safety, brakes, corners, rider awareness and navigating obstacles in a safe and fun environment. If your child's bike has training wheels attached, we will work towards gaining confidence to ride without them as the programme progresses.

The class will run subject to student numbers and participant numbers will be capped at 20.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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## CANCELLATIONS

We aim to run our exciting activities as often as possible. On the rare occasion that a teacher is unavailable to teach their group, we will whenever possible arrange for someone to fill in. However if a replacement teacher is not available or time does not permit us to find a suitable replacement, the activity may be cancelled on the day.

Parents will be notified via email so that alternative arrangements can be made for the end of the school day. Should we be unable to confirm any change of arrangements with parents, children will be supervised until parents arrive to collect them at the usual time, usually by way of joining another Co-curricular group for the day. Please be reminded that Junior School students are not able to access the College Library after school unless accompanied by a parent.

As indicated in each activity description there is a maximum number of places available and a minimum enrolment required to make a course effective and enjoyable. In the case of low enrolments, a course may be cancelled for the duration of the term and then re-offered or modified to attract greater interest in the future.

## HOLIDAY CAMPS

At Oxley we have been approached by external providers to provide a venue for a range of Holiday Programmes. We enjoy being able to offer these experiences to our community when appropriate. Previous offerings have included on site camps as well as information about broader community experiences.

### **'Active Kidz'**

Holidays Fun Fitness Programme run by The Shed for all primary school children. It includes activities such as boxing and kickboxing, soccer tournament, gym intro for kids and a medic tournament. It runs for four hours per day, different activities and games along with the day's theme. We will send an email to parents prior to the holidays in which the camps will run.

### **Code Camp**

Code Camp is run by Code Camp Australia offering courses at Kick start, Momentum and Evolve levels with experiences in Drag and Drop Coding, Web Coding, JavaScript, Entrepreneurship and Design Thinking. In the past these highly popular courses have been held in our Library by specially qualified instructors. Information regarding these courses are also provided via email when available.

### **Cookability**

This holiday programme for budding MasterChef's runs frequently at Oxley College. The team at Cookability are very excited to be able to bring you a great range of classes for kids of all ages in most school holidays. Students can suggest their favourite meals to the menu of different delights each day! Most classes can be adapted for dietary requirements and if you need any more information please don't hesitate to contact us. Class information and details will be sent following bookings. We generally advertise this programme through the Pin Oak Magazine Community page.

### **Learning Labs**

This programme runs at the University of Wollongong and is designed for students who are performing in the top 10% - 15% in their area of interest within their peer group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays. All workshops are held either over one or two days and cover a range of disciplines, presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. The workshop content is both rigorous and challenging, and is designed to stimulate the interest and curiosity of the academically gifted. We welcome everyone who would like to meet other kids that share your interests.

## PROGRAMME OF OFFERINGS

YEAR GROUPS	ACTIVITY	TIME	COST	VENUE	TEACHER	TERM
<b>TUESDAY</b>						
K-Year 2	<b>Flappers Choir</b>	3.30pm to 4.30pm	N/A	1S Classroom	Ms Lara Sheils	1-4
K-Year 2 Years 3-6	<b>Time For Drama</b>	3.30pm to 4.30pm	N/A	JS MP Room	Mrs Mandy Bransgrove	2-4 1-3
Years 3-6	<b>Art</b>	3.30pm to 4.30pm	\$25.00	SS Art Studio	Ms Vanessa Forbes	1-4
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>						
Years 3-6	<b>Beginners' Band</b>	8.00am to 8.40am	N/A	Orchestra Room	Mr Dominic Lindsay	1-4
<b>THURSDAY</b>						
Years 3-6	<b>Junior Strings Ensemble</b>	8.00am to 8.40am	N/A	Orchestra Room	Mrs Alison Bunyan	1-4
K-Year 2	<b>Art</b>	3.30pm to 4.30pm	\$25.00	JS Atelier	Mrs Justine Lind	1-4
Years 2-6	<b>Robotics</b>	3.30pm to 5.00pm	\$25.00	1W Classroom	Mr Gareth Loveday	2 & 3 only
K-Year 2	<b>Bike Skills</b>	3.30pm to 4.30pm	\$20.00	Bike Racks	Mr Gareth Loveday	1 & 4 only
Years 3-6	<b>Mad Scientists</b>	3.30pm to 4.30pm	\$25.00	6A Classroom	Mrs Alison Rasheed	1-4
Years 3-6	<b>Larks Choir</b>	3.30pm to 4.30pm	N/A	1S Classroom	Ms Lara Sheils	1-4
<b>FRIDAY</b>						
Audition only	<b>Junior Concert Band</b>	7.45am to 8.40am	N/A	Orchestra Room	Mr Ben Jones	1-4

# NOMINATION FORM

Please return the form to Student Services in the Junior School attention **Ms Belinda Dyson**.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to attend the following activity/activities during **Term 2, 2018** and I understand that any costs associated with these activities, as outlined in this booklet, will be charged to my child's school account.

I understand that by signing this authorisation my child commits to attend these activities for the duration of the programme.

I also understand that I will be contacted personally **only if** my child has **not** been allocated their preferred activities. Otherwise I can assume that my child will be commencing their activity on the stated date in the K – 6 Co-Curricular Activity booklet.

ACTIVITY	PREFERENCE	TERM
Flappers Choir		
Time For Drama		
Art Years 3-6		
Beginners' Band		
Junior Strings Ensemble		
Art K-Year 2		
Mad Scientists		
Larks Choir		
Bike Skills		
Robotics		

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_



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**FOR THE ATTENTION OF**

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