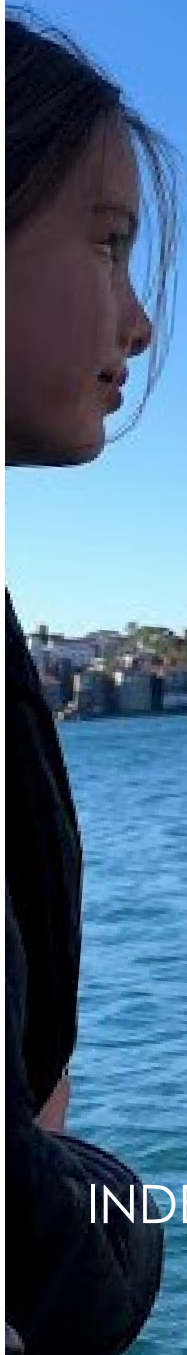


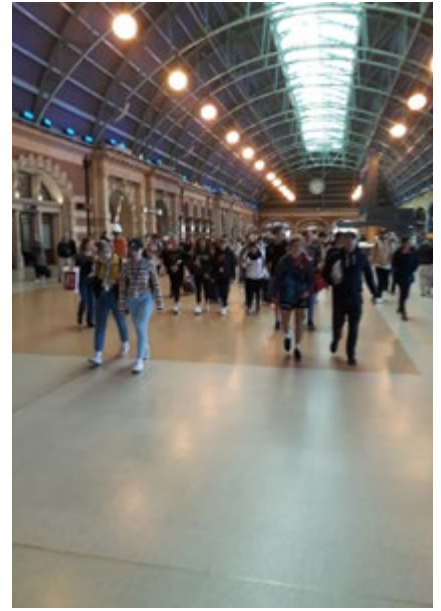
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THE PURPOSE

Oxley College has developed a cross-curriculum Year 9 academic programme called Rites of Passage. The central theme of the programme is "Identity – Telling Your Story". The three week immersion in Sydney includes tours, workshops and lectures at Macquarie University, University of Technology Sydney, University of Sydney, Art Gallery of NSW, ABC Studios, Foreshore Authority, Reserve Bank, Museum of Human Disease, Sydney Jewish Museum, Barangaroo Reserve, the Australian Museum, Alliance Francaise, Sydney Improvised Music Association, the Opera House, Museum of Contemporary Art, and Cockatoo Island. Students are mentored and coached by film makers who regularly work with AFTRS, lecturers and tutors from NIDA and ARIA award winning musicians.

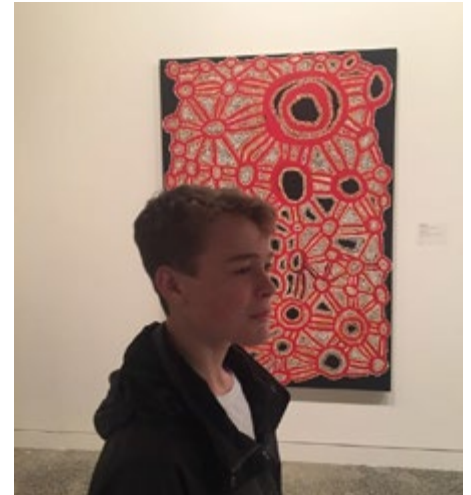


The purpose of this innovative programme is to expose students to ideas, people and phenomena that could never be accessed in a conventional classroom. We want to ignite students' passion for what the future holds and the learning journey they are on. The Rites of Passage programme for Year 9 marks a significant transition toward life as a senior student. After the exhilaration of starting High School and before the challenge of the Higher School Certificate, the Rites of Passage programme provides an unforgettable, transitional moment in the lives of Oxley students.



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I will never forget our trip to the Jewish museum in Sydney. It was truly one of the most eye-opening and inspiring times of my life. We toured around the museum in small groups and learnt so much about both the Jewish culture as well as the horrible hardships they faced. Yet, the peak of the experience was getting to listen to a holocaust survivor opening up about her life and the impact the Holocaust had on her and her loved ones. She told us her story to reinforce to the younger generations that the holocaust was real and it did happen, opposed to just something you read about in novels. We were able to ask her questions and I had one boiling up inside me, yet ever so controversial, I asked whether she could ever forgive Hitler and the Nazis for what they did. What she responded with, I will never forget. She replied by saying that, if you hold onto the hate, you will be the one with the heavier heart to carry. I will always keep this piece of advice with me to reassure myself in times of distress and anger that much bigger things have happened and what I feel in the present moment won't always be with me. This is an example of just one way Rites of Passage has helped me develop a greater sense of self and provided me with an experience I will keep with me my whole life. I encourage future years to take in and make the best of the opportunities ROP hands you because they will definitely be worth it!

Peggy

What was the biggest lesson you've learnt?

*That I was capable of learning to live independently. Saxon
Learning about the Jewish holocaust was really interesting. Tom*

I really enjoyed learning about film techniques and assisting my group in the creation of our movie. Harry

Learning how to co-operate with other students. Sophie

I learned that it was important to read the packing list – a sleeping bag is pretty handy when you're camping on Cockatoo Island. Archie

What was the hardest challenge you faced on Rites of Passage?

Getting left behind at Circular Quay and having to use my new found navigation skills to get to Chatswood. Millie

Getting enough sleep. Gen

Here is the link to the 2019 Rites of Passage video:

<https://youtu.be/S7Xz9V3RGoI>

What was your favourite event from the trip?

My favourite event would definitely be attending Vivid. This is because it was really interesting to see the different types of people come together as one to admire the gorgeous lights.

Anika

What was the hardest challenge you faced on Rites of Passage?

Learning how to take care of myself and learning what it is like to live as an adult. Figuring out how to act mature enough to help others as well as myself. Alexandra

What was the biggest lesson you've learnt?

Definitely organisation. At the start I was very all over the place, but by the last week I had learnt the very valuable skill of packing what I need and organising the day before.

Jillian

Rites of Passage is a chance to learn practical skills and lessons you won't get from the classroom. While commuting through Sydney, our year experienced the challenge of public transport. For some this was a fairly easy task but I certainly experienced the social aspect of travelling while representing the College around certain scenarios, giving up seats and general knowledge of Sydney.

India

