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AUSTRALIA WINS THE AUS OPEN YET AGAIN

The superstar athlete, advocate and radio host, the man with many roles has done it yet again. Dylan Alcott is now a ten-time grand slam singles champion and has recently won his 6th consecutive Australian Open title. He is no stranger to the public's eye and doesn't fail to crack smiles with his witty jokes. Dylan won the Men's Quad Wheelchair Singles Australian Open Final in a two set match resulting in a score of 6-0 and 6-4 against British Andrew Lapthorne. Dylan also won the doubles competition alongside Australian, Heath Davidson. According to ABC news, he has raised over \$40,000 to donate to people with a disability whom have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Dylan, an old athlete, I believe, sends a great message not only to people with a disability but to able-bodied people too, that when you have a dream or goal to achieve, the best thing you can do is just go for it and let everything else fall into place.

Dylan also plays quite a distinctive role in advocating for people with a disability as shown in a triple J interview, he says, "I'm just trying to be a positive role model in the media to show people that just because you are disabled it's not a life sentence, your life's not over, there's still so many things that you can do to get out there and live a happy and successful life." The unfortunate thing about our current society is the unwanted taboo around disability's which makes it hard to educate people about them. Dylan is breaking down that wall to make a more inclusive and educated nation, and world. This societal stigma was brought up in Dylan's Ted Talk presentation in 2015, he refers back to when he was driving down the highway and

saw a big billboard advertising the consequences of speeding by showcasing a photo of this depressed looking man in a wheelchair. Dylan urges that this exact portrayal of disability being so devastating by making it something to fear. With the use of his oh so comical humour he began to point out that there are much worse things than being in a wheelchair, such as the wearing of 'cros' and supporting of the English cricket team.

All jokes aside, as an able-bodied person I believe Dylan has enabled me to learn more about what it's like living with a disability and so I can become more aware and also pass those important messages onto my friends and family as to make them more educated too. Hopefully you have read this article and found that you are now more knowledgeable and know to shut down the stigma when you see or hear it because nobody deserves to be marginalised. See the ability in disability.

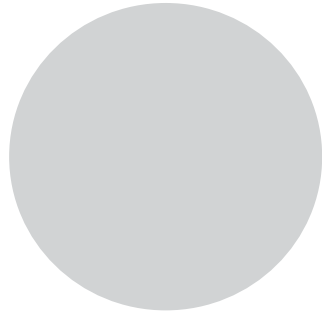
Link to Dylan's 2015 Ted Talk:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79CrqQVoREQ&feature=emb_title

By Peggy Holmwood (Year 10)

Are folding screens the future?





HOW WE SPENT OUR SUMMER

Ben Ahern

My uncle's property of 100 hectares in upper Lansdowne near Taree is among 25.5 million hectares that have been

Pip Kettlewell

So I'm part of the State Emergency Service. We're lucky enough to be able to be the primary rescue in car crashes



What is a Sanctuary?

I posed this question in the Welcome Assembly on the

Deputy Head Learning: Kate Cunich

It has been so wonderful to return to Oxley after our long service leave travels. There is nothing more reassuring to know that you choose to teach and learn at Oxley, and that this is where great things happen in education. Learning that will continue to change the world.

We warmly welcome back all Oxley families on behalf of our wonderful teachers. It has been so good to see our students arriving looking excited, relaxed and ready to learn. We talk often about the fact that a school is not alive without children, so while we teachers relished the time to plan over the break, this last week, the return of our students has been the best bit for us!

2019 HSC

We are incredibly proud of our students, parents and teachers, who all worked together to bring about an extremely successful outcome for our 2019 Year 12 HSC cohort. The achievement of all our students was truly outstanding, and many of our students continue to let us know about how happy they are, how many doors are now open to them and how excited they are about

More Distinctives to enhance Learning!

As a constantly evolving place of life-long learning, we are delighted to add to our learning Distinctives in 2020.

Most exciting is the introduction of a Personal Interest Project (PIP) in Year 9 and 10 for all students. Students

Now that you're out in the big wide world, what have you made of yourself since finishing school at Oxley?

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW...

Whilst most families in the summer holidays chose to go overseas for their holidays many small businesses were hit. Christmas time is usually peak time for business and tourism making it hard for local business to make any money. Without customers these businesses can't make money and have to dismiss valuable employees. All this impacts the business and makes it hard to make a living.

The 'Empty Esky' campaign has got together to spread the word and how we as Australians can help our own country. Most Australians haven't even explored their own country. Instead they choose to go overseas during the holidays. So, this year we need to help our Australian mates by supporting local towns and business.

So how can we help?

The Empty Esky campaign recommends bringing an empty esky from home and going for a long drive with empty esky with local produce and goods from the local shops who

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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