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CANVAS PARENT SIGN UP

This year we have moved to a new system where parent observer accounts have been created for all parents to observe their children's learning on Canvas. This system makes it easier for parents to start accessing Canvas which allows you to keep abreast of what your child is learning and in the Senior School, know key assessment dates or when academic prep is due.

What does this mean for existing users?

If you already have a Canvas parent account, nothing has changed. You still login with the same credentials. For parents who have been observing one or more children, and now have an additional child starting at Oxley, you will automatically be observing their classes and no longer have to 'pair' with your child's Canvas account.

I'm a new user, how do I get started?

If you have never had a Canvas account, you will have received an email in early February with details of your login, password and the link to the parent login page. Unfortunately, some email servers deemed this 'junk' so please check your spam folder. Included in the email were instructions for downloading the mobile app and logging in.

Where do I get more information?

Information on how to log in and how to use the Mobile apps can be found on our E-Learning page on the College's website <https://www.oxley.nsw.edu.au/learning/e-learning/>

We will also be running a parent canvas information session for Year 7 and new parents in the coming weeks, please email natacha.brochard@oxley.nsw.edu.au if you are interested in attending.

A reminder that it is compulsory for all students to change to Winter Uniform for the start of Term 2.

The Oxley Shop is open Tuesday-Friday 8.30am-4.00pm. It will also be open during the upcoming holiday. No appointments necessary.

JUNIOR GALLERY



FEATURE

What have been your initial perceptions of Oxley?

Exceptionally friendly and respectful community. Great leadership from the senior students. There's always something happening

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I had a very physical childhood growing up in the country and

What have been your Initial Perceptions of Oxley?

I think this place is fabulous. It's wonderful, the students are friendly, the

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LIZZIE GOODFELLOW Class of 2009

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I am the Founder and Director of bespoke social media agency, Oakwood Digital, which empowers regional small business owners to grow their dream businesses through the power of digital media. Prior to starting my own business, I was a high-level strategic communicator, in roles including Media Advisor to the Foreign Minister and Minister for Women, and Head of Communications for the British High Commission in Australia.

What is your biggest achievement since high school?

I have had some amazing roles and opportunities in my career, including leading on a visit from (now British Prime Minister) Boris Johnson, running the communications for the UK team for the Invictus Games and being part of the winning team for the bid of \$35billion worth of British-designed warships. But the biggest achievement would have to be building a successful business from scratch that supports regional businesses and their communities. Being able to use my experience and skills to have a positive impact throughout regional Australia is something I'm really proud of.

Were these things that during high school you expected you would end up doing?

I never had such a clear direction at school. I was that student who tried everything, couldn't choose a clear path, and ended up having a wonderful time broadening
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couldn't decide what was the one thing I was going to be. And as it turns out – you don't have to be one
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concepts, and be the better for it.

How did Oxley prepare you for your future?

I think the encouragement to try all the things is actually really special. There was no pigeon-holing – you could be good at the academic side and perform in school

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It felt like there were no limitations to what you could try and moreover, it was encouraged. I think that mentality really helps kids decide what kind of person they can be, outside of the standard academic excellence.

Is there anybody from the Oxley community who inspired you throughout high school?

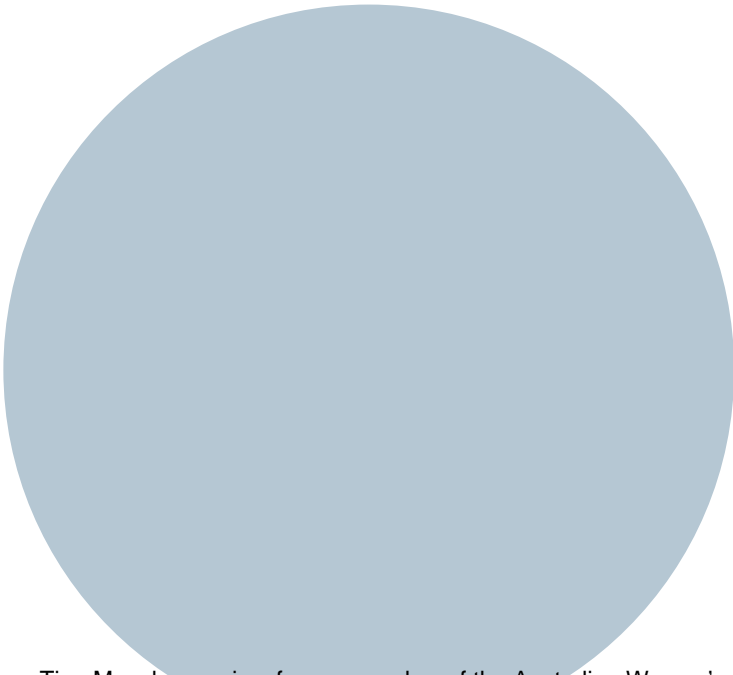
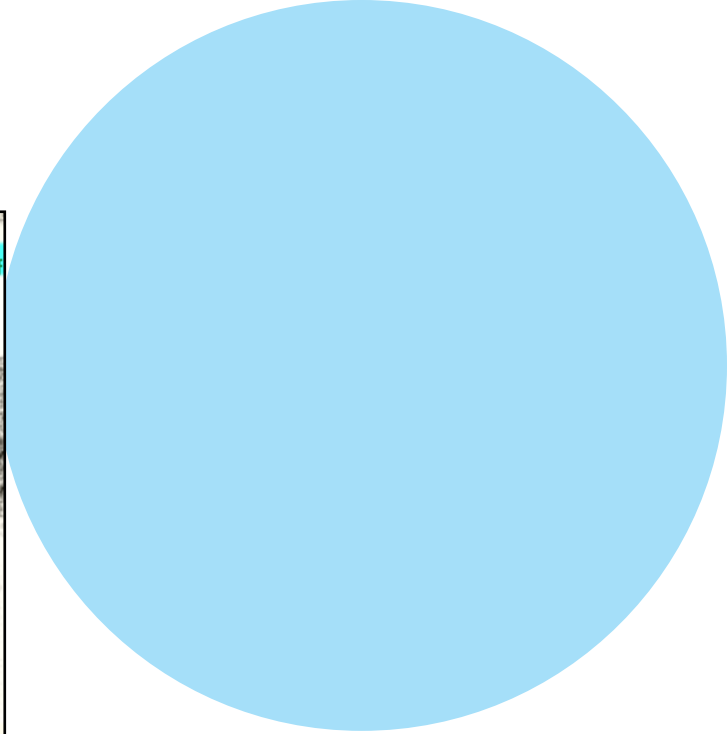
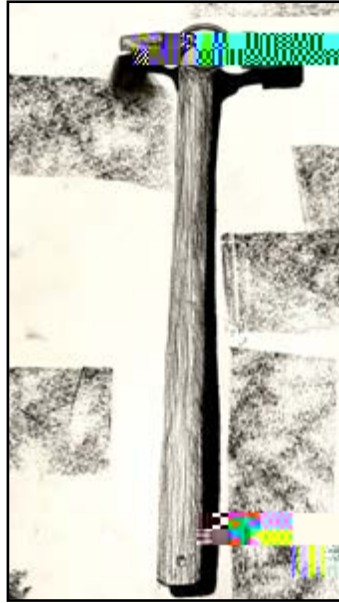
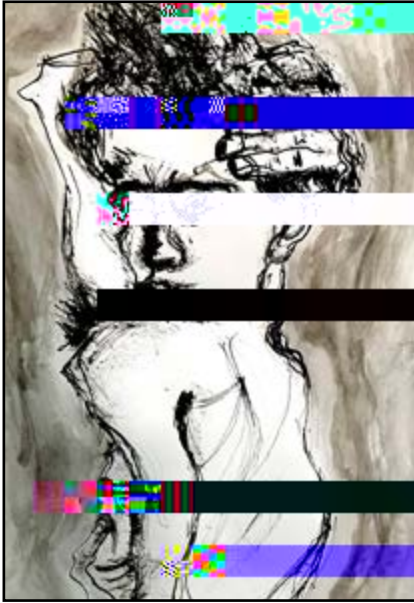
I was fortunate to have some really wonderful teachers and sporting coaches who encouraged us all to be the very best versions of ourselves. But (former) Headmaster Grant Williamson was a really special human who taught me so much about what a good leader looks like. He was always there - he'd be in the audience of a school

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morning sport the next. He was visible, approachable, proactive and wasn't afraid to shake things up if it was the right thing to do. He led by example, and we were so fortunate to experience that as a role model, even if we didn't really know it at the time.

What would you say you miss most about being at school?

The freedom to enjoy life without the responsibilities that comes with adulthood. Being young and having the whole world in front of you is such a wonderful thing (although it doesn't feel like it at the time). We were all in such a hurry to get out and be the people we were going to be. But there is so much innocence, support and a surprising amount of freedom that comes from the structure of school. Also the forced physical education is actually marvellous – I wish I had Mrs A (the wonderful Barbara Alexander for those who weren't fortunate enough to have the best hockey coach there was) making me fun that much now!

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Relax, my girl – you have so much time and so many wonderful things ahead of you. Also, be kind to your mother – she really does know best!



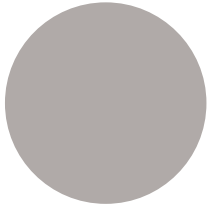
Tina Macpherson is a former member of the Australian Women's Cricket team. Born in the inner west of Sydney in 1949 and growing up in Robertson, she had always dreamed of playing for Australia at a young age. Her dream came true in 1972, when on her debut for Australia, she broke a world record for becoming the first woman to score a century in a Test match. After her successful career in the cricket industry, she has been instrumental in the development of women's cricket. This is why it has been appropriate to name the recently launched Southern Highlands female cricket competition, "Tina Macpherson Cup".

The competition was launched as a series of "Wickets" fun days and being split into mixed teams, the Highlands District Cricket Association knew that it was time to create a cricket competition for just females of all ages.

On Wednesday 2 December of 2020, the advertisement for the inaugural women's T20 cricket competition in the Southern Highlands was found on all platforms of social media. The competition began as a weekly, Wednesday afternoon game with two teams of 10. All participants received an email with team lists and a team captain. The teams were Bowral, Robertson/Burrawang, Moss Vale and Wingello. There were to be four

rounds and a Grand Final. What was once a small friendly competition grew into a full-fledged event. We had six Oxley College girls involved in this competition; Beth Zupp (Yr 10), Emily Rodger (Yr 9), Georgie Morton (Yr 10), Chilli Sparke (Yr 8), Annalee Watson (Yr 9) and Charlotte Kent (Yr 8). The girls performed exceptionally well, with batting averages in the competition. Beth, Chilli and Charlotte all had the best catches in the whole competition".

The involvement was a success with the competition including several players who went on to represent their schools and clubs. The girls were a credit to their schools and clubs. The competition was a success with the competition including several players who went on to represent their schools and clubs. The girls were a credit to their schools and clubs.



Stage 2 Aboriginal Culture Incursion

On Monday 22 February, Year 3 and Year 4 were lucky enough to have Kadoo Tours visit our school to talk to us about Aboriginal culture. We heard about bush tucker, Aboriginal Dreamtime stories, Aboriginal history and Australian animals from our instructors, Grant and Kirra.

Grant told us about saltwater crocodiles and shared a story about how his Dad was nearly attacked by a 5m long crocodile when he was working in Queensland! He also showed us kangaroo claws, crocodile jaws and animal skulls. The best way to clean a skull is to leave it on a bull ants' nest because they will eat and eat until just the bone is left. Grant's story about the Yowie wasn't as scary as we thought it was going to be!

Kirra told us about how Aboriginal people used to eat emu eggs. They would use an emu-caller, which sounds like a female emu, to lure the male emu away from sitting on the nest, then steal only two of the four eggs that were left. This was so there would still be some baby emus born. Kirra also told us about how you would receive a kangaroo or possum skin cloak when you were a baby, and this would be added to over your lifetime. Totems and symbols would be burned into the cloak, like a nametag.

We were able to taste some bush tucker such as Pig Face and Bolwarra. We learned how important it is to not just go into the bush and eat something like bracken fern, because it could be poisonous. Most bush tucker plants are quite similar to other plants that are dangerous to eat.

We learned so much about Aboriginal culture from Grant and Kirra and hope that one day we might get to visit Kirra at the zoo, where she looks after the Australian marsupials.

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