

PIN OAK



OLE WEEK

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PASSAGE

LEADERSHIP

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A Day in the Life of Oxley College

Pin Oak Team

Welcome back to a rapid and busy

contribution to the numerous
camps, excursions, events, and

freezing cold to squeeze onto a bus and make their way up to Sydney airport. After the task of getting through the airport and

for a swim before dinner. After dinner we listened to an insightful interactive talk conducted by reef experts who work and live on the reef. We learnt all about the importance of the reef, the negative

great awareness that we used the next day on ocean rafting when rafting instructors taught us all about the importance of the reef

reef. This day not only taught us about the reef but broadened our friendships.

The next few days consisted of more snorkelling, learning about the reef, seeing crocodiles, and most importantly cleaning up

the rubbish on the beach comes from, how long it takes to break down and how to collect it. We personally collected numerous of

This is still happening in many parts of our world, killing coral and causing those bleach bottles to wash up on our beaches and destroy many plants and animals in the making. Later we sorted our rubbish at the Eco Barge Clean Seas and had the opportunity to look at the amazing work they do to save the reefs.

On day four we adventured out on a 6-hour return boat trip (where many of us discovered our boat sickness) to the heart of the Great

Barrier Reef where we snorkelled, explored, and discovered the reef for four hours. This eye-opening experience let us see the extent of coral bleaching but also the true beauty of the great barrier reef. We were all exhausted after each day however that didn't stop us from doing karaoke, a talent quest, an ABBA singing

it brought to life what we had heard about and made it relevant,

us, a big thank you needs to go to the 6 incredibly brave teachers;

Outback, Indigenous Immersion trip to Arnhem Land, Whitsundays Experience, Year 9 Rites of Passage, Year 7 and Year 8 OLE Camps the end of Term 3. It has been wonderful to return to running such important Oxley programmes. The success of these trips is down to families, being on duty in every waking (and often non-waking) hour, braving the elements and managing all the issues that can arise on

OLE week is a week where students get to experience a range of activities not usually undertaken during a normal school day. OLE stands for Other Learning Experiences. The aim of OLE week is to give students an opportunity to step out of their comfort zone. In K - 2 students participated in a variety of activities outside the classroom and in Year 3 - 6 they went on camps.

School camp is the place where social skills grow and develop. Most activities at camp involve teamwork, problem solving, communication and listening.

Weekly Awards

Learning Journey

Oliver Barton	K
Ronnie Fragar	1S
Eliza Galwey	2B
Harrison Southcombe	3B
Oliver Chesham	3R
Charlie Halloran	4A
Jack Smith	4W
Madison Chamley	5M
Jameson Clarke	5M
Teddy Blom	5N
Molly Harwood	6S
Lucas Drelaud	6H

Oxley Values

Ellery Black	K
Clara Peebles	1S

George Abreu	3B
James Fussell	3R
Euan Shedden	4A
Imogen Fox	4W
Nico Herriott	5M
Anna Sutherland	5M
Mariella Vlahakis	5N
Summer Johns	6S
Will Kennedy	6H

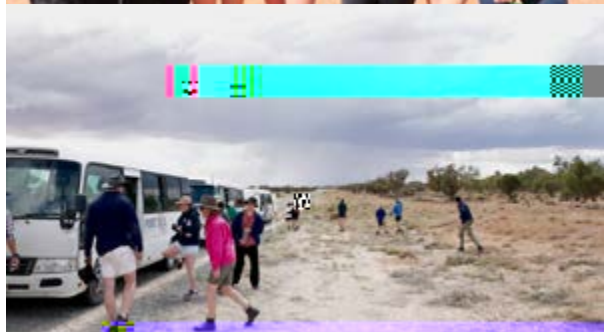
Japanese: Ethan Smith 6S and
Jemima Anson 5M

olds: develop a strong sense of personal identity; build healthy friendships; experience emancipation from parents; and develop a vocational direction.

GALLERY



SENIOR GALLERY



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John Smedley (College Captain):

Being College Captain for Oxley College truly is an honourable position, and with that comes a number of tasks to do to uphold the school values. In this position some of the ideas I look towards to in the future, revolve around the key theme for the

Oxley activities in the past that were stripped away from us as a result of Covid-19 and in doing so plan to reinvent them so that the younger years can have the same Oxley experience I once did.

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As the excited new Year 12's we were, the year group left Oxley in the early hours, beginning a long and scenic drive to Billabourie, embracing the Outback lifestyle. 3 students read out letters their alumni parents had written about

NEWSFLASH

AUSTRALIAN ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS



At the end of October, Rory (Year 6) and Euan (Year 4) Shedden both headed down to Daylesford in Victoria to compete in nine events over nine days at the Australian Orienteering Championships.

The championships were held in a mix of terrain including very complex within the forest where only the best navigators were able to run cleanly

Australia, New Zealand and even some from Europe the standard of competition was very high.

and had an exceptional carnival running strongly every day. He can now claim to be an Australian champion having won a number of events. His best results being:

- Victorian Middle Distance FIRST
- Australian Middle Distance FIRST
- Australian Sprint Championships - THIRD
- Australian Long Distance Champion - FIRST

Meanwhile Rory was running in a much older age group having being selected to represent NSW in the NSW Junior boys team competing against boys up to 15 years old. This provided Rory with an amazing experience spending the whole nine days away from the family in the athlete's camp with all the other Australian state teams and New Zealand teams. He was the youngest in the squad by some distance but really

the country. There were some special moments such as the opening ceremony where the squads had to parade into an arena carrying

everybody feel pretty special!

Despite being so much younger than many of his competitors (and team mates) Rory's strong navigational skills meant he managed the technical courses well and achieved a number of very strong results. He narrowly

NSW in the three person relay as one of the top 15 year old and under relay championships where Rory arguably had his best run pulling the the best placed Australian state and only being pipped by a New Zealand team.

by taking out the Australian Schools Trophy as the highest performing Australian state. Something the athletes, manager, coaches and parents were all very proud of!

OFF THE SHELF

lovers! Have you ever come to get a drink from our fabulous café and thought there was a little something missing? We've got the solution for you! Starting next week (Monday 31 October), there will be a range of

\$4 or under! If you are gluten free, nut free, or vegan there are also alternative options available. So next time you're feeling a little peckish whilst ordering a hot beverage, add a little extra to your order and get some delicious and energy packed food to get you through the rest of the school day! By Leah Halstead, Year 12

OXLEY PIPE BAND TRIUMPHS

In September, members of our Oxley Pipe Band drove to Melbourne with their Pipe Master, Barry Gray and parent Rebecca Pettaras for the experience of a lifetime. They played 'You're the Voice' with Robbie Williams

between Geelong and the Sydney Swans at the MCG. They also had an opportunity to meet with Australian singer, Delta Goodrem. Memories forever! The pipers were Oscar Arnold, Katie Ayling, Alexandra Cavanagh, William Cavanough, Grace Pettaras, Cameron Wood.