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Principal's Message



Open Night

Our Open Night in Week 6 was a resounding success. Our school motto of *Creating Your Future* was certainly front and centre as we showcased why Georges River College Oatley Senior Campus is the local comprehensive school of choice.

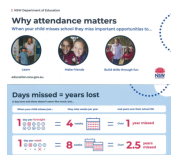
We welcomed over 300 visitors and prospective families to the Georges River College Oatley Campus Community and showcased our wonderful school: students, staff, facilities and grounds.

The atmosphere was electric and families witnessed first-hand what it is that makes us such a great school. Due to COVID, we had to turn people away, but we are more than happy to open up our school at a later stage.

I would like to acknowledge the huge effort and contribution the whole school community made to present our school so fabulously. A big thank you to all students and staff who volunteered their time on the night. It was fantastic to see our Georges River College pride so obviously on display. Thank you also to our tour guides from the Student Representative Council (SRC). Visitors experienced a range of activities in science labs, drama rooms, technology labs, hospitality kitchens and art rooms to gain a taste of some of the differences and similarities between senior school, middle school and primary.

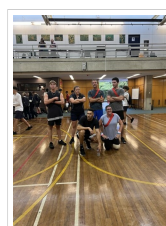
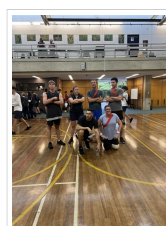
Congratulations Oatley Senior Campus.

Why Attendance matters!



Student Representative Council

It has been an absolute pleasure seeing our 2022 SRC members thrive. What a passionate group of young people! Here are some photos of their achievements thus far - Valentine's day Roses, Spirit Week, and Staff v Students sporting day.



Facebook and Instagram

A reminder to follow us on social media. Please like both our Facebook and Instagram pages. Links are below.

Facebook page :

<https://www.facebook.com/grcoatleyseniorcampus/>

Instagram :

<https://www.instagram.com/accounts/login/?next=/grcoatleysenior/>

New School Website

Last year we also launched our new website. Please take them time to look at the information available to parents.

Website:

<https://oatleysnr-h.schools.nsw.gov.au>

School and P&C Contributions

The School Contribution schedules were sent out to all families this term. These schedules enable parents to identify what monies are owed for their child. Invoices will include any outstanding compulsory subject fees owing from last year.

We appreciate the many families who have already paid these fees and contributions, thus allowing us to place the necessary

orders for equipment that will be used to support your child's learning in 2021.

Our P&C Association welcomes payment of the P&C contribution, which also assists the school to provide additional resources above those provided for through global funding sources.

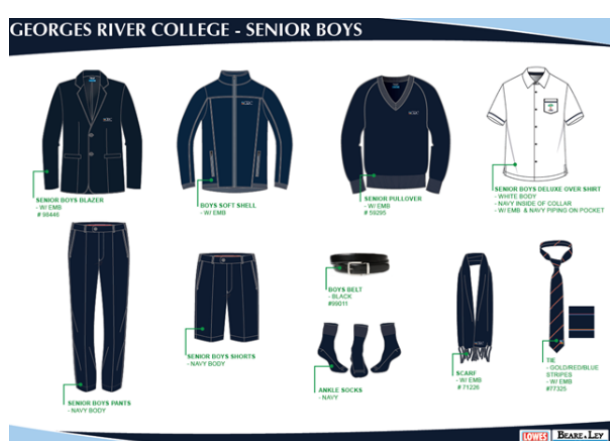
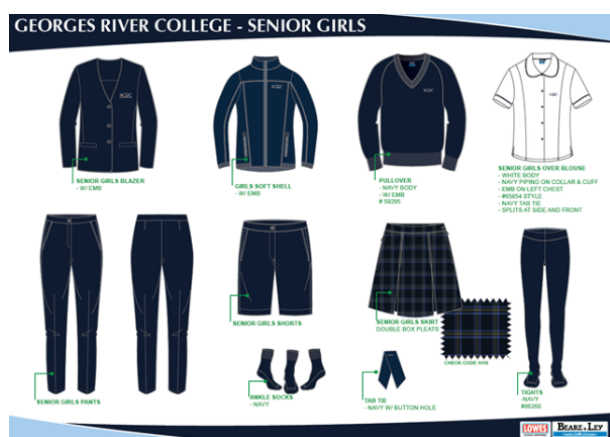
Uniform

A reminder GRC Oatley Senior Campus is a uniform school. The school uniform creates an identity for our school and is an important part of being a school student.

It is essential that all students are in correct school uniform every day and wear the uniform correctly during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Our school uniform reflects school community standards and expectations. It was developed in consultation with and agreed upon by the school community. It is based on a strong student and parent voice.

Please support us in ensuring that your child arrives to school in full school uniform. The school uniform requires all students to be in black leather shoes and navy socks.



Examples of footwear which **COMPLY** with The Department of Education's WH&S guidelines

Girl's examples



Boy's examples



Examples of footwear which **DO NOT COMPLY** with The Department of Education's WH&S guidelines



Diary Dates – Term 2

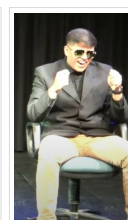
- **Schools resumes for students** – Wednesday 27th April
- **P&C Meeting** – AGM Monday 9th May and Monday 30th May (7:00pm)
- **Year 12 Post School Options Parent Information Night** – Monday 6th June
- **Public Holiday** – Monday 13th June
- **Week 8** – Year 11 reports distributed
- **Year 11 Parent Teacher Night** – Thursday 23rd June (4:00 pm – 7:00pm)
- **P&C Meeting** – Monday 27th June (7:00pm)

Anna Girginis
Principal



CAPA Faculty:

"Year 12 Drama students have had a big few weeks, performing their Individual Projects and presenting their class devised production - 'Cancel Culture Cancel'. The class is now looking forward to embarking on the HSC Group Projects in Term 2."



VET Faculty:

Students who undertake a VET qualification as part of their pattern of study at GRC Oatley are required to undertake mandatory work placement in the industry they are studying. Over the course of the 2 years, students will need to complete up to 70 hours of work placement. If your child is undertaking a vet course and you would like to have more information on the NESA requirements, please click on the learners guide pdf below.

Another great few weeks in our kitchen with Hospitality Kitchen Operations. Students have been working on studying the unit 'Appetisers'. They have produced some amazing dishes. We couldn't wait to share with you a staff favourite – Spiced cherry tomato and avocado canapé's. The students prepared a staff lunch served with sushi and chicken tandoori balls.

Please cook along with us at home!!



Support Faculty:

Special Education Unit Term 1 – Great start to first term

Despite the interruptions with our transition program at the end of last year and the fact that we were not able to meet with students face to face, we have had a positive start to the year. Coming to a new school is a challenge for all new students – those students who have a few extra challenges often find it more difficult. However, the students have adapted well to their new program at Oatley.

Our year 12 students have commenced TAFE, which has meant for many of them learning to travel on the train independently. Some of our classes have been familiarising themselves with the local community at Oatley and Mortdale.

Our main focus at GRC Oatley is to prepare them for life and the world around them, promoting independence – including job ready skills, being aware of the world around them, including the people around them and how they fit into the world.

We also have our newly elected SRC member – Congratulations to Mariane Khoury, thank you for representing all of your peers at a whole school level.

We look forward to working with all families in 2022.

Priscilla Wille
Head Teacher
Special Education

The learning Hub:

On Friday in Week 5 we hosted our second Year 11 Conference Day. Our students were involved in a variety of activities to help them become successful senior students. They were inspired by the Olympic story of Eloise Wellings, provided with a variety of study skills, informed about the support available at GRC and had a bit of fun with their house group. Students enjoyed the opportunity to get out of the classroom and to get to know each other.

We will be hosting a Wellbeing Conference Day first week back, week 1 Term 2. This is another chance for students to learn about how to care for themselves and others.



Debating Report

Premiers Debating Challenge

GRC Oatley completed their first round of the knockout debate for the Premiers Debating Challenge. The synergy amongst the team, who have galvanised their debating skills within and across all middle school campuses, was reflected in the sophisticated arguments set forth.

As a zealous Affirmative Team, they faced an uphill battle in response to the topic: That Teachers should be paid bonuses for students who receive a band 6. The first speaker Zac established a model and outlined the team's position redressing the status quo. This was soon followed by the impassioned argument and rebuttals that the second speaker Mackenzie presented. The third speaker, Thomas, solidified with astute judgement and synthesised arguments. Fourth member Eva took down rebuttals and worked to support the team. Alas, the students were pipped at the post and while the result is disappointing, their perceptive and conceptual judgements are reflective of their aptitude in academic rigour.

Well done, Team!



Ms Flavell
Debating Coordinator

Environmental Committee

The fenced area around the school lake has become a focus for the school environment committee. Students are undertaking

an environmental rehabilitation project that aims to reintroduce native local vegetation and control introduced weeds. The seedlings planted in December 2021 in the area are surviving well, and the group hopes to germinate and plant more this year. The first weed targeted for removal is the African Olive.

