



Oxley High ANCHOR

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From the Executive's Desk

Welcome back to Term 4! It's hard to believe we've reached the final and very busy stretch of the school year. I hope everyone enjoyed a restful break and is ready for an exciting term ahead.



This week marks the beginning of the HSC examinations, and we extend our very best wishes to our Year 12 students. Your hard work and dedication throughout the year have been commendable, and we know you will approach each exam with focus and confidence.

There are many exciting events taking place this term, including Capers rehearsals, the Battle of the Bands tomorrow at Farrer - where Oxley will be proudly represented—our Year 12 Graduation Dinner, and the End of Year Presentation Evening. These occasions are wonderful opportunities to celebrate our students' achievements and talents.

A sincere thank you to all staff who continue to go above and beyond to provide extracurricular opportunities for our students. Special thanks to Dominique Smit for her dedication to the Robotics team, who achieved excellent results at their recent competition and for her award of Mentor of the Year for commitment to inspiring students; Jordan Griffiths for his leadership with the Under 15's basketball team; and Casey Barnett for organising the Legal Studies excursion to the courthouse. Your commitment enriches our students' experiences and strengthens our school community.

I would also like to commend our students for their positive attitude and engagement during the recent internet outage. Your ability to adapt and remain focused on learning was impressive and greatly appreciated by staff.

Progress continues with the construction of our Giant Outdoor Shade Shelter (GOSS), with the roof now being installed. Once complete, this space will provide much-needed shade and protection from the weather—an excellent addition to our school. Thank you to all students and staff for your patience and cooperation while this work is underway.

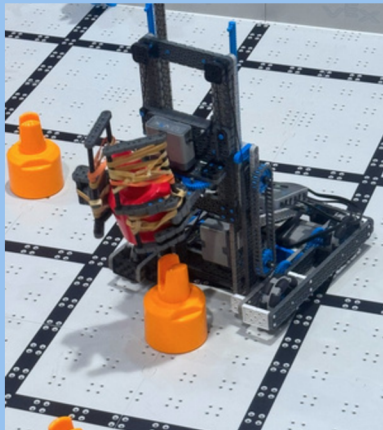
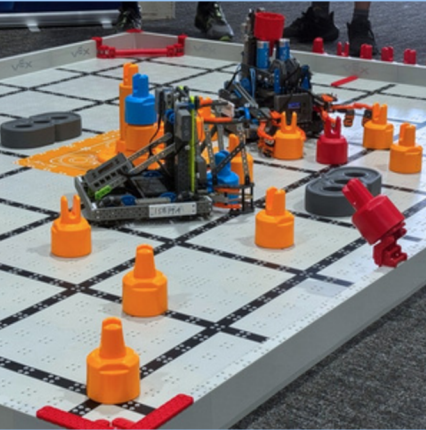
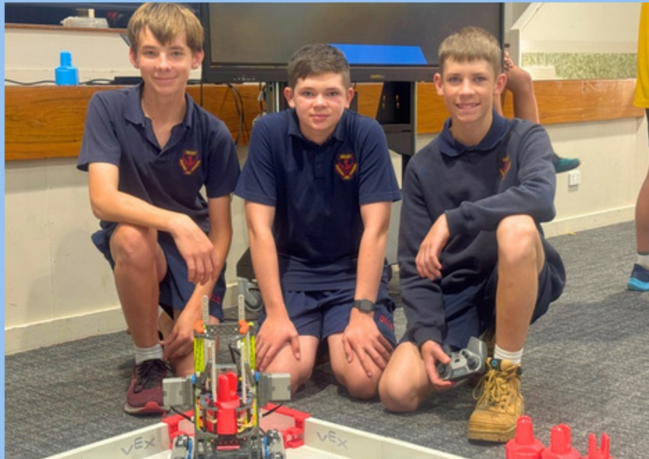
As we move through this busy term, I encourage everyone to continue striving for excellence, supporting one another, and making the most of the opportunities ahead.

State Drama Ensemble Success

Congratulations to Ruby Woods (School Captain Elect) who was selected to represent Oxley High School as part of the prestigious NSW State Drama Ensemble. This state-wide performance ensemble, coordinated by The Arts Unit, brings together 24 of the most talented young actors from across New South Wales.

The NSW State Drama Ensemble is a state-wide performance ensemble part of The Arts Unit drama program. Made up of 24 young actors from across NSW, students spent a week in Sydney practising the art of 'devising' - creating a short play in just a few days using improvisation, physical theatre, mime, body and voice. The piece created in the 2025 ensemble was entitled 'Sonder' and explored the importance of finding your individuality within a crowd. The students performed this play at the Seymour Centre on the 24th of October, as part of the 2025 NSW State Drama Festival.

We are incredibly proud of Ruby for her commitment to the performing arts and for representing Oxley at such an exceptional level. Her creativity and passion for drama continue to inspire those around her.



Oxley High School Robotics Success!

Last Friday, Oxley High School proudly entered four teams in the NSW Northwest Region Invitational Blended VEX IQ Robotics Competition at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School.

Our students showed incredible teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills throughout the day – and their efforts paid off with some outstanding results:

- Oxley Team F** – Teamwork Champions (with Farrer Team D) & 5th place in Robot Skills
- Oxley Team C** – Judges Award, 2nd place Teamwork Alliance (with Farrer Team E), & 2nd place in Robot Skills
- Oxley Team A** – 3rd place Teamwork Alliance (with Farrer Team C) & 3rd place in Robot Skills
- Oxley Team D** – 5th place Teamwork Alliance (with Farrer Team B) & equal 2nd place in Autonomous Coding Skills

A special congratulations also goes to our Robotics Coach, Ms Dominique Smit, who received the Mentor of the Year Award for her commitment and inspiring support of our students.

We are incredibly proud of all our robotics students for the way they represented Oxley High – not just in competition, but in their collaboration, resilience, and sportsmanship.

A huge thank you to Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School and Mr Josh Vigar for hosting the event and for their ongoing support of Robotics in the Northwest Region.

Oxley's Legal Eagles

Our Year 11 Legal Studies classes had the privilege of viewing a District Court in action!

The students witnessed the visiting Judge sentence and offender and explain his reasons for the sentencing given. The students then participated in a Q and A session with the Judge and District Court personal where they learnt more about the function of the Australian Legal System and some of the challenges it faces in today's society.

Thankyou to the staff at Tamworth Court for once again providing our students with this invaluable learning experience!



Student Top Deck Awards



Year 7

Lily Anderson-Taylor & Brooklyn Tongue

Year 8

Nokutenda Bigone,
Stella Bridges,
Jimmy Edler,
Annabelle Ford,
Vera Meloni & Sophie Wykes

Year 9

Abigail Day,
Mia Pepper & Lailarni Sands

Year 10

Lucas Abra,
Isaiah Graham & Harper Hall

Year 11

Levi Cosier,
Ebonie Hugo,
Tahlia Millwood-Lumsden & Mila-Harrie White



Year 11 Hospitality in Action

Our Year 11 Hospitality students had a great time yesterday making fresh pasta using our new attachments.

They worked with enthusiasm and teamwork to create a delicious pasta boscaiola from scratch. It was a fun, hands-on lesson that helped build both their skills and confidence in the kitchen.



Under 15 Boys Basketball Team

The Oxley HS Under 15 Boys Basketball team recently travelled to the Central Coast to compete in the CHS Top 20 Knockout Competition.

In their opening match against Hunter Sports High School, our Oxley team demonstrated outstanding determination, effort, and teamwork, though they were defeated by a strong opponent.

Their second match against Terrigal High School was tightly contested, with scores remaining close until the final quarter when Terrigal managed to gain the upper hand over our team.

The players are to be commended for their commitment, sportsmanship, and representation of Oxley High School both on and off the court. Congratulations to the team on an excellent effort.



Welcome to our 2025 Fete Program

Saturday 25th October

Eftpos and cash welcome!

9am
GATES OPEN

9am - 3pm
Novelty events operating
Market Stalls open
Food and drinks available

10am
Farrer vs Farrer Touch Game

11am - 1pm
Battle of the High School
Bands Competition

1pm
Mega Chocolate Wheel

4pm
GATES CLOSE

All proceeds today go directly to our Farrer School Foundation - Building Brighter Futures Together



FARRER SCHOOL
FOUNDATION

Building
Bright
Futures
Together.

Oxley will be competing in the battle of the bands this Saturday.

Come join us to show support and enjoy some good music!

Your High Potential and Gifted child and what the Research says.....

High Potential and Gifted children are broadly considered to fall within one or more 'domains'. Each newsletter this term, we will focus on describing one domain so you can consider how each of these relates to your child. The last newsletter focused on the Creative Domain, and today we will look at the Social-Emotional Domain.

The Creative Domain

The Social-Emotional Domain refers to natural abilities in self-management and relating to and interacting with others. Students who excel in the social-emotional domain may demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics, at a notably higher level than their peers:

- Perceptiveness
- Empathy
- Social Ease
- Tactfulness
- Influence
- Persuasiveness
- Eloquence
- Leadership
- Charisma

How are these students supported at school?

Students are often supported to achieve in class through differentiation across all faculties. Oxley High School also offers a range of additional opportunities, such as Creating Chances, Junior Rangers and the Student Representative Council.

Next time- continue reading to learn more about our HP&G program!



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