



Oxley High ANCHOR

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From the Principal's Desk

As Term 3 draws to a close, I'd like to take this opportunity to share some of the many recent highlights that continue to showcase the strength, spirit, and talent of our Oxley High School community.

Our school has had much to celebrate on the sporting field. Both the boys' and girls' hockey teams reached the final rounds of competition—a fantastic accomplishment in itself. The girls' team finished fourth overall, while the boys' team made it all the way to the Grand Final, finishing second after a strong and hard-fought match against Farrer Agricultural School. Congratulations to all players and coach Sam Brown, for representing Oxley with pride, skill, and resilience.

In the performing arts, our students have continued to shine. A number of our talented dancers recently took part in the prestigious NSW Public Schools State Dance Festival. Under the exceptional direction of our dance teacher, Bree McFayden, these students performed at an incredibly high level and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. We're so proud of their creativity, dedication, and teamwork.

This week has also marked a milestone for our **Year 12 students - the graduating Class of 2025**, as they celebrated their final week of high school. It's been a week full of laughter, reflection, and emotion. From themed dress-up days—including "Dress as Your Younger Self" and "Dress as a Teacher" - to our SRC Breakfast and the always-entertaining "Dobby Day" activities, Year 12 brought a sense of fun and unity to their farewell.

We held our **Farewell and Academic Awards Assembly** on Wednesday, followed by a Year 12-led assembly on Thursday where student awards were announced and celebrated. The week concluded with a whole-school farewell on Friday, where students and staff lined up in a guard of honour to send off Year 12 with applause, cheers, and a few tears.

I would like to personally acknowledge and thank **Mr Lucas Kennedy**, who has served as the Year 12 Adviser since this cohort began their high school journey in Year 7. His unwavering support, compassion, and leadership have been instrumental in shaping their experience at Oxley. The deep respect this group has for Mr Kennedy is a testament to the outstanding job he has done as their mentor, advocate, and guide over the past six years. Thank you, Mr. Kennedy, for your incredible contribution.

It was also my great pleasure to announce the **2026 Oxley High School Student Leadership Team** at Wednesday's assembly. These students have already shown strong leadership potential, and we look forward to their contributions in the year ahead:

School Captains

~ Ruby Woods
~ Jessie Johnson

Vice Captains

~ Ronaldo Bigone
~ Azkah Fawaz

Prefects

~ Environmental & Sustainability: Von Grospe
~ Cultural Awareness & Diversity: Khryz Anne Orobio
~ Wellbeing: Mila-Harrie White
~ Sports & Recreation: Sienna Pepperell
~ Creative Arts: Cody Wilson
~ Academic Support: Jayden Doyle

Congratulations to all these students on being selected to lead our school. I'm confident they will represent the values of Oxley High with pride, integrity, and purpose.

Wishing everyone a restful and safe break as we prepare for Term 4.



Oxley High Rising Talent

We are so proud to share that Carly Hanks (Year 8) earned a lead role in the O'Grady Drama production of Rogues Gallery!

Her talent and dedication have truly shone through, and we can't wait to see her light up the stage!

Catch Carly at the Capital Theatre on Friday, 4th October, with two performances:

- Matinee at 2:00pm
- Evening show at 7:30pm

Let's all get behind Carly and celebrate this amazing milestone in her performing journey!



Year 11 Business Studies

Our Year 11 Business Studies students recently had the opportunity to take part in an excursion to PRD and Gimme Golf. The visit gave students valuable insight into how businesses operate in the real world, supporting their classroom learning about management, marketing, and operations.

A huge thank you to PRD and Gimme Golf for welcoming our students and sharing your time, knowledge, and experiences with them. Your support helps bring business studies to life.



Year 9 TAFE Jubilee

Year 9 students had a fantastic time at the TAFE Jubilee event on 11 September! A great opportunity to explore future pathways and learn new skills.



CHS State Hockey Finals

Congratulations to the Oxley High School Girls First XI and Boys First XI Hockey teams for their outstanding performances in the CHS Hockey Knockout competition. Both teams successfully advanced to the last 16 finals held in Tamworth last week, showcasing exceptional skill, determination, and strong teamwork throughout the tournament.

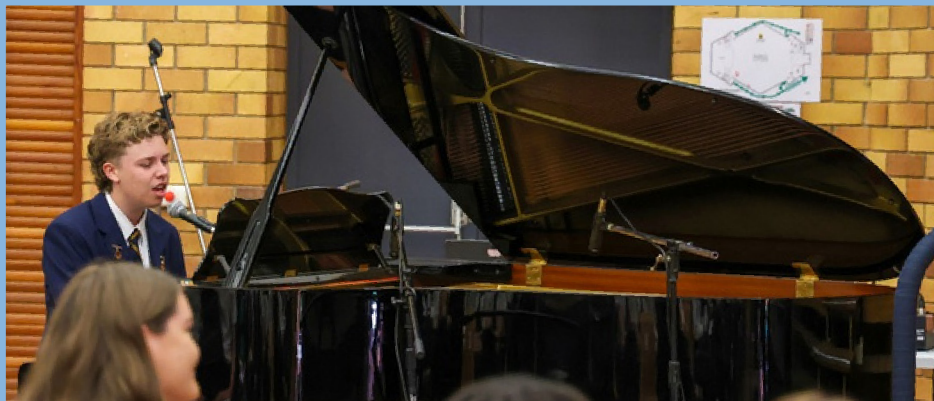
The Girls team reached the semi-finals, where they played against the eventual winners, Grafton, and finished fourth overall. The leadership shown by the senior players in guiding the younger team members around the pitch was exemplary. Standout performers included Pip Matteus, Hannah Butters, and Natalie Hanks. With a strong cohort of talented younger players, the girls' team is well-positioned for success in the 2026 season.

The Boys team also faced tough competition in the semi-finals against Grafton. Sam Bartlett-Taylor scored a crucial equaliser after the full-time whistle, taking the game to a penalty shootout. Oxley triumphed and advanced to the grand final against two-time winners Farrer. Although the boys played a wonderful game of hockey, they were narrowly defeated 3-0. Outstanding performances came from Sam Bartlett-Taylor, brothers Reece, Owen, and Chase Mackay, and Hugh Ward. The boys' hockey team looks strong going into the 2026 season, and we look forward to seeing them compete at the highest levels.

We wish all Oxley hockey teams the best of luck as they continue to represent Oxley High School with distinction into the 2026 season.



2025 Farewell Assembly





Year 12 Students Raise \$10,000 for Serendipity

We are incredibly proud to share that Oxley High School's Year 12 students have raised an outstanding \$10,000 for Serendipity, their chosen charity for 2025.

The Year 12 Fundraising Committee, led by Chloe Freeman and Natalie Hanks, along with their Year 12 Advisor, Lucas Kennedy, organised a series of successful events throughout the year - including a Bake Sale, a Mother's Day Raffle, and a Trivia Night - all contributing to this impressive total.

The donation was officially presented during the school's Year 12 Farewell Assembly and Academic Award Presentation on 24 September. Serendipity President Susan Goodwin attended the event and gratefully accepted the cheque on behalf of the organisation.

We commend the students for their generosity, hard work, and community spirit. Their contribution will make a real difference, and we are honoured to have been selected as the beneficiary of their fundraising efforts.



2026 Student Leadership Team Announcement

At the Year 12 Farewell Assembly, we not only honoured the past but also looked to the future, announcing our 2026 Student Leadership Team - students who will carry the torch of integrity, service, and school spirit.

Ruby Woods and Jessie Johnson were named School Captains, with Ronaldo Bigone and Azkah Fawaz as Vice Captains.

Joining them are our Prefects:
 Von Grospe (Environmental & Sustainability),
 Khryz Anne Orobia (Cultural Awareness & Diversity),
 Mila-Harrie White (Wellbeing),
 Sienna Pepperell (Sports & Recreation),
 Cody Wilson (Creative Arts), and
 Jayden Doyle (Academic Support).

These students step forward as the next stewards of our community - ready to lead, to listen, and to leave their mark.

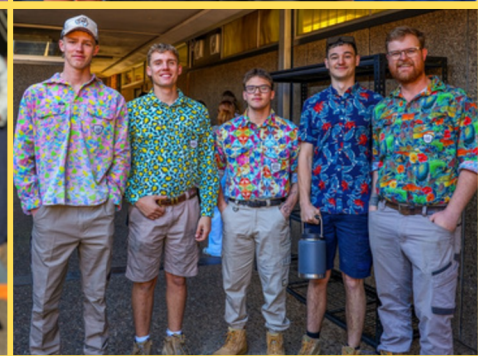


Help a Teacher Day

Today, Oxley High School came together for a fun-filled Dress and Help a Teacher Day - and what a day it was! With plenty of laughs, great costumes, and generous hearts, our amazing school community raised over \$1000 for Serendipity Charity.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, dressed up, and got involved - especially our brave teachers who took part in the fun!

Your support is making a real difference.



NSW Public Schools State Dance Festival

Recently, we had some of our talented dance students participate in the NSW Public Schools State Dance Festival.

The Festival was held at the Seymour Centre and showcased choreographic dance works from Public Schools across NSW - a celebration of months of creativity, dedication, and collaboration.

Our OHS ensemble performed their powerful work "Blood", exploring the different blood types and human connection.

Bella and Mia also performed with the NSW State Dance Ensemble in "Prehistoric Co-existence", a stunning piece exploring connection in the land before time.

A huge achievement for these students — we are all so proud here at Oxley.

Special shout out to Ciana (Year 9) for being our #1 cheerleader from home due to an injury.

Keep dancing, keep shining!



Final Farewell March to Year 12



Applications are now open for the Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES) program, hosted by UNSW Sydney Engineering in January 2026. This one-week residential program is designed for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who will be in Years 10, 11, or 12 in 2026.

Fully funded by UNSW and Engineering Aid Australia, the IAES program offers an immersive experience in engineering, including hands-on activities, insights into engineering careers, and an introduction to life on campus. Students will stay for six nights, with all travel, accommodation, and meals fully covered. In addition to the engineering experience, the program includes cultural, social, and peer activities.

Key Details:

Dates: January 11th – 17th, 2026

Location: UNSW Sydney

Cost: Completely free for students, including travel, accommodation, and meals

Applications close: November 7, 2025 at 12:00 AM (midnight). Please apply through the application link below.

Program Overview & Apply - Click here

For more information, please visit the UNSW Engineering Indigenous Webpage. Link is below.

Learn More - Click here



Year 12 2026 Parent and Student Information Evening

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OF YOUR
YEAR 12-
ALL
STUDENTS

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Evening**

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Music, English Ext2, Dance

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Friday, 17th October, 2025

Senior Leadership Program: Saturday,
18th October, 2025

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Year 7-12 **19-35 year olds**
intrepid **Intrepid**
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Robert Hazard of Year 11 is a young entrepreneur, having turned his love of Agriculture into a thriving business. To help Robert, check out his Facebook page - Bendemeer Firewood and Wood Chip.

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