



The Newsletter of  
Oxley Christian College

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## From the Principal

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the school community, I congratulate everyone involved in the fabulous Middle Years musical production of Disney's *High School Musical JR*. As the three shows unfolded, we were very impressed with the talented performances of students and the obvious rapport of cast and crew that developed over the period of preparation and presentation.

Thank you to all the families who supported this production, especially in getting students to and from rehearsals. It is also a pleasure to highlight the leadership of this musical through the Producer and Director Rhiannon Coates, Assistant Director Claire Hogan, Musical Directors Stephanie Barnden and Aaron Chan, and Choreographers Claire Hogan and Stephanie Barnden. Then there is the host of support personnel involved in the set construction, sound, video and lighting, costumes, props, hair and makeup, photography, catering, advertising, backstage and front of house management and so on, and so on. I know the

memories of this event will live on in the students for many years to come. Congratulations everyone! Enjoy the 'warm after-glow' and photos on pages 6 and 7.

And now for a BIG announcement! In Term 3 next year, the Senior School will present the Musical Production of *Mary Poppins*. We believe it is a show well matched to the talent of Senior students in 2020. Based on the novels by P.L. Travers and the Disney film, the musical tells the story of the Banks family struggling to operate as a cohesive family unit. With Mr Banks distracted by stresses at work and the children frightening away a new nanny each week, Mary Poppins arrives, determined to bring imagination back into the family home and restore relationships. Set in England in 1910, the story is brought to life through a series of well-known and much loved songs and dance numbers. Further details can be found on page 9.

Douglas Peck



2019 Junior School Production

**TWO SHOWS ONLY!**

Wednesday 11 and  
Thursday 12 September

7.30pm – LMC Auditorium

Tickets on sale from **Thursday 15 August at 4.00pm**

Visit [www.oxley.vic.edu.au](http://www.oxley.vic.edu.au) to book online

*"I am the vine; you are the branches". John 15:5a*



# Chaplain's Corner

## Mega Chapel

On Tuesday 13 August, Junior and Senior Schools joined together for Mega Chapel! What a wonderful thing it was to see Senior students walking their Junior buddies down, making the effort to sit with them and care for them throughout the chapel. There were games, the launch of Operation Christmas Child for 2019 and an incredible time of praise and worship.

Our puppets, Olly and Grandpa, retold the story of David and Goliath, encouraging us to live lives of courage, with God's help. Romans 8:31 *When God is for us, who can stand against us?* Joshua 1:9 *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.*

Matt Daly





## Senior School

Three packed performances of *High School Musical JR* wowed audiences last week. More than 50 Year 7-9 students relished this new initiative and worked hard for more than six months to refine their individual contributions, which together, lifted the rain-soaked roof off the BPAC.

*Troy Bolton* (Jarvis and Cohen) and *Gabriella* (Alicia and Leila) pursued their dreams together, much to the disbelief of *Sharpay* (Daniella and Chloe) and to the good fortune of *Ryan* (Campbell and Max). Stellar performances were also delivered by *Chad* (Simon), *Taylor* (Jessica and Isabella), the *Velvet Fog* (Keishi), *Coach Bolton* (Paul Stebbins) and a classroom, I would not like to sit in, taught by *Miss Darbus* (Sophie and Emily) wonderfully supported the leads, to make this a remarkable show. Thank you to all of the people who assisted behind the scenes to make this musical such an exceptional event, particularly those who helped out back stage, or front of house. Congratulations to Ms Coates and to the 50 or so performers for giving us a show to remember. Go Wildcats!

Parents and students please remember that it is now possible to track academic progress throughout the semester via SEQTA Engage and SEQTA Learn. Some teachers have already entered comments designed to acknowledge strengths and provide positive steps to build on skills and knowledge. Students will be able to keep parents informed of which subjects have released comments and we trust you appreciate this opportunity to keep up to date with progress.

Thank you to parents who attended the recent VTAC Information Evening. A small number of families gathered and their questions highlighted how complex the task of parenting can be and the vast range of topics parents need to be familiar with. If you have questions relating to school, learning or pathways, please feel free to contact us as we want to provide as much assistance as we can in this invaluable, rewarding and challenging season.

Year 10 and 11 students have now selected their subjects and so we begin the machinations behind the scenes of developing the best timetable possible for 2020. While it is not possible, typically, to provide every student with exactly the subjects that have been requested, you can know that we will run hundreds of different iterations through an algorithm to derive the best outcome to satisfy as many students as possible. Confirmations of student allocations will be sent out later in the year and further conversation is invited as required.

I trust that in this busy time of the year you are able to enjoy the thrill of raising teenagers. King David begins perhaps the best known Psalm, *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul.* Psalm 23:1-3

Greg Barker  
Deputy Principal – Head of Senior School

## Junior School

Term 3 finds our students well and truly familiar with classroom routines and expectations. As a result, they demonstrate a greater level of independence and risk-taking in their learning. In English, our students have been learning about the structure and features of procedural texts. In coming weeks, our focus will shift to learning about poetry. The writer's voice, word choice, and the use of our five senses to take in information about the world around us, will be important components of our learning. Children recognise the power of poetry – its ability to inspire emotions and the special pleasure you can get from memorising a favourite poem or reading it again and again. We look forward to sharing some of our poems with you!

*Teach your children poetry; it opens the mind, lends grace to wisdom and makes the heroic virtues hereditary.*  
Sir Walter Scott

Junior School parents will have received notification this week of the introduction of *Consent2Go*. With a clear focus on efficient and sustainable communications, the *Consent2Go* system provides a complete electronic process for the management of events and excursions. As part of a phased rollout, we will initially only use this new method of communication with Junior School parents. Commencing on Monday 2 September, the College will no longer be sending paper correspondence home with Junior School students.

It is hard to believe we are already one third of the way through Term 3. Mega Chapel was a highlight for all on Tuesday 13 August. It was delightful to witness the expectation and joy on students' faces as they walked to Chapel with their appointed Senior buddy. It is wonderful to see the school assemble to celebrate God's grace and goodness to our community.

We look forward to celebrating Book Week next week! Students are reading and learning about the texts shortlisted for the Children's Book Council Awards in both their Library and Art lessons. Many of the books are on display in our Resource Centre. A special Book Week Chapel will be held on Thursday 22 August at LMC from 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Seating is available at the rear of the Chapel.

Year 3 students are busy preparing for the annual Father's Day Stall, to be held on Friday 23 August. Please refer to the letter about this event. Don't tell Dad!

We look forward to all students in Prep-Year 6 participating in this year's Junior School Musical, *Disney's Lion King JR*. This promises to be a fantastic show. Please add these dates to your diary – Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 September – and consider inviting family and friends. Book early to avoid disappointment as tickets sell very fast. Tickets are now available via the link on our website.

*Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.* Psalm 103:1

Sharee Gaiser  
Head of Junior School

## What Did You Do at School Today?

### Prep

On Thursday 1 August, the Prep students celebrated their first 100 days of school. They enjoyed a day of special activities, with highlights being making a necklace with 100 fruit loops, decorating biscuits, and wearing our 100 Days of Prep crowns to Chapel. It was extra special to have a visit from Dr Peck, Mrs Gaiser and our Year 4 buddies who sang to us 'Happy 100 Days'. During the day, we shared some of the things we have learnt since the start of Prep, including how to read and write, use our manners, make new friends, and that God loves us.



### Year 1

Up, up and away! Look at our beautiful kites! Year 1 have been reading and writing procedures. We carefully followed the procedure for making a kite! We are

learning how to present our procedures using a title, list of materials and clear steps that make sense to our audience.



Top, left to right: Sawm, Evie, Jonathan, Matthew  
Bottom, left to right: Boen, Eloise, Alice, Ewan and Grace

### Year 2

Wow! We have had an incredible fortnight in Year 2! Last week, Angela, from *Hands On Science*, came and taught us all about water. We learnt about the water cycle and how water is moved by nature and people. It was fascinating to experience a variety of experiments and learn about the unique properties of water and its importance to life on earth. Our incursion was a fantastic introduction to our new Science topic, *Nature's Awesome Resources*. We are looking forward to creating our own model of the water cycle and to investigating other incredible resources created by God!

### Year 3

We have been enjoying writing procedural texts. We have learned that instructions need to be ordered with specific and clear vocabulary, starting with a command! In Christian Studies, we are discovering the different character traits of God. It is amazing to know that God is always in control, all powerful and is the Alpha and Omega. How awesome it is to know a God like that!

### Year 4

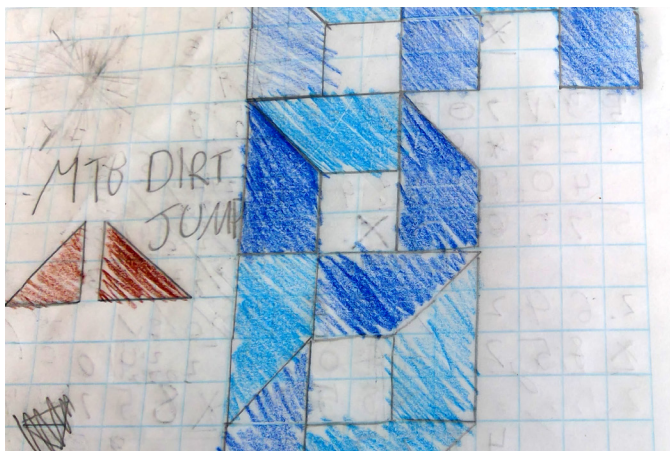
Students have been involved in some exciting Science experiments designed to explore the concept of Forces. We have looked at physical force, push and pull and non-contact forces, gravity and magnetism. This week, we will test the impact of friction on different materials. Using the new knowledge we have gained, we will then design a game that demonstrates these understandings. We will design, build, test, modify and adapt our game, before it is played by our Prep buddies.

### Year 5

It has been exciting to discover that the word 'transform' can be applied to Maths and English. In reading, we have been learning about transforming our thinking. We read an amazing book, *What It Means to Be Present*. Before reading, many of us thought *present* meant either a gift or the time we are currently in. After reading the book,



we discovered that being present can also mean the way we interact with other people. In Maths, we investigated transformations. We used translations, rotations and reflections to transform or change the appearance of an object. We applied this learning to create our initials and a picture to represent ourselves and our interests.



Work by Matthew



Work by Tirion

## Year 6

We are looking at the term *variable* in Science, and how they are important for conducting a fair test. Using this knowledge, we are planning an investigation, conducting it accurately and reporting our findings. Please ask us about the scientific question we will investigate as we are all following our own thinking and curiosity! This week we are each publishing a procedural text. We are thinking carefully about each visual element and how it can enhance our reader's experience. We can't wait for you to read each step and see if you can follow them easily.

## The NED Show

On Thursday 1 August, Junior Chapel was visited by the NED Show. Stephen introduced us to Ned who needed help with having a positive mindset. With Ned's help, some fun illusions, yo-yo tricks and a fun story line, students learned about the power of yet – "I can't do it ... yet!" However with a growth mindset, even if we take two steps forward and one step back, we can still move forward!

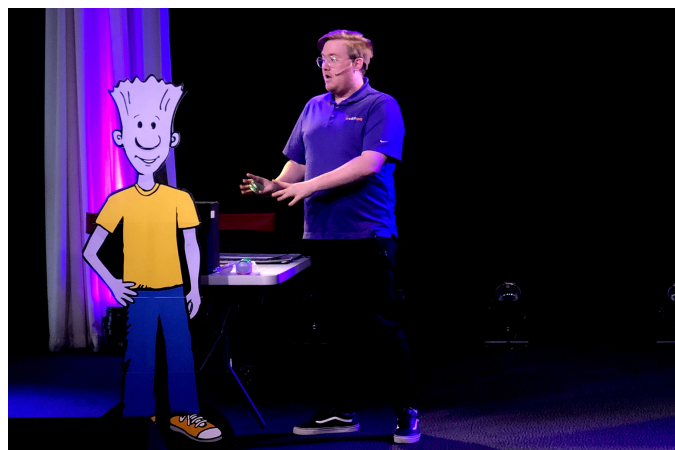
NED stands for:

N - never give up

E - encourage others to give them courage

D - do your best

Students then had the opportunity to buy a yo-yo. Students were told that if they try yo-yoing, they will make mistakes, however, it's important to learn from mistakes and never give up!



The NED Show comes to Junior Chapel

## Samaritan's Purse

Each year we have the opportunity and the privilege to partner with Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child to provide a gift to a child who is underprivileged, living in a developing country and in desperate need of love, hope and the good news of Jesus Christ. Oxley has been putting together Christmas Shoeboxes for over 18 years and was one of the very first schools to take part when the program was first established in Australia.

For your convenience, a shoebox has been sent home with all Junior School students, Year 7 students and to students from higher year levels who have requested a box. If your family missed out on a shoebox or would like additional shoeboxes, these can be collected by students from Home group teachers or the Administration Office.



Please return completed shoeboxes by 20 September to be included. Thank you for your continued generosity towards this project!

Matt Daly  
Chaplain











# Sport

## Institute of Sport Netball

The Institute of Sport Netball Team performed well at Vic Championships recently. Six girls took part in the 2019 Netball Victoria School Championships with great results. They won three out of their seven games against some very strong Victorian schools. The tournament took place at Knox Regional Netball Centre in Ferntree Gully on Monday 5 August. We registered our team to participate in the Championships to give our students some extra exposure to competition and to recognise their commitment to training in the Institute of Sport.

The girls who participate in early morning training as part of the Institute of Sport are Natasha Varelas (9.20), Ella van Roosmalen (9.19), Breanna Robinson (8.23), Sophie Collins (7.14), Sharntai Niemann (7.16) and Emeline Cunningham (7.15). Maddie Durik (9.22) and Summer Lee (7.16) joined the group for the Championships. All the games were played on outdoor courts. Training in the Oxley Institute of Sport commenced at the start of Term 2 and will finish at the end of Term 3. Students train twice a week on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 7.15am to 8.15am to further develop their skills in netball, basketball and tennis. Students commented on the quality of the coaching and feel that they learn a lot from the external coaches assigned to the Institute.

Attending training sessions as a member of the Institute is very important if students want to improve themselves and excel in the sport they feel passionate about. For this reason, attendance is recorded at every session and an explanation letter from parents is expected for absences.

We are looking forward to having more students join the Oxley Institute of Sport in the future and to helping them to achieve their goals in sport.



Back from left: Breanna, Emeline, Laura Knight (coach), Sophie, Natasha and Ella  
Front from left: Maddie, Sharntai and Summer

**Frederik Kotzé**  
Head of Sport

# Music

What a great week we had last week. Students in our Middle Years musical production, *High School Musical JR*, displayed amazing talent and poise on stage. The hard work in rehearsals showed in the high quality of the performances. The audience bopped along to the catchy tunes and enjoyed the energy of the students on stage. Well done to all involved, including the students on stage and the helpers behind the scenes. We know you are all going to miss the camaraderie that was formed over the months of rehearsals, but we look forward to seeing you on stage again in the future.

No sooner do we complete one musical, and our next musical is announced! Much excitement was displayed as *Mary Poppins* was announced as the Senior School musical for 2020. Participation is open to all Senior students. Please remember to carefully consider the commitment required to participate in the musical before signing up for auditions.

Our Junior students are continuing to rehearse regularly for their upcoming performance of *The Lion King JR*. Students are promising to provide a show full of enthusiasm and cuteness galore. Our leads are sure to amaze you with their skills.

Just a reminder of our second Soiree evening coming up on Thursday 29 August. Those involved who need accompaniment on the evening should have received information regarding their accompaniment rehearsals.

Please note the following dates for Term 3 and Term 4.

Thu 29 August	Soiree Evening (No. 2)
Wed 11 September	The Lion King JR Production
Thu 12 September	The Lion King JR Production
Thu 10 October	VCE Unit 4 Concert
Mon 14 October	Soiree Evening
Wed 16 October	Soiree Evening
Sat 26 October	SCSM String Examinations
Thu 31 October	VCE Unit 2 Concert
Thu 7 November	Year 7 Instrumental Concert
Thu 14 November	Year 2 Strings Concert
Fri 22 Nov – Wed 4 Dec	Senior Ensemble Rehearsals
Tue 3 December	Junior Final Assembly
Wed 4 December	Presentation Evening

Just a reminder that if any student cannot attend an ensemble rehearsal, we ask a parent to advise the school via the Absence Line or directly to the Performing Arts and Events Administrator. If a student is absent from an ensemble rehearsal, without prior advice from a parent, an SMS will be sent to parents to confirm they are aware of their child missing the rehearsal.



Please remember that it is very important for every student to attend the last rehearsal before a performance. It is at this rehearsal that details related to the performance are given. Instructors do not have time to provide this information at the time of a performance.

Also a reminder that our policy states that if a student misses their private instrumental lesson for any reason, other than a school based event, the lesson will be counted as a paid lesson and will not be rescheduled.

Please also note that if any student does not wish to continue lessons in Term 4, advice must be given to the Music Department by 16 August.

If you have any queries about private instrumental lessons or ensemble rehearsals, please call the Music Department on 9727 9675.

Angela Peacock  
Performing Arts & Events Administrator

## 2020 Senior Production

We are thrilled to announce that our 2020 senior production will be *Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins*.

This much-loved show contains plenty of big, colourful song and dance items, compelling scenes and dynamic characters. We will be looking for versatile performers who exude a love of being on the stage!

Students are now invited to take part in auditions for the production. Audition sign-ups commence on Friday 16 August and close at 4.00pm on Thursday 22 August. Audition packs, containing details of the process and rehearsal expectations, can now be picked up from the BPAC administration office.

Claire Hogan  
Producer and Director



# Congratulations

Lizzie Daly (9.22) is currently in China representing Pony Club Australia in competitions and at Pony Club camps.

There are only a handful of Australians from around the country who have been selected for this experience and Oxley is very proud of Lizzie's accomplishments! We can't wait to hear all the stories and adventures when she returns. Well done and good luck for the rest of the trip, Lizzie!



Lizzie ready for competition



Lizzie with the Australian Equestrian Team

Tim Eddy  
Year 9 Coordinator



Oxley Kids has only very limited vacancies in some kindergarten classes for next year. Contact us urgently if you require kindergarten for your child in 2020.

We will be taking bookings for Before School Care and After School Care for 2020 from 8 November 2019 onwards. For current families, check your emails next term for the booking update form.

Kim Sopar  
Oxley Kids Director

# Enrolments

## 2020

Parents intending to enrol children (who are not already enrolled at Oxley Christian College) for 2020 are strongly advised to do so now as we have limited vacancies in some year levels. Please obtain an Enrolment Application Form, Fee Schedule and Business Statement from the Administration Office.

## 2021


We are also accepting enrolments for 2021 and beyond (particularly Prep and Year 7) and again, we encourage you to submit your completed Enrolment Application Form as soon as possible.

## Notice to Withdraw

Parents are reminded of their obligation to give the College one full term's notice, in writing to the Principal, if their children are not continuing at Oxley Christian College. The lack of one term's notice will result in the payment of one term's Tuition Fees.

It is also a legal requirement for you to inform us of the school to which your child's enrolment is transferring.

Caroline Lewis  
Registrar



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# TENNIS

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# Carparking Reminder

## Billanook Way

The College has, again, received complaints from neighbours and other users of Billanook Way, highlighting that parents may be parking illegally (across driveways) and putting our students and other vehicles at risk.

To ensure the safety of our students, as a courtesy to our neighbours, and to avoid potential penalties related to traffic infringement notices (both the police and local council have received complaints from our neighbours), we would again request parents to use the car parking facilities within the grounds of the College for dropping off and picking up students.

**Note:** Gate 8 (leading to Billanook Way) is only for the purpose of providing students access to:

- the bus stop at Billanook Way;
- homes in the Chirnside Park Village estate; and

- footpaths leading to the Chirnside Park Shopping Centre.

Your understanding and compliance with this request is essential.

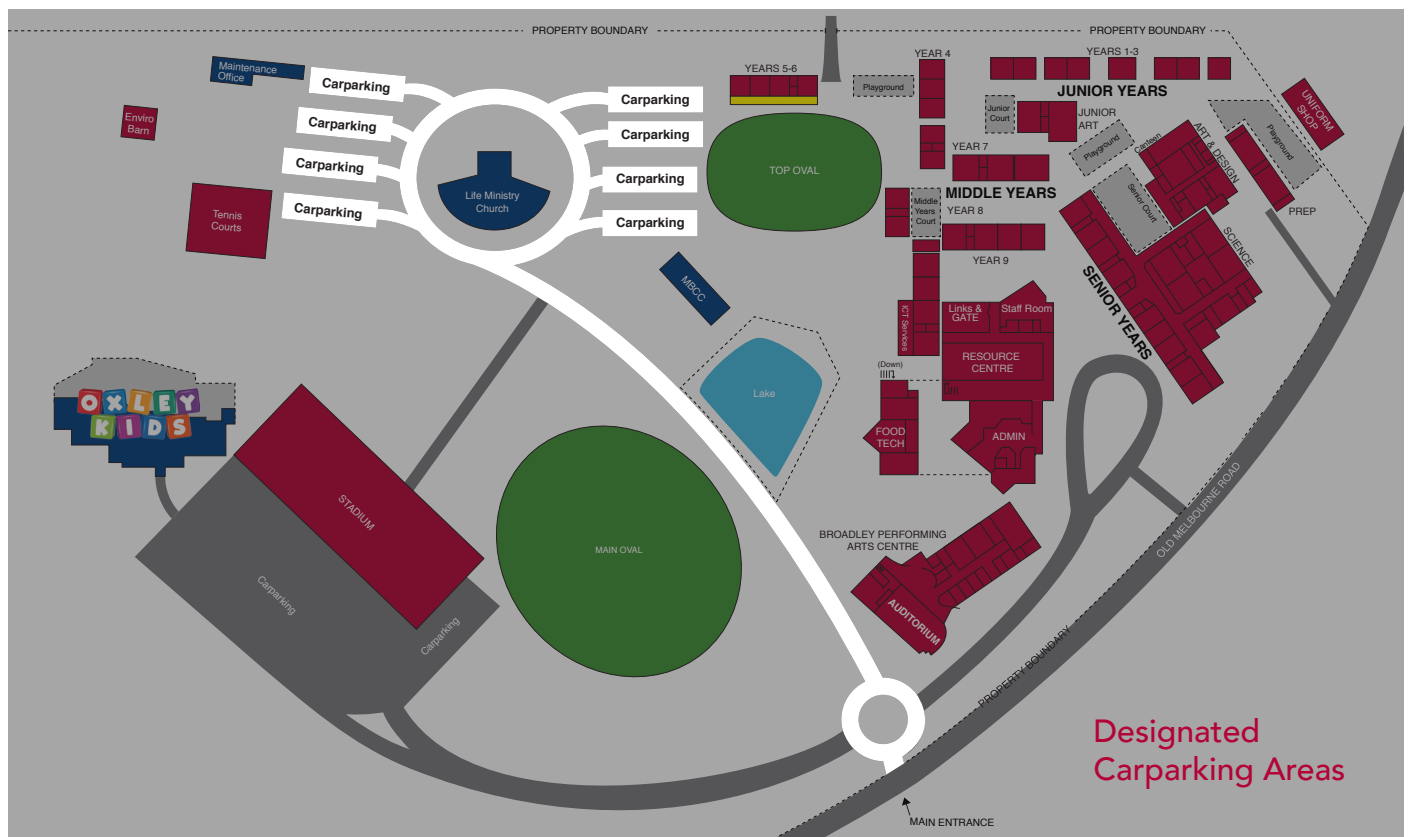
## Teardrop Carpark

For student safety, the Teardrop area has not been designed for large volumes of traffic – it is for use by parents and visitors who need to drop off instruments at the BPAC, or who have business at the Office. This area becomes a high risk when large volumes of traffic ignore our signage and enter this area.

Please be aware that we have had several incidents in this carpark and you may be jeopardising the safety of students if you enter this area without acceptable cause.

The map below highlights the designated carparking areas.

Andrew Holland  
Business Manager



## Entertainment Books

Help raise funds for our Student Clubs!

Get your Entertainment Membership NOW to help Oxley raise funds for our Student Clubs. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time. Just \$70 will give you over \$20,000 of value!

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# Notice Board

# 2019 Calendar

## UNIFORM SHOP

Gate 7, 15-49 Old Melbourne Rd  
Ph: 9036 7359

Tuesdays & Thursdays (term time)  
8:15 - 9:00am & 1:00 - 4:30pm

Uniform regulations and price list are  
available at the Office or online at:  
<http://www.bobstewart.com.au>

## CLASSIFIEDS

The Oxley Classifieds are a  
convenient way to buy and sell items  
(directly related to the education of  
your child) such as textbooks, uniform  
and musical instruments.

To advertise or purchase  
second hand items:  
[http://online.oxley.vic.edu.au/  
classifieds.php](http://online.oxley.vic.edu.au/classifieds.php)  
username: parent  
password: oxley

## OXLEY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The College may, from time-to-  
time, review and update various  
policies and procedures. Online /  
digital copies of College policies  
and procedures can be found on the  
Oxley website (under 'Publications'),  
or on the Parent Portal (under the  
'Docs' tab) which is accessible from  
the College website

## OXLEY KIDS

Early Learning Centre  
Open 6.30am - 6.30pm  
9727 9200

## OXLEY ONLINE

The Vine is also available online via  
our website:  
[www.oxley.vic.edu.au](http://www.oxley.vic.edu.au)

Aug	Friday	16	Year 9-10 GATE Incursion Links and IE Excursion
	Sat-Fri	17-23	Book Week
	Monday	19	Year 11 Legal Excursion
	Wednesday	21	Year 11 Physical Education Excursion
	Friday	23	Fathers' Day Stall Year 11 Dinner
	Monday	26	Year 8.23 and 8.24 IT Excursion
	Mon-Fri	26-30	International Week
	Wednesday	28	Year 3-6 District Athletics Year 7-8 GATE Incursion
	Thursday	29	Year 9 Camp Packing Afternoon (3.30pm-5.00pm Downstairs Drama Room) Soiree Evening (6.00pm & 8.00pm, BPAC) International Food Fair (12.40pm-1.30pm)
	Friday	30	Year 8 One Day Wonder
Sept	Sunday	1	Fathers' Day
	Mon-Fri	2-6	Year 9 Camp
	Wednesday	4	Year 12 Seminar
	Thursday	5	ICAS Science
	Monday	9	ICAS Writing Year 12 Biology Excursion
	Tuesday	10	Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00pm-9.00pm)
	Wed-Thu	11-12	The Lion King JR Performances (LMC Auditorium 7.30pm - 9.00pm)
	Thursday	12	ICAS Spelling
	Monday	16	School at Work (9.50am-11.30am, BPAC)
	Tuesday	17	ICAS English Prep Hands on Science Incursion
Oct	Wednesday	18	Year 5 Excursion VCE (Unit 1 and 2) Physical Education Excursion
	Thursday	19	ICAS Maths Step Into Prep (12.45pm-2.15pm) Year 2 Natural Resource Expo (2.25pm-3.10pm)
	Friday	20	Year 3-6 Basketball Day Last Day Term 3
	Monday	7	First Day Term 4 VCE Oral Exams begin



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