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HEAD OF COLLEGE'S REPORT



There have been some excellent teaching appointments made for 2023.

Senior School

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GALLERY



Teenagers, Alcohol and Other Drugs – Paul Dillon (Year 10 and Year 12 Presentations)

Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for more than 25 years. Through his own business, Drug and Alcohol Education, he is contracted by many agencies and organisations across the country to give regular updates on current drug trends within the community. He continues to work with many school communities across the country to ensure that they have access to good quality information and best practice drug education. Paul returned to Oxley this week to speak with our Year 10 and Year 12 2023 students.

Vaping

“When it comes to vaping, the key message for parents is to keep talking about it. Start by asking what their friends think”

Weekly Awards

Term 4, Week 4

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SCHOOL LEADERSHIP 2023

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Beth Zupp (Monash House Captain):

Oxley is experiencing a period of change and I see the role of U`YUXYf`Jg`hc`c`Yf`gUW`JmUbX`U`j`c`JW`Jb`h`cgY`h`a`Yg`"="Jb`h`bX` to support the new Principal and help Oxley transition towards a new, exciting era. I want to see Oxley thrive and I anticipate nurturing that by supporting growth across the student body, make connections and to the best of my ability, and to act as a role model. I will use my organisational and communication skills to inspire others to take pride in Oxley and use their own unique skills to help it succeed.

Ben Ragan (Monash House Captain):

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Milly Arthur (Dobell House Captain):

My goal as a leader is to inspire students to participate in as many opportunities Oxley provides. I would like students to try and see positive aspects and humour to challenges faced and learn how to work with your year group to overcome them.

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As Dobell House Captain, I want to ensure that the positive house spirit and participation continues for the next year and into the future. I also want to ensure that the new year 7 cohort is heavily involved in all aspects of college life and create bonds between h`Y`X`]`Y`f`Y`b`h`i`n`Y`U`f`[`f`c`i`d`g`

Maddy Bragg (Durack House Captain):

Throughout my time at Oxley, and in Durack, I have always looked up to the previous House Captains and been inspired by their key role in the house. So, to be elected as Durack House Captain this year, alongside Alex Jurgs, was a huge achievement for me. I hope that this year Alex and I can encourage the whole of Durack house to participate in any and all events that they can and provide a role model for the younger students to look up to. Durack as a house has always been a vibrant and welcoming place for me since starting here in year 7 and I hope that I can help to provide the same energy to the years below me.

Alexander Jurgs (Durack House Captain):

As a student leader of Oxley College I want to be able to set an example for those who are entering the college and are travelling the path of their education. I also want to be someone that can c`Y`f`U`X`j`J`W`h`c`h`c`g`Y`k`"=`c`"=`b`Y`Y`X`"`J`h`U`b`X`"`a`U`m`V`Y`"`g`f`i`[`[`]"`b`[`k`]"`h` schoolwork or life at home. I also wish to inspire students to get involved in school life and house events.

Georgie Morton (Oodgeroo house captain):

As a leader I would love to encourage the involvement of students in all areas of school, in academic and co-curricular. I would also like to be a role model and provide guidance for everyone, V`m`g`Y`h`j`b`[`Y`I`U`a`d`Y`g`U`b`X`g`"=`U`f`j`b`[`U`X`j`J`W`"`G`d`Y`V`U`W`r`a`U`g`"=`c`i`g`Y` captain I would like to create a fun and safe environment as well as a sense of community in Oodgeroo.

Monte Francis (Oodgeroo House Captain):

I would like to be a leader to encourage the younger students to be their best selves. I think I am the appropriate option for this because I have a good rapport with younger students, peers, and teachers. I think I can lead by example and represent Oxley's values. My goal is to make sure that Oodgeroo is a safe space for all its members and to increase participation in house activities such as carnivals and events. I look forward to working with my fellow Year 12 leaders, teachers, and Oxley students during my role.

Chloe Cassim (Florey House Captain):

As a leader of 2022 I will be a strong example to the younger students of what a lead role model of Oxley should be. I would like to focus on the involvement of students and make them feel a`c`f`Y`"=`V`b`U`X`Y`b`h`j`b`[`Y`h`j`b`[`]"`b`j`c`j`Y`X`"=`U`f`c`i`b`X`"=`h`Y`"=`g`"=`M`c`c`"=`]"`Y`"=`c`i`g`Y` events and sporting events as I feel it is an important part of

cbYg`g`W`c`c`"=`c`i`f`b`Y`m`"=`5`g`"=`k`Y`"=`U`g`"=`a`U`"=`j`b`[`[`c`c`X`]"`b`g`[`]"`h`h`c`"=`W`U`b`[`Y`g` c`Z`h`Y`"=`V`c`"=`Y`[`Y`"=`h`U`h`k`c`i`"=`X`"=`V`Y`b`Y`U`h`U`b`X`"=`V`Y`h`f`"=`g`]"`h`g`i`"=`X`Y`b`h`g`"

Hugo Dyer (Florey House Captain):

My main focuses as a house leader in 2022-23. Is to develop a better and stronger house culture. As well as to improve Florey's overall participation rate. I plan to do this by working closely with Chloe and Mr Spies to develop a way to motivate people to get in and have crack and to build a strong competitive house spirit. I would also like to add on to a previous scheme of Florey might of h`Y`Z`c`f`b`[`]"`h`V`m`U`X`j`b`[`]"`g`c`a`Y`"=`b`Y`k`"=`U`b`X`"=`X`]"`Y`f`Y`b`h`]"`X`Y`U`g`h`c`]"`h`

Eleanora Berzins (Mawson House Captain):

As a leader, I wish to be able to build and develop leadership skills and make an impact by being a student that younger students can look up to. I would like to be able to collaborate with others and help in creating an atmosphere of energy, motivation, and excitement throughout Mawson. I would also like to lead by Y`I`U`a`d`Y`"=`B`c`h`"=`f`g`h`"=`h`f`c`i`[`]"`d`U`f`h`V`d`U`h`c`b`"=`j`b`"=`c`i`g`Y`"=`Y`j`Y`b`h`g`Z`"=`V`i`h` through presenting a persistent, positive, and empathetic attitude.

Jack Ayling (Mawson House Captain):

As a leader I would like to help create a safer environment within the Oxley community to allow current students and future g`h`i`"=`X`Y`b`h`g`"=`h`Y`"=`c`d`d`c`f`i`b`]"`m`i`r`c`"=`V`Y`"=`h`Y`a`g`"=`j`Y`g`U`b`X`"=`Y`b`"=`c`m`Y`j`Y`f`m`V`]"`h`c`Z` their time at Oxley.

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I would like to be able to encourage as many students as possible to become involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities. I have always been invol (moti communityora Berz.5 4t 0.5 005200510

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Dystopian Romance. Two words that perfectly sum up the book Divergent by Veronica Roth.

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In a world ravaged by human failings of greed, ignorance, lies, cowardice, and needless aggression; a new city emerged. The city is divided into factions, amity

That was when humanity learnt this was not going to stop.

H'e'i chY'h\Y'a cj]Y'ih' Ü' \ha cbghYfgžk YVWUH\Y'a cbghYfg' of our own'; the world's governments worked together to VVYUH' []Ubh a YW\g W'YX' >UY[Yfg fl Yfa Ub' Zcf' \i bhYfB' to combat these ferocious beasts. Directed by bodily movements in the control pod located in the mechs head, the Jaegers were so large that they required two pilots to share the neural load.

valuing kindness, dauntless valuing bravery, UVbY[U]h'cb' j U'i]b[' gY'ÜYggbYggž Yfi X]hY' valuing intelligence and candour valuing honesty. At 16, every person takes an aptitude test to determine their faction and then they choose which faction they want to be in. Beatrice was born into abnegation; however, her test results were inconclusive. Her test showed that she does not fall into one of the factions, but three, Erudite, Abnegation, and Dauntless. This is called 'divergent'. When her time to choose arrives, she follows her heart and WccgYg'hc' VY'gY'Üg\ Vi hVfUj Yž'UUbXcb]b[' her family and choosing Dauntless. While switching factions takes fearlessness, Beatrice soon learns that if she wants to be initiated into the faction, it will take much more than a simple choice. With only ten spots available and her new romance with her dauntless instructor, Beatrice struggles to make her way in a ruthless initiation trial and discovers not only what she's truly made of, but what it truly means to be Divergent.

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Those days would not last.

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Go Big... Or Go Extinct

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^ Wla Y' Ya m h\Uh W YUH\Y' h\Y' a Divergent is Veronica Roth's debut novel and has sold over 32 million copies. Divergent is one of those books where you disappear into the story, escaping reality. It]g'h\Y' Üfgh]b' h\Y' Xng'hd]Ub' hf]c[mUbX [f]dg' readers through every chapter. Divergent has everything a rainy-day book needs, UVh'cb!Ü'YX' [f]dd]b[' d'chž' Vž'a dYh]h'cb' UbX' a secret, slow-burn romance. The story is fast paced with full on action throughout. It contains elements of humour alongside some seriously brutal scenes, especially during Beatrice's initiation into Dauntless.

The dystopian romance, Divergent, is a book I could recommend to anyone.

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Government Meeting". After waiting nine months for the result,
Violet has received the Silver Award for runner up.

*It's a very prestigious competition and the longest running
essay prize in the world. What a huge achievement.*

I would prefer to start this speech with pleasantries, polite
greetings and insightful metaphors but instead I stand before
you truly incapable of expressing myself with such restrictions.
As a commonwealth we have always favoured the turn of
phrase, preferring the beauty of words over that of the
common, well-loved sentences that slide into our conversations
so easily and with such modesty. But as I stand before you, I
feel as though it would be a dis-service to hide the beauty of
this commonwealth in niceties, to duck between sentences to
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For if we have learnt anything from the turmoil our world
has experienced these past few years, it is that the beauty
of our people is something that shines through in the simple
moments. The rainbows that painted London's windows, the
teddy bears littered in Australia's doorsteps, the 7pm cheer for
the medical workers in Vancouver, which, to this day, is yet to
stop. This commonwealth, our people, are so much more than
this speech, this day, this meeting. Our people deserve for their
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that we as leaders have made and will continue to make in the
face of adversity.

Our commonwealth has seen dark times, but the mindset we
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the confusion within the online political landscape, or the anger
we have seen in the streets, in protest signs and in hearts. The
mindset we must bring to address today's issues must be one
of clarity, one of precision and one of empathy. And with that,
please allow me to bring this question to the discussion.

What must be the focus of this gathering today, the cornerstone
of our thoughts and arguments?

What must we always keep in mind as we listen and learn from
each other?

As a commonwealth we have a population of 2.5 billion people.
More than sixty percent of these people are aged 29 and under,
representing one third of the worlds young people. Essentially,
our commonwealth has the ability to dictate the success,
the livelihood, and the knowledge of one third of the future
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SENIOR GALLERY



GOOD & OTHER NEWS

H\jg' mYUf' k Y' dUfhjVdUHxX']b' ci f' Ufgh A]XX'Y' GWcc' 9h.]Mj' C'na d]UX' competition with two teams of 5 from Years 8 & 9. Our teams represented the college exceptionally well and were successful. One of our teams will be dUfhjVdUHj]b[]b' h.Y']bh/fbUH]cbU' fci bX' U[U]bgh gh XYbhj Zfca ' <cb['?cb[ž Singapore and New Zealand. Only top schools from each regional Ethics Olympiad have been invited to this event. The members of the team are Violet Fitzsimons, Lucy Anderson, Abigail Hunt, Liam Halloran and Isla Terry.

The Ethics Olympiad is a competitive yet collaborative event in which students UbUmgY' UbX' X]gWgg' fYU!]Z' Yh.]W']ggj' Yg" -h X] Yfg Zfca 'U'XYVUH']b' h.Uh students are not assigned opposing views rather, they defend whatever position they believe is right and win by showing that they have thought more carefully, deeply, and perceptively about the cases in question. The event encourages and promotes ethical awareness, critical thinking skills, civil discourse, international engagement, and an appreciation for diverse points of view.

This came from the organisers:

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GALLERY



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ATHLETICS

**SPRING CHAMBER
MUSIC CONCERT**



John Martin piano, Edwina Carter flute,
Alan Donaldson clarinet
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