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Year 12 2022 Graduation Ceremony Speech, Tuesday 6 December

It takes a village to raise a child. In that spirit I would like to pay tribute to the parents, carers, other family members and Oxley lives on each of the 85 Year 12s of 2022 graduating today. I particularly want to pay tribute to the leadership of Hal, Peggy, Dom and Liv for their contribution as leaders of the Year 12 class of 2022 and the legacy they leave at Oxley, and I look forward to them speaking to us this evening.

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Weekly Awards

It has been another successful year for Junior school, with a return to onsite learning and the resumption of a wide range of activities. From fund raisers to sporting events, incursions, and culminating assessments, students have taken all challenges in their stride, approaching life at school with courage, care, and wisdom. Students was a day of water safety, swimming skills and fun. The classrooms have been buzzing still talking about our memories to this day! The Talent Show was a huge hit as students showcased their performances to represent their houses in the Inter House Competition. Over the last two weeks, an impressive number of Year 5 students were involved in the leadership programme. The calibre of students has been outstanding, and it is clear they are ready to lead our school in 2023.

During, what is their last term of the Junior School, our wonderful Year 6 students are learning journey in the Senior School. The Year 6 dinner was a highlight being a special event shared by parents. A day at Jamberoo was unforgettable as some students stepped out of their comfort zone and went on rides that tested them. We are also very excited

We delivered our hampers to the Women's Centre and Animal shelter, and these were those less fortunate.

, and beyond and for connecting with your students in such a personal and caring way. A huge thankyou to our families who have welcomed me so warmly and continued to work alongside our teachers to support students in their learning journey. An amazing 2022 in School students. By Jane Campion, Head of Junior School

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My favourite subject this semester was Maths. I really like learning about money. I learnt

My biggest improvement has been in writing because I can write more now. I liked writing my acrostic poem on my home. Next year I want to get good at playing the double bass. Year 1 is good because we become grown up and I've become grown up because my tooth has started to grow. Ronnie Fragar Year 1.

My favourite subject this semester was Maths because I loved learning about money, there's only 2 gold coins and the dollar sign is an s with a line through it, and the rest are silver coins. I learnt that you get to cheat in Maths, like 2+5=7 and

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JUNIOR GALLERY



Rebel Wilson:

Rebel Wilson: How not to treat a celebrity.

As a general moral standard, I refused to watch 'Pitch Perfect'. I'll admit, I was a bit of a movie elitist, and by that I mean I ZDV V XEMHFWHG WR ZDWFKLQJ WKH 3 F
It was the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers movies when I was seven, Gilligan's Island, Hogan's Heroes, The Brady Bunch, The 3DUWULGJH)DPLO\ 0DVK DQG ± , ZRXO
the names of all the movies and TV shows I've watched by asking \RXU SDUHQWV 31DPH D 79 VKRZ , 1YH Q

You have no idea what a dead room is until you attempt to say "I NQRZ QRWKLQJ' LQ D *HUPDQ DFFHQW
Pitch Perfect wasn't exactly on my radar. I was more of a Rosebud type of girl. This, of course, all changed when I was forced to ZDWFK 3LWFK 3HUIHFW DW D VOHHSRYHU DV DQ\ RQH ZKR KDV HYHU
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In my mind, I had envisioned cheesy chaos. Acapella singing, college parties and general mayhem.

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Genuinely, 10/10 would recommend it to a friend. Now I could go on, but I think the review writers of the Pin Oak might attempt to throttle me, so for both of our sakes let's just say it exceeded expectations. And for once, we had a bit of Aussie representation.

Rebel Wilson.

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Aussie actress who is the type of hysterically funny that makes you happy to choke on your ice cream whilst crying with laughter. Whilst some critics may like the view of their noses in front of their eyes, it's clear to see that Rebel is talented and funny and she is very much not the norm of Hollywood actresses.

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school in Australia. She was a comedy writer for years, then a character actress and suddenly she was on the world's biggest VFUHHQV 6KH KDG QR TXDOPV ZLWK PDLNLQJ SHRSOH XQFRPIRUWDEOH
least of all herself. She was so ardently abnormal in terms of what we expect from women that she rose above the feminine

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untouchable.

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Gid Mad through Hollywood, doing what she wanted and doing it well. Then, of course, a chink was found in this almighty shield.

After soaring so far above Hollywood's expectations for women, SHEHO LI \RX 100 DOORZ PH WKH PHWDS
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chairs as we shout out:

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And so, in outing herself, an adult woman was met with DQ RQVODXJKW RI FKLOGLVK TXHVWLRQV LQVXOWV DQG H[WUHPHO\ presumptuous, intrusive remarks. No matter how much you love or hate or her work, or the woman herself: this phenomenon of reverting to childish behaviour when discussing celebrities is disturbing, to say the least.

Wilson may embody childish, or inappropriate characters on VFUHHQ EXW WR VHH WKLW EHKDYLRXU XQ LURQLFDOO\ WUDQVIHUHG WR WKH global stage is a spectacle to behold. We often see the debate of ³GLG WKH\ VLJQ XS IRU WKLW´ À\LQJ WKURXJK RXU QHZVSDSHUV WKH FRQVWDQW TXHVWLRQ RI ZKRGXQQLW"

:DV WKLW FRQVWDQW DWWHQWLRQ VHOI LQÀHFWHG E\ WKH SXEOLF ¿JXUH"

Or,

Was it us?

Well, no matter whose to blame there's no mystery when it comes to the impact of this behaviour. The constant scrutiny of FHOHEULWLHV DQG RIWHQ WLPHV WKH GHVSHUDWLRQ WR ³RXW WKHP´ VR WKH\ FDQ EH ³KRQHVV´ ZLWK XV LV LQKXPDQH WR VDI\ WKH OHDVW

Wilson isn't the only celebrity to of experienced this, most recently Kit Conner was forced to come out after he was accused RI ³TXHHU EDWLQJ´ ZKLOVW DFWLQJ LQ +HDUWVWRSSHU .LW SOD\HG D %L boy in the show, and soon fans were accusing the young man of

GALLERY



Ok, I'm going to sound a little biased on this one... but Hawks Nest has got to be one of the best places on EARTH. If you are looking for that relaxed vibe, the great outdoors and EHDXLIXO ZHDWKHU GH¿QLWHO\ JR WR +DZNV 1HVW Roughly 4 hours away from Oxley College, situated on the north side of Nelson Bay, Hawks Nest is renowned for its beautiful Bennett's %HDFK 'DUN 3RLQW D VDFUHG \$ERULJLQDO VLWH and the Singing Bridge that spans over the Myall River as it meanders out into the bay. Hawks Nest is well known for its awesome ¿VKLQJ ORFDWLRQV DQG LWV HFOHFWLF FROOHFWLRQ RI houseboats moored along the Myall River.

With a local IGA, a surf shop, kayak rentals, an 18 hole golf course and the nearby town of Tea *DUGHQV SURYLGLQJ FDIHV DQG ERXWLTXH VKRSV Hawks Nest has something for everyone. The beautiful stretch of golden sand that is Bennett's Beach is lifeguard patrolled and the nearby Yacaaba Headland has amazing views at the summit with breaching whales always a common sight.

Bike riding amongst the native trees and DSSUHFLDWLQJ WKH ORFDO ZLOGOLIH LQFOXGLQJ DQ impressive array of birds, dingoes, goannas DQG WKH RFFDVLRQDO NRDOD LV DQRWKHU FODVVLF +DZNV 1HVW DFWLYLW\ DV ZHOO DV ÁRDWLQJ DERXW LQ the calmer waters of Jimmy's Beach that spans along the north side of Nelson Bay.

There's nothing like waking up to the sound of the ocean, heading to the Hawks Nest Bakery IRU EUHDNIDVW WKHLU ODPLQJWRQV DUH GHOLFLRXV and spending all day relaxing, swimming and watching dolphins as they chase the wake of WKH ERDWV \$ IUHVK ÁDW KHDG ¿VK IRU GLQQHU WOV P`i @ ÁOW LYIOD WL[R`•YÐ q, D

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for that one person in your life who seems to have everything. And don't even get me started on Hannukah, with eight rounds of gifts for every member of the family. Considering that gift shopping has been a personal strong suit this year, I thought I would share my personal shopping hacks to get you through the holiday season.

)25 7+(3(5621 :+2 +\$6 (9(5<7+,1* Go with an experience, or something intangible. For example, purchase them a star, a massage, or a year's subscription to a streaming service. This kind of thing works well for the adventurer type too.

)25 <285 <281*(5 6,%/Get*them the thing that they are always stealing from you. If they steal your claw clips, get them some, if they love a jumper of yours, get them a GLåHUHQW FRORXU VR RQ DQG VR IRUWK

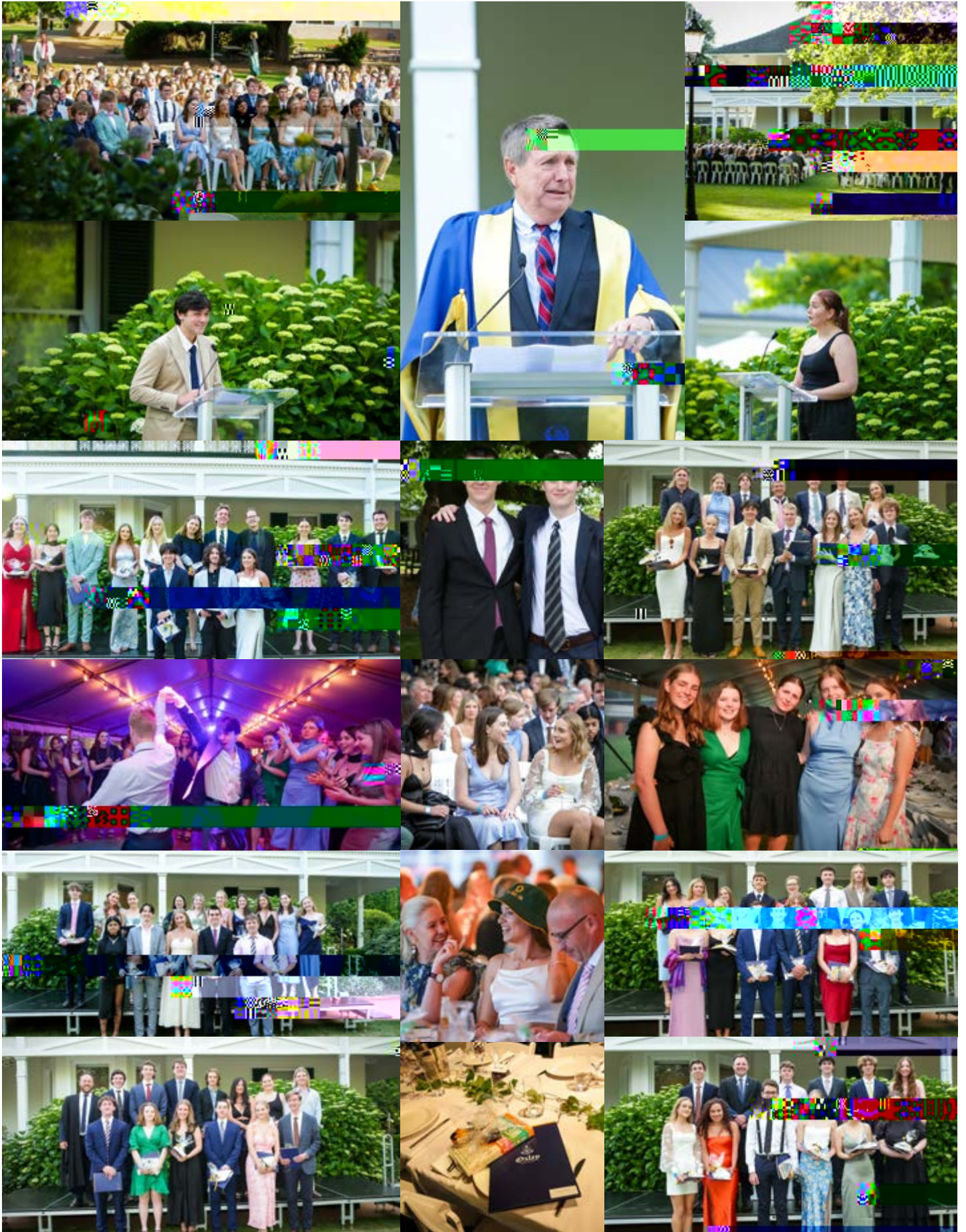
)25 <285 2/'(5 6,%/,1* Get them a book. Simple as that, Get them a few, actually. Figure out what they like reading and ask someone at the bookstore to recommend things similar to it.

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)25 <285 080 ,V VKH D ³¿[XS WKH EDUQ´ W\SH RI JDO" 2U D ³UHDG RQ WKH FRXFK´ NLQG RI JDO" /LNH , VDLG SDUHQWV DUH PRVWO\ case by case. Maybe she wants to be pampered, or she really needs a new toolbelt. Whatever you get, don't give her a robe, D FDQGOH RU D IDFH PDVN DQG FDOO LW TXLWV 6KH GHVHUYHV PRUH than that.

)25 7+(/,77/(.,' 0\ JHQHUDO JR WR LV D VXSHU JURVV« something. I have been known to gift copies of the game ³3LPSOH 3HWH´ DQG VOLPH RU SXWW\ LV D JRRG VWRFNLQJ VWXäHU -XVW PDNH VXUH WR FKHFN ZLWK SDUHQWV ¿U€` VK ••g•(ÆK ••g•(ÆK ••g•#€U H P

SENIOR GALLERY



As a part of our HSC English Advanced Module A, the Year 12 English classes had the opportunity to see a stage production of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* to gain a fundamental understanding of the plot and concepts explored. Starring as Prospero was Richard 5R[EXUJK KH FOHDUO\ SRUWUD\HG WKH

the audience knew where to laugh, after all it is a comedy. The

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NEWSFLASH

CRICKET SUCCESS

Congratulations to Sam Harwood, Year 8 and Will Torr, Year 9 who have both been selected to play in a 14 day International Cricket Academy U/17's tournament in India as part of the Elite Cricket Academy operating out of the Kings School in Sydney by former Australian Test player Jason Krejza.



This is an amazing Cricketing opportunity for these two boys to travel to India and play 10 x 50 over matches against teams representing Academies out of Australia, India, England, South Africa, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, West Indies, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and the Netherlands.

Sam and Will have also both been selected this year to play in the Oxley 1st cricket team and look forward to furthering their cricket skills in this international tournament.

ATHLETICS

We are so proud that two Oxley students represented NSW at the recent Australian Schools National Championships, in Brisbane.

Harry Keats, Year 6, was the NSW Team Captain and came 2nd in the 12 year Boys 800m and 1500m races, while his team came 2nd in the 12 year Boys 800m sprint medley.

Lucas Keats, Year 6, was the NSW Team Captain and came 2nd in the 12 year Boys 800m and 1500m races, while his team came 2nd in the 12 year Boys 800m sprint medley.

Last month, the boys were featured in a story on WIN TV news:

[https://www.winnews.com.au/news/2019/08/14/oxley-schools-national-championships-2019/](#)

Incredible achievements from both boys. Well done Harry and Lucas!



MOVEMBER



This is the 7th year in a row Oxley Mo Bros and/or students raising money and awareness of men's health issues. Please join us in initiating discussions about health issues for men and feel free to donate to our page: [https://movember.com/t/RIOH\PR\EURV"PF](https://movember.com/t/RIOH\PR\EURV)

Thanks very much, Oxley Mo Bros.

OUTBACK VIDEO

We hope you enjoy this wonderful Outback video created by Lara Fischer, Year 11: <https://youtu.be/mrKpdbhvwZE>

Yr 9 and Yr 10 PERSONAL INTEREST PROJECTS(PIPS)

