

Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal



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Dear parents and members of our school community

Welcome to 2019. I can't wait to continue sharing our educational journey with each of our families and spend as much time as possible showcasing the wonderful achievements of our students and staff. We are now in week 2 and last week we had the pleasure of welcoming 222 Year 7 students into our school. We also welcomed more than 30 students who have joined other year groups for the very first time. In addition to our 222 Year 7 students we welcomed back over 930 of our students who were with us in 2018. As a very large comprehensive high school, we value the contributions of each and every student and we are excited about what we will continue to offer our students over the 2019 school year. We make up just a small part of the 810000 students in NSW Government schools across more than 2215 schools. Together, in 2019 we will provide a strong platform for success for every one of our students.

Year 7 Welcome BBQ

Thankyou to the many families who attended the welcome to Year 7 BBQ on Thursday evening. To have such a wonderful turnout to our first whole school event for 2019 was very pleasing. Year 7 can be a stressful time for our students and their parents. As the days and weeks go by, our Year 7 students will become more accustomed to the expectations of our school, they will learn the layout and design of the school and the requirements of their classes. If your child needs any support throughout this learning phase, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Jacky Lyden on 63623444.

Welcome to our new staff

I would like to welcome some new staff to Orange High School for the 2019 school year. Annabel Paul has been permanently appointed to our school as a Science teacher. Matt Kleinschmidt will join the HSIE faculty replacing Mrs Lisa Paine who has accepted a role in the Learning and Wellbeing team at Orange office. Alison McLennan joins the English faculty replacing Mrs Mages whilst she takes some leave this year and Christine Towers joins our Learning and Support team.

I would also like to welcome back to our school the following staff who have returned after talking leave of some form in 2018. Sarah Townsend, Sarah Edwards, Kate Griffen, Alice Bright, Christine Hawke and Terri Johnston.

Year 7 Technology Bootcamp

Beginning next week our technology team will be meeting with all Year 7 students a class at a time and working through the requirements of bringing a laptop or tablet to school as their learning device. We will be setting up each laptop with the software required to be a proactive learner at OHS and connecting each device to the schools secure wireless network. If you have not yet returned the BYOD permission notes, could you do this as a matter of urgency please.

Our Non-Negotiables

In 2019 we continue to have five areas across the school which are not negotiable for change. These are;

- Every student, teacher and leader improves every year
- Every student is known, valued and cared for
- Every student is engaged and challenged to continue to learn
- Strong literacy and numeracy development
- All young people are prepared for the future

We will continue to support our students and our staff ensuring that they are improving every year. We ask for your support to ensure that your children are focussed on their school work at home and they spend adequate time completing assessment tasks, preparing for exams and doing homework or regular revision.

School Fees

A reminder to new parents and those who may have missed our updated fees policy at the end of 2018. A new school fees policy has been uploaded to our school website. There are two types of fees in 2019. The VOLUNTARY school contribution. This payment assists our school to purchase resources to support our students. This is a voluntary fee but would be highly appreciated.

From the Principal cont



The second component to our fees are the mandatory subject contributions. These are the fees associated with practical subjects. The fees are already heavily subsidised by the school however, the contribution from parents is required to allow students to participate in the practical component of these subjects.

Invoices will be sent to all families in term 1 and will be followed up with emails throughout the year. Please ensure you pay for these fees promptly. Payments can be made via the school website, over the phone or in person using cash or credit/debit card.

Students with outstanding fees will be ineligible to participate in any non-compulsory school based activity including excursions, sport, representing the school in any activity or participating in graduation or formal ceremonies.

If you need assistance with any aspect of the mandatory fees, please contact Mrs Kylie Winslade (Head Teacher Wellbeing).

2019 School Photos

Next Friday, 15th February will be our 2019 school photo day. Please ensure your children are present for this important day in full formal OHS school uniform. If you have any questions regarding school photos please contact Mr Aaron Routh, Head Teacher Administration (students).

Uniform

As you are aware, OHS is a uniform wearing school including the wearing of black school. A full list of our uniform requirements is located on our website. Students who are not in full school uniform will have their parents phoned and asked to bring their uniform to school to get changed or a loan uniform may be issued for the day. I ask for your full support in ensuring your children wear the correct school uniform each and every day. Sports uniform is not to be worn to school. Students who have sport or PE are to bring their uniform in their bag and get changed. I thank you for your support.

2019 School Initiatives

Following are a brief summary of some of the initiatives we will be focussing on in 2019. We will share more details with you about each of these initiatives over coming newsletters. If you would like specific information on any of our 2019 initiatives please feel free to send me an email (chad.bliss@det.nsw.edu.au) and I can direct your query to the most appropriate member of staff.

Redesigned Talent Development Program – 2 classes in Year 7 for core subjects of English, Maths and Science

- A focus on inquiry based learning and sharing across key learning areas
- Additional time for Year Advisers to support their students
- Introduction of assistant Head Teachers to support staff
- Provision of Future Focused Learning Spaces
- Establishment of a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
- Professional Learning program aligned to school strategic directions and AITSL teaching standards
- Significantly increased wellbeing support for students psychologist, additional counselling, resilience lessons, social worker
- Strong Aboriginal program support (dance, NAIDOC, weekly withdrawal support, attendance)
- Aboriginal Instructional Leader Mel Kerr
- Homework centre
- Additional SLSO's in classrooms
- Construction of a new school gymnasium
- SRC Leadership Initiatives (Market Day, Business in schools programs, school promotions, recycling program)
- Transition program for partner primary schools with a technology focus
- Construction of a school café
- Additional resources for Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Each of these initiatives sit within our schools strategic plan which can be found by <u>clicking on this link</u> or visiting our school website.

Welcome back to each and every member of the Orange High School family. I cant wait to work with you in 2019 and see the positive differences we can make for your children. I look forward to speaking with you in week 4.

With my warmest regards

Chad Bliss

Principal



Safer Internet Day raises awareness about the positive role of digital technology and explores ways we can all contribute to creating a better, safer internet.

Coordinated by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner in Australia and celebrated in over 130 countries, this year's Safer Internet Day theme is 'Together for a better internet'.

Parents are encouraged to get involved and support our young people in developing the critical skills required to successfully navigate the online world.

These skills take time to develop but they can help us in all areas of life - online and off.

Respect - I treat myself and others the way I like to be treated

Responsibility - I am accountable for my actions and I take a stand when I feel something is wrong

Reasoning - I question what is real

Resilience - I get back up from tough situations



Orange High School is supporting **Safer Internet Day** by having our Year 7 students participate in a Police Talk from Senior Constable Jane Heffernan. Students are taking home a workbook which will create an invaluable starting point for you to have a discussion around internet safety with your child.

Help spread the word about creating a safer, more positive internet — start a conversation with your child about which of the 4Rs of online safety is most important to them and how can they help build a better internet for everyone.

The <u>eSafety iParent site</u> is packed with resources to help you address online safety with your children. Download <u>The Lost Summer</u> video game for a fun way to learn and practice the 4Rs. Or take the <u>Screen Smart Parent Tour</u> to help your child manage online issues should they arise.

To see what others are doing, or to find out how you can get involved, visit: esafety.gov.au/saferinternetday

Technology News

On Thursday afternoon, the OHS Technology Team welcomed the Principal's from our feeder schools. During this visit, we presented a digital literacy project to roll out for 2019 to all Year 6 students from Canobolas, Orange, Nashdale and Calare Public Schools. At the conclusion of the program, students will have learned and developed the Information



and Communication technology skills they need when transitioning to high school. Furthermore, this project will allow us to collaborate with primary school teachers to create individualised digital learning plans for students transitioning to Orange High School in 2020.

The Technology Team will keep you updated on all these exciting developments. Kahina Kharitos e-Learning Coordinator



University of Wollongong Discovery Day

On Tuesday 5th February, twenty seven Year 12 students travelled to the University of Wollongong to attend the UOW Discovery Day.

Students stayed on-campus at the stylish Kooloobong Village and were treated to entertainment which included GIANT Jenga, Quoits and Connect 4.

On Wednesday, students were able to explore the facilities of UOW and attend seminars of interest to them.

The on-campus experience was enjoyable, especially with over 2000 students from across the state in attendance.

Special thanks goes to Ms Dray for accompanying us for the two days.











ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB

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OHS NETBALL CLUB TRIAL DATES

<u>DIVISION 1/2/3 + HIGH A</u> (CHS Open team and Astley Cup team). - STUDENTS THAT ARE 15+ YEARS OR INVITED STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7TH - 3.45PM - 5.00PM

JUNIOR A (15 years and under selected team) -

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12TH - 3.45-4.30pm

U13's - THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY - 3.45-4.30pm

U/14's AND U/15'S - THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY 4.30-5.15pm.

Senior team nominations (anyone not wanting to trial BUT wanting to play in a team of their creation in divisions 4-8) must be received by Friday 22ND February.

OHS NETBALL CLUB SELECTION, TEAMS AND COACHING POLICY

- 1. All OHS Netball Club teams must have a majority base of players that attend Orange High School.
- 2. Students that do not go to Orange High School are welcome to play with the OHS Netball Club if the team they are joining meets point 1.
- 3. Consideration may be given to the selection of players who are of school age, however, do not attend Orange High School for the Division One team. Point 1 of this policy will apply.
- 4. All selections will have a minimum of 2 experienced selectors
- All coaches are to attain a minimum of a foundation coaching accreditation- as per Orange Netball
 Association policy. OHS Netball Club will financially support OHS coaches in achieving this
 accreditation.
- 6. All coaches are to attain a current Working with Children Check

OHS NETBALL CLUB CODE OF BEHAVIOUR POLICY

All players, coaches, parents, spectators and officials involved with the Orange High School Netball Club are bound by the Netball NSW Code of Behaviour Policy. We pride ourselves on exemplary conduct on and off the netball court as we are representatives of our school at all times. Non adherence to this policy will be followed up with consultation from Orange Netball Association.





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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2019 NETBALL SEASON

<u>REGISTRATIONS:</u> All registrations are online in 2019. A how to register guide is attached. Please ensure you register to ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB and NOT any other club OR Orange Netball Association.

All teams MUST have at least 5 people registered and PAID in order for the team to be submitted to Orange Netball Association.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO PAY WILL BE SENT OUT DURING TRIALS AND ON ASSEMBLY.

N.B. DO NOT REGISTER IF YOU THINK THERE IS A POSSIBLITY OF WITHDRAWING FROM A TEAM. AS SOON AS YOU HIT THE BUTTON TO REGISTER, THE OHS NETBALL CLUB IS CHARGED WITH YOUR REGISTRATION. IT IS A VERY DIFFICULT AND LONG PROCESS TO GET A REFUND IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND AND A REFUND MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE.

FEES IN 2019

Junior Registration (10-17 years in 2019) = \$160.00

Senior Registration (people turning 18+ years in 2019) = \$188.00

Junior Playing both Junior and Senior Competitions = \$40.00 additional. There is no registration product for this yet so please register once as a junior registration. Payment is made to the OHS account and I will send a spreadsheet of the girls playing in both competitions to ONA.

Non players (coach fee): \$45.00 paid by OHS Netball Club to Orange Netball Association

<u>COACHES/MANAGERS</u>: If you are willing to coach or manage a team could you please contact me in the PE staffroom. As always, the strength of a club relies on its volunteers and we appreciate the time and effort that you are willing to give.

<u>UNIFORMS</u>: The playing dress is able to be tried on during lunchtimes for all new players. Please contact me if you require an alternate time. We have limited sizes on stock so it will be first in best dressed. An order for new dresses will be placed in the first week of March to ensure that they arrive on time for round one. PAYMENT OF UNIFORMS IS TO THE FRONT OFFICE.

DRESS COST = \$60.00

BLACK LONG SLEEVE SHIRT WITH OHS LOGO = \$15.00

<u>INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISING</u>: Is available for students that require assistance in purchasing a uniform and paying for registration. We are happy to organise chocolate boxes, however, this year students will be required to purchase a box for \$30.00 and show us the receipt. We will then order and each student will make \$50.00 – a profit of \$20.00 per box.

ACTIVE KIDS SPORTS VOUCHER: Must be applied for online at Service NSW (google active kids voucher) BEFORE registering with OHS Netball Club. You will be asked to apply your voucher code at the last stage of registration. The active kids voucher can be use once during the 2019 calendar year. You are eligible to receive \$100 off a sporting registration for your child enrolled in school. You will pay the difference of this voucher and the registration fee into the OHS Netball Club Account.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

Tegan Dray - OHS Netball Club School Rep

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Orange High School is a school that welcomes students from a number of diversities and communities.

This cross section of diversity provides for a rich and welcoming environment within our school.

As a community we encourage our members to fully support our model of inclusion and welcoming.

Should you find however, that you encounter a diversity represented in our school that you do not understand, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss your questions.

We welcome the opportunity to create a space for improving our school community to one which excels at inclusion, dignity, equity and respect.

Kylie Winslade Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing 2019



Orange High School Fees Policy

Purpose

This Policy outlines the school's expectations in relation to the types of applicable school fees-voluntary and subject contributions.

Policy Statement

1. School Fees Components

School fees at Orange High School typically include Voluntary Contributions, Subject Contributions, Text Book Deposits (Year 11 and 12), Sports Bus Fares and non-compulsory excursions.

A significant proportion of the schools operational expenditure is meet by these fees and local charges.

1.1 Voluntary Contributions:

Voluntary Contributions are set by the Department of Education in consultation with the Parents and Citizens Association (P & C). These fees are **VOLUNTARY** and no penalty is imposed for non-payment. However, the payment of this contribution goes towards the schools operating costs.

1.2 Subject Contributions:

Fees are dependent on the subjects that the students elect to study and reference to the subject guide for fee rate is advised. The contribution is set at the school level by the Principal in consultation with the Head of Department and the P & C and issued to pay for subject resources, educational activities and associated amenities. In establishing this contribution the Principal is mindful of the schools' parents and carer's capacity to support the contribution. Furthermore, parents and carers are advised to contact the Wellbeing Office if they are experiencing financial difficulty and the office will work on a plan to support the student, whilst meeting financial obligations.

1.2.1 Students will not be prevented from studying these subjects for non-payment 1.2.2 Payment plans are available via the Wellbeing Office 1.2.3 Non-payment will affect the following activities for the student: - Attendance at all non-compulsory school events including, but not limited to non-curriculum based excursions, Formals and Graduation - Borrowing of equipment not associated with learning outcomes- such as musical instruments - Taking home of class outcomes, such as metal or woodwork finished products

1.3 Sports and Sports Bus Fares

Payment of transport costs are required to attend off-campus sporting activities. The student will not be stopped from doing sport, however, they will be confined to school based activities. Again support from the Wellbeing office is encouraged.

1.4 Non-Compulsory excursions (Non-curriculum Based Excursions)

Excursions that are not curriculum based or not compulsory are subject to a fee to cover operational expenses. Non-payment of this fee will result in the student not being able to attend the excursions. Again support from the Wellbeing office is encouraged.

2. Concessions

Inability to pay the fees does not **necessarily** exclude a student from attending or participating in activities. Arrangements for fee concessions are available via the Well Being office in situations where pressing financial circumstances mean that it is impossible to make full payments (excluding the voluntary contribution, which is voluntary and not subject to any penalty). Arrangements can be made via the Wellbeing Office.

3. Fees Refunds for subject withdrawal

A full refund will be made available if the student withdraws from the subject prior to week two of term and are subject to a written application to the School Business Manager. No refunds will be available after two weeks of the term as resources would have been committed.





Feeling FANTAstic is a 6-week course that helps young people understand their emotions, feelings and moods. The course focuses on managing and expressing feelings of depression and anxiety in healthy ways.

Who: 12 to 16yr olds

When: Thursdays

21/2/19, 28/2/19, 14/3/19, 21/3/19, 28/3/19, 4/4/19

No Group 7/3/19

Time: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Where: headspace Orange 264 Peisley Street

Bookings for this course are essential email hs.orange@marathonhealth.com.au or phone 6369 9300





Come along to Waratahs Sports Club for our OPEN DAY to learn the sport, practice your skills and play a friendly game followed by a **free BBQ lunch!**

What to bring: boots/joggers, towel, water bottle

To register or for further information please text Jacqui on 0408 562 506 or contact us via our facebook page

*Please note registration prior to the day is not essential so bring along any friends or family on the day that are interested

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