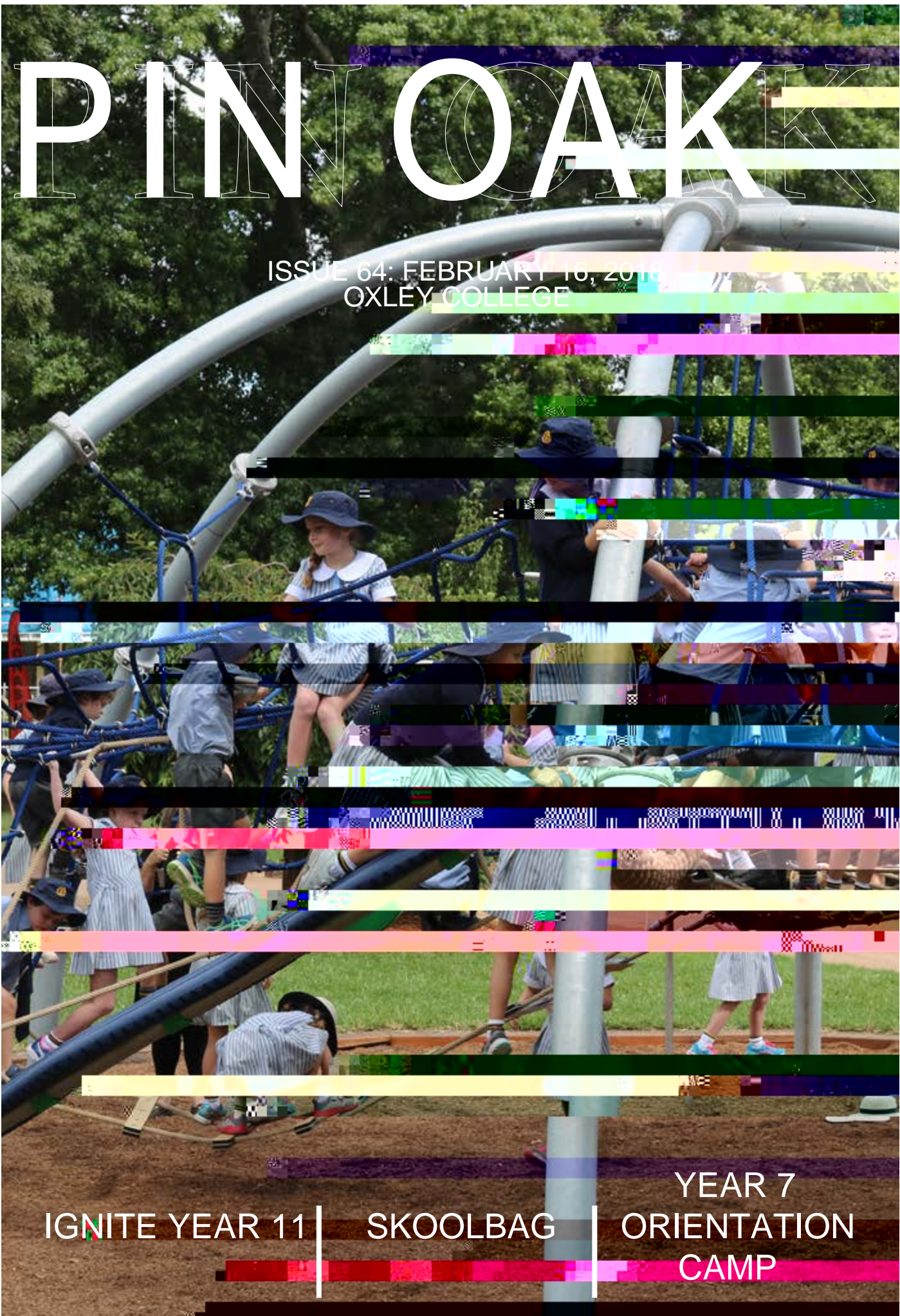


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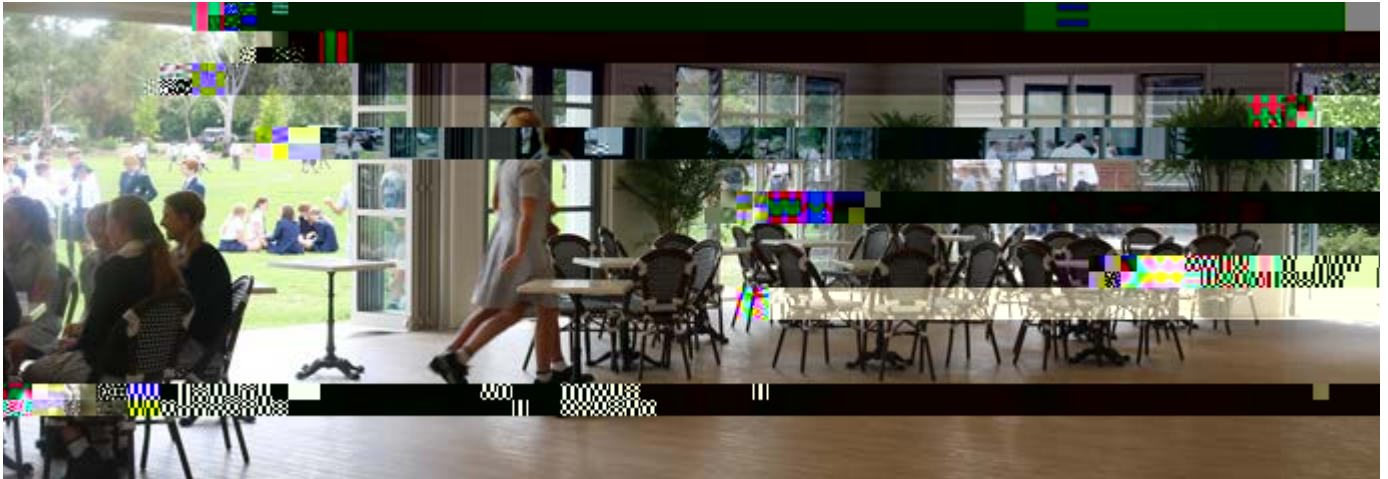


DEAR YEAR 7,

*I gathered a collection of thoughts from some friends about their experience at High School to pass on to my
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on our character and our interests. All up, I wrote about 5,000 words and covered a wide range of topics to pass
on! I know that personally, I found it really therapeutic to think about what I would have changed and what I*



HEADMASTER'S REPORT



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summer in the water, whether it was up the coast, down the coast, at Jervis Bay or in Bowral pool. I have heard a few stories too of skiing in Japan, visiting family in the US and travelling through Italy. Indeed, there is one student who was in Rome two days before my family were there and ate at the same gelato shop.

The new students have started well - the new Year 7s, Year 5s and Kindegartens have all been enthusiastically coming through the gates every day. For one or two of the Kindergarten children it was D ELW RI D VKRFN IRU WKHP WR ¿ QG RXW WKDW WKH\ ZHUH FRP
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group of friendly, inclusive and open young men and women. They immersed themselves in the archery, WKH UDIW EXLOG LQJ DQG WKH EXVKZDONLQJ : H DOVR KDYH WZR
actually growing in year groups where there had once been a rate of attrition.



The parent drinks was a highlight last Friday night. Everybody was in good form and the Oxley spirit of inclusiveness meant that many new parents were made to feel very welcome. Our new pavilion looked wonderful. When you think that seven weeks earlier it was merely the covered picnic area, it is a real testament to the builders who had to demolish the old structure before starting again. It is now a stylish, even gracious space. As I said on the night, we actually hired the indoor palms for a week from parents, Michael and Kylie Magill of Berry Wholesale Nursery. As Michael was unloading them I asked him what it might set us back to take the palms permanently. On the spot he agreed to donate them, which was very kind. I am now planning to hire a performing arts centre for a week later in the year and see what comes of it.

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Weekly Awards:

Students of the Week
Learning Journey

The start of the year is always an exciting time in a school. Everyone is full of energy, refreshed from the holidays and optimistic about the year ahead. Our show Oxley as a place of welcome for all and especially our new students. Our Kindergarten students have settled in extremely well, supported by their valued and enthusiastic buddies in Year 6. Our new students in Years 1 to 5 also appear to be adjusting to their new Oxley family and are ready to dive into learning. We have also keenly welcomed new teachers into our community and are already appreciating the contributions they bring to our collective sense of purpose.

This week as part of our Parent Information Evenings I have taken the opportunity to share with our families our plans to implement the Primary Years Programme The appropriateness of this initiative for Oxley College is broad. The IB mission echoes the ideals of the Founders of our College in its drive for a high quality, The IB provides a pathway towards a fully realised Wisdom Era for our society by the way in which it makers in a globally minded world.

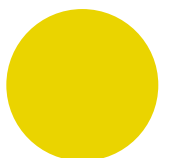
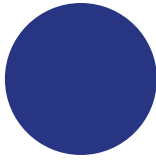
“The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organisation works with schools, governments and international organisations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment. These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand

The two key messages I outlined are:

1. philosophy and pedagogy with our approach at Oxley to the point that our students and families will discern very little change as we move to implementation, and

2. The timeline we have set is modest and 2019 with the piloting of two new units each year.

Finally, the IB aims to have their programmes fully appreciated and supported by the community members in which they run. To this end we are interested to hear from parents of K-6 students who would be interested to join a Friends of the PYP support group to advise us as to the level and timing of information that would be most helpful to parents in understanding the rationale and nature of their child's learning at Oxley.





BOOKS



Mirror, Mirror

International supermodel and actress, Cara Delevingne, has recently published, Mirror, Mirror, an extraordinarily bold, brave and



MUSIC



Top Five Hip Hop albums of 2017

I'm well aware that 2017 is long gone now, however I feel that it is still important to acknowledge the best rap albums of the year, because 2017 was a really great year for Hip-Hop. Here they are, in order:

5. Good For You by Aminé

This was an album that went under the radar upon its initial release, but then became a well known and frankly a really great album, it falls more on the pop side, but it's still good.

4. Everybody by Logic

This was a fantastic album, with VRPH DPD]LQJ VRQJV reason it isn't higher is because of the lack of actual rapping, even one of the best songs, Take it Back, consists of a lot of talking. Oh, also WKH DOEXP FRYHU LV

3. Pretty Girls Like Trap Music by FKDLQ]

FKDLQ] GH;QLWHO\ mainstream but his latest release is DEVROXWHO\ DPD]LQJ VRXQGV VR GLäHUHQW HOVH WKDW FDPH RXW voice, combined with the beats make it just so nice to listen to.

2. Revival by Eminem

After a short break, Eminem made his comeback into the rap game. I haven't heard many people talking about it and I honestly don't know why, I think it was fantastic and a lot of the songs have quickly become some of my favourites of the year

1. DAMN by Kendrick Lamar

I'm sure everyone expected this, and you've have probably all heard enough about this album to know how great it is.

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FILM



The Greatest Showman

The show that everyone has been raving on about.

The Greatest Showman based on a true story of P.T. Barnum a man who came from nothing who rose to success to create the start of show business.

7KLV PRYLH LV DERXW ; loving your self for who you really are. P.T. brought people from GLÄHUHQW RQJHV ORRM colours and talents into his circus to show the world who these people are. He wanted to create a place for people to be themselves and that's how it become the circus

Many fans have commented that WKH\ WKLQN WKLV LV WKH LYQVW JO WKKH and some say 'its better than La La Land.' What do you think? 7KH DOEXP MXVW Others state that they think Zac WKLV QHDV EHFDPQJ D µF Jackman and thinks he will walk in Hugh's shoes.

The Greatest Showman sound track has spent a total of two weeks on number 1 on Billboard's 200 charts and has received awards from the Golden Globes.

Starring Hugh Jackman, Zendaya, Zac Efron and Michaelle Williams.

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The school year is now in full swing and it has been

Duke of Edinburgh's International
Award Silver & Gold Expedition
Report – December 2017
At the beginning of the summer
holiday, 20 Year 9-11 students set

ON THE BRANCH



KIARA ROCHAIX

What are your most current sporting achievements? I was recently selected into the Australian U-19 Schoolgirls Football Team, to tour America in March. How are you feeling about this achievement? I feel very honoured to be called up to represent my country. I'm nervous yet excited for the challenge ahead. I'm also relieved after being out due to injury for so long and to be able to return to football at this level. How did you think your injury would set you back and how does it feel to have overcome it? Injuries at this age can set you back because this stage of your career is vital for your development. It was tough mentally and physically, and if anything it humbled me because I realised how lucky I was with the opportunities I had. But now I think it has made me mentally stronger and more resilient. The problem with my foot is chronic, so I have am determined for it to not let it set me back any further. How do you feel about the development of the Oxley College Girls Football programme? I think it's brilliant. To see so many girls playing Football, enjoying it and working hard to get see how far the teams at Oxley have come since it became an option in 2015. We have great talent in the Juniors, and by the time they are be really strong. I think it can only get better in the future. What do you want to do after graduating from school? I would like to study sports journalism in the UK. That way I can play Football at the highest level possible whilst I study. The dream would be to play football in



HUGH CALLAGHAN

on his invitation to represent Australia Team, touring Spain in late November and early December.

Joshua: How did you feel when you Australia?

Hugh: I didn't believe it. I was very surprised.

Joshua: How hard have you been training to be recognised in this way?

Hugh: I've been training hard. Doing runs in my own time. Finding space to better.

Joshua: How hard was the competition?

Hugh: Pretty hard. There were plenty of good quality players especially the Queenslanders. It's hard to perform when your opposition is so good and they have been together for years.

Joshua: What do you want to achieve when you are over in Madrid and Seville with the youth team?

Hugh: I'm looking forward to wearing the Australian jersey.

Joshua: How does Futsal help you with regular Football?

Hugh: It's helped me heaps. My main strengths used to be physical. Playing Futsal helped me with the technical side and this comes through in my game.

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

Senior Concert Band

This band is most suitable for experienced players who have been learning their instrument for approximately two or more years. Instruments in this ensemble include; Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Bass Guitar, drums/percussion. Rehearsals are on Thursday mornings from 7.45am – 8.30am in the Orchestra Room with Mrs McBride.

Junior Concert Band

Not quite ready for the Senior Concert Band? Junior Concert Band may be the home for you. This band is most suitable for the beginner or progressing band students who have been learning their instrument for under two years. We would love to have you come and join us. Rehearsals are Friday Mornings from 8.30am in the Orchestra Room with Mr Jones.

Senior String Ensemble

String Players United! If your dates run more along to the Senior String Ensemble. Senior Strings meet to rehearse every Tuesday morning with Mrs Bunyan from 7.45am – 8.30am in the Orchestra Room and we look forward to welcoming back old players and new.

Oxley Chorale

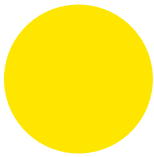
Or maybe its SINGING that is more your style! Oxley Chorale meet every Monday morning before school from 7.45am – 8.40am. We learn and perform a range of singing styles, taking from the old masters and the new (think: classical. Don't be shy! Come along and be warmly welcomed into the choir. If your music reading skills are non-existent, sketchy or great we encourage you to join – you will learn more each week about reading sheet music and you members.

Bagpipes

Yes that's right – bagpipes! Over the last couple of years Oxley has been developing a very strong and in demand bagpiping corp. The bagpiping corp is made up of an impressive, dedicated group of piping and drumming musicians who wear their own Oxley tartan when performing for formal occasions at the College and out in our community. If bagpiping is something you think you might be interested in, please speak with the music department and they can put you in touch with our dedicated bagpiping tutor.

If you have any questions about any of our range of music opportunities at Oxley, please pop in and see Mrs McBride in Music 2, The Music Centre, second half of lunch, Thursdays, or seek out Mr Hughes or Mrs Bunyan.

WHAT'S HAPPENING? IN THE WORLD...



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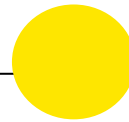
An Inclusive Commonwealth



This year's Commonwealth Games is about more than just sport. The excitement of a \$105 million ceremony venue and the arrival of 6600 athletes from 70 Commonwealth nations and territories aside, the integration of para-competition into the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games is a profound step towards equality and inclusion in the Games. Perhaps as a result of their popularity at Glasgow in 2014, the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games will host the largest para-sporting programme in history, with up to 300 para-sport athletes and 38 medal events across seven sports.

Similarly, an equal number of men's and women's events across all seven para-sports highlights this year's commitment to equality and inclusion. This ambitious decision to make the Games more accessible for everybody will hopefully become an engrained tradition of the Commonwealth games.

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Surprisingly few people know Elon Musk has recently designed and VROG ĀDPHWKURZHU feel like some backstory is in order. A few years ago Elon Musk realised DIWHU KH ZDV VWXFN LQ ZKLOH WKDW WUDĀF VXF designed a tunnel to transport cars WKURXJK WUDĀF VXSHU next step was to fund it, and to do that he made a company called The Boring Company and sold hats. He then promised that if he sold 50,000 hats, he would design and EXLOG D ĀDPHWKURZHU later, he is a man of his word and The Boring Company began pre-RUGHUV IRU D ĀDPHWKUR VROG WKHP DOO 7KH ĀD completely legal in all states in the USA except California, where it was banned. Met with mixed reactions, some people thought it was stupid and dangerous and some people thought it was hilarious. All 20,000 units sold anyway, and it seems an unusual direction for someone like Elon, what if it starts a dangerous trend and we have a dystopian world soon. 2QO \ GD \ V EHIRU

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THE WINTER OLYMPICS 2018

First steps toward peace?

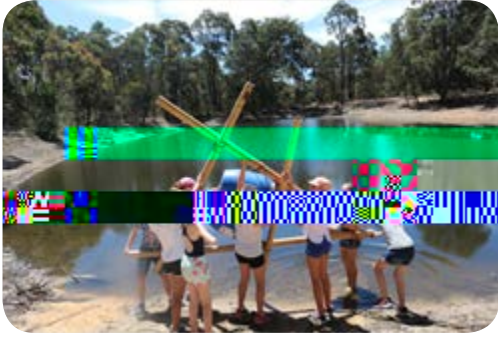
The Winter Olympics is one of the greatest sporting events of this year and during the opening ceremony, South Korea and North Korea walked out as a XQL ĩ HG WHDP IRU WKH ĩ UVW WLPV VLQFH W was about peace and harmony, and the South Koreans played it beautifully to the world. Kim Jong Un's sister, Kim Yo-Jong was also present to represent North Korea.

However, when countries were shaking hands it was widely noticed that neither the Vice President of the USA or the President of Japan shook Kim Yo-Jong's hand.

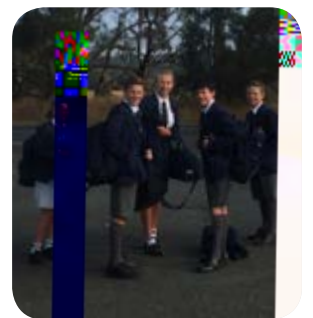
Russia left out in the cold!

Russia was banned from the Olympics this year as punishment for their state-backed doping programme at the last Olympics, although some of WKHLU DWKOHWHV WKDW ZHUH FOHDUHG IR 2O \ PSLF ĀDJ , W ZDV D FKLOO \ GHJUHHV & -18 degrees Celsius!

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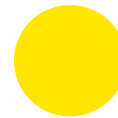
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NEWSFLASH



YEAR 7 CAMP

On Monday and Tuesday of Week 2 the Year 7 students travelled to the



ONSTAGE

If there is anyone who could somehow perfect a performance about a trip to Ikea, it would be Oxley Year 12 2017 and Mr Cunich. Last Friday Year 11 and 12 Drama were lucky enough to watch 2017's Year 12 Onstage; a showcase of the best monologues and group performances from across NSW. The performances ranged from comical to political and then historical, giving students a good taste of the range of styles and options for HSC drama. There was

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seemed to somehow come together into evocative, comical and highly entertaining pieces. Oxley Year 12 performed brilliantly and we can't wait to see what future Year
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YEAR 11 IGNITE

On Monday 5 February, Year 11 headed down to Canberra for two days of motivational lectures combined with the opportunity to experience life as a university student at ANU.

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Physics, Chemistry, Music and Asian Studies as well as gym sessions. A number of us met with Professor Kenneth /DPSO WKH +HDG RI \$18¶V 6FKRRO RI 0XVLF 3URIHVVRU /DPSO LV DQ
John Williams, an Oscar winner, best known for composing the music scores for many Hollywood hits including "Star Wars" and "Harry Potter".

A key speaker was Marnie Hughes-Warrington who is the Deputy Vice Chancellor of ANU.

During the two days we also listened to motivational talks encouraging us to assume a "growth mindset" and to have the courage to "bounce back when the going gets tough".

In order for us to have an authentic university experience, we stayed the night at John XXIII College, a fully catered residential college for ANU students. At dinner we were lucky enough to catch up with ex- Oxleyan Laura

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