

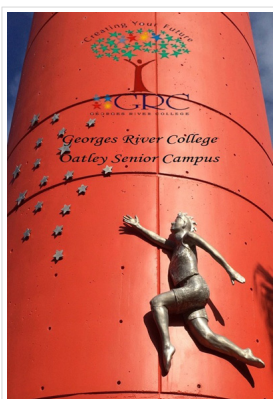


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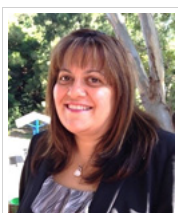
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25 August 2016



Principals Report



Principal's Report

Term 3 - School Development Day

Teachers began the term with a school development day on Monday July 18 featuring the work of Professor John Hattie, a renowned educator from Melbourne.

Some of our parents and students may have seen the program "Revolution School", shown recently on ABC TV which used the work of John Hattie to showcase the transformational practices of a school from under performance and poor standards to a culture where improvement, high expectations and achievement were evident.

Even though the school in "Revolution School" school has a very different context from us, GRC Oatley has been using the work of John Hattie over the last 3 months. Staff were introduced to the results of 25+ years of research into what really works best in education. For so long in education, we seem to have been on the hunt for the next best thing - this research makes us stop and think about the vast amount we already know and take stock about what really does make the difference to student learning.

Continuing throughout this year and next, teachers will engage with the fundamentals of Professor Hattie's longitudinal research and apply some of his wisdom.

In particular, teachers are investigating "feedback" - ways for teachers to deliver more critical information to students and, more importantly, ways for students to evaluate their own work - in the hope that this journey will give more visibility to learning. It's no accident that John Hattie's work is entitled "Visible Learning". Hattie wants teachers to see learning through the eyes of students and students to see themselves as their own teachers.



Congratulations

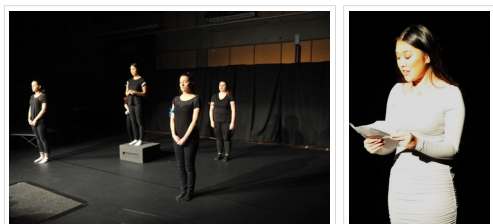
- Ms. Kathy Ilioglou (English Teacher) was awarded a certificate from the Department of Education to mark 20 years of service to Public Education in NSW. Thank you for making a difference.
- Mr. Dimitrios Polyzoidis (TAS Teacher) was notified by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW that he has achieved accreditation at Proficient Teacher.



CAPA showcase

What an outstanding display of GRC Oatley talent. Our CAPA Showcase was a wonderful success on all 3 nights - Wednesday 3rd August, Thursday 4th August and Friday 6th August. There was a great vibe in the audience and, for that matter, on stage. Student performances were sensational. It is hard to pick a favourite.

Congratulations go to all of the performing students and their dedicated teachers, who gave up so much of their time. It takes an enormous amount of organisation, time and energy to co-ordinate more than 30 performances over 3 nights. The annual showcase tradition would not be possible without the hard work of the CAPA staff. A big thank you must go to Angela Pryce, Annette Lynch, James Worner, Anastasia Cardillo and Mardi Crammond.



Vocational Education and Training Awards

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the 2016 VET Awards. It was a night to celebrate the dedication of students, parents, schools and community partners who contribute to the Vocational Education and Training of over 10,000 students.

Vocational Education and Training courses:

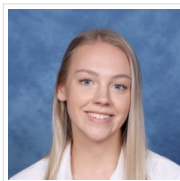
- are designed for all students
- are offered to students in Years 9 – 12
- are dual-accredited and lead towards Certificate I, II or III qualification
- contribute to further studies at TAFENSW, Private Colleges and University
- allow students to acquire work related skills and hands on experiences.

Congratulations to the five students from GRC Oatley and who were recognised for their excellence, commitment and passion in their chosen area of study. A big thank you to their teachers who work tirelessly and go above and beyond to ensure students meet competencies and work placement hours.

Hospitality Food and Beverage - Student of the Year

Isabella Russell

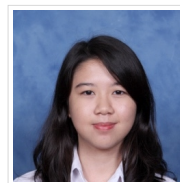
Teacher: Ms Kalan



Business Services - Finalist

Nerisa-Grace Chan

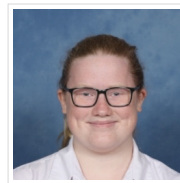
Teacher: Ms Riad / Ms Burgess



Entertainment - Finalist

Susan Henderson

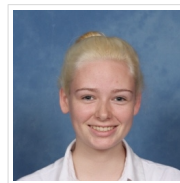
Teacher: Ms Pryce



Hospitality Kitchen Operations - Finalist

Jade Kearsey

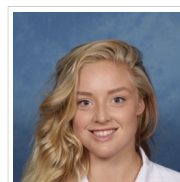
Teacher: Ms Mulligan



Sport Coaching - Finalist

Keely Lanham

Teacher: Mr Butler



Trial HSC

Trial HSC examinations started for Year 12 students in Week 4 and will conclude at the end of week 6. Students are necessarily more tense than usual and, no doubt, working hard to ensure study plans and routines are followed.

To cope with the Trial HSC, as the forerunner to the actual HSC, my advice for parents is the same as it always is: smile, stay calm and feed them well with good, delicious food.



Changes to the 2020 Higher School Certificate

The HSC was last revised 17 years ago, before the advent of smartphones, social media and Google, before the Global Financial Crisis and before the need for an education that meets the demands of a knowledge economy. The HSC and school education must take account of these global economic and technological changes and grasp the opportunities they present.

Key areas for reform have been identified through extensive consideration of issues relating to the HSC by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Studies (BOSTES) at board level and in consultation with major stakeholders over the past three years.

At the heart of the HSC reforms is the establishment of a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy for the award of the HSC.

Literacy and numeracy skills underpin a student's success at school and in their life after they graduate, whether they choose to pursue further studies and training or enter the workforce. Ensuring students attain the requisite skills in these two essential areas is one of the main goals of the school education system. The priority of this goal will be realised by setting a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy for the award of the HSC credential.

The Minimum Standard reform underpins the two other areas of reform – Curriculum and Assessment – through revised course structure and content, as well as streamlined assessment.

These changes will provide:

- a flexible HSC that caters for the needs of all students, and
- options to extend all students in their studies.

Each reform will be implemented to meet the specific needs of each syllabus area.

MINIMUM STANDARD	Reform 1: Establish a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy for the award of the HSC
CURRICULUM	Reform 2: Ensure currency of syllabuses through regular syllabus review Reform 3: Offer new BOSTES HSC courses
ASSESSMENT	Reform 4: Introduce new, rigorous guidelines for effective school-based assessment Reform 5: Redesign HSC examinations to assess depth of knowledge and application of skills Reform 6: Research and expand use of computer-based assessment Reform 7: Apply a common scale for subjects with a hierarchical structure

GRC Curriculum Expo

This term we opened our doors to both students and parents from our GRC middle campuses and from other public and private schools. There was a positive vibe from our visitors as we embarked on the important process of Year 10 Subject Selections for Year 11 next year.

I would like to thank head teachers and teachers of each of the faculties for the information they provided to parents as we prepare to transition GRC Year 10 students into our senior campus.

We would love feedback on any aspect and want the opportunity to clarify or assist, so please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any queries that haven't been addressed at our forums.

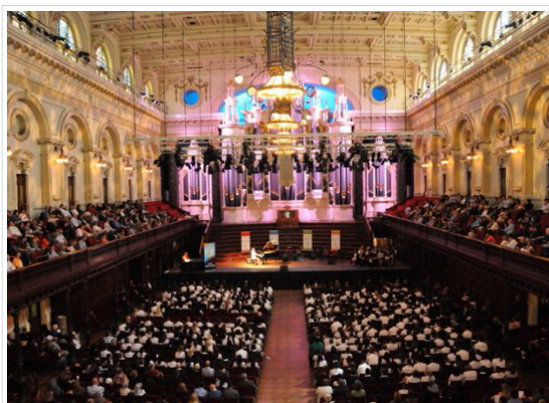
Year 11 2017 enrolments are now open. Please tell neighbours or family who are seeking enrolment, to get their applications in as soon as possible.



Year 12 Graduation

Our Year 12 Graduation will be held on Friday 23rd September at the Sydney Town Hall. The prime focus of this event is for students to have the opportunity to celebrate with their parents, teachers and year group, the successful completion of six years of secondary schooling graduating from Georges River College Oatley Senior Campus.

The event starts at 10.30am. Year 12 are required to be at the venue by 9:45am. We look forward to seeing you at this event. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from our front office.



New Online Parent Portal

GRC Oatley Campus have launched a new online payment portal linked to the school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students

- Other

When?

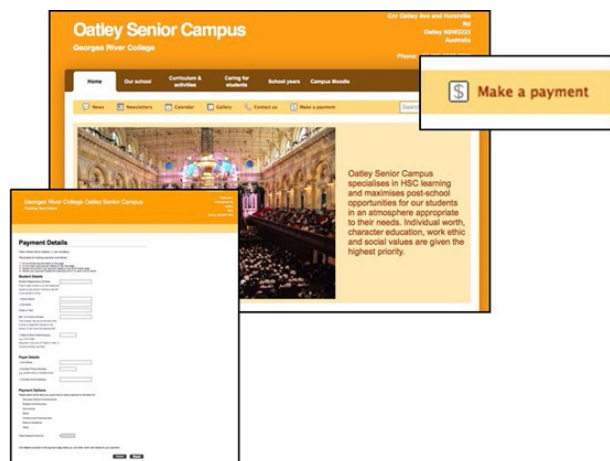
- Immediately.

How?

- Log onto School website at <http://www.oatleysnr-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>
- Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

School Receipts?

- Payments made before 6pm are receipted at the school the following business day.



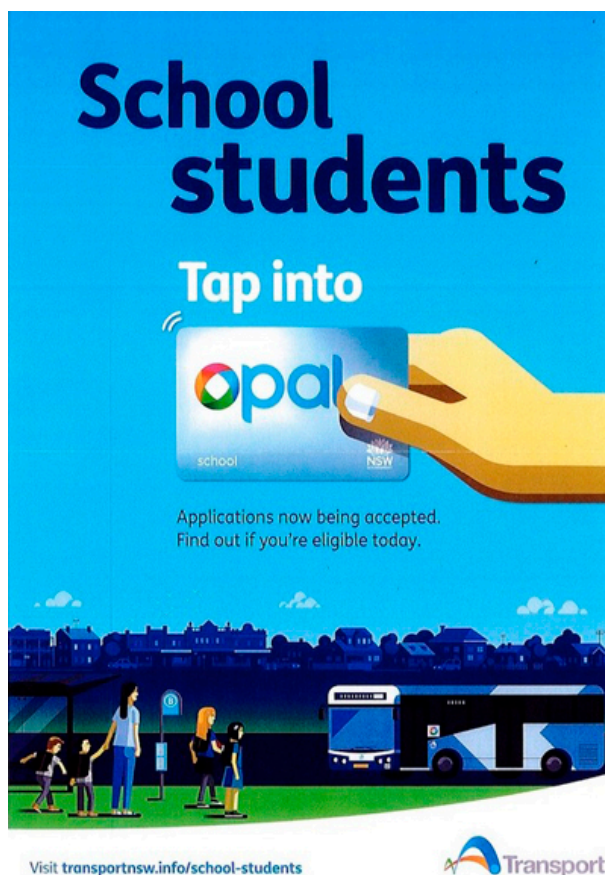
School Opal Cards

One of the more significant changes created by the recent introduction of the School Opal card is the need for students to tap on and off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due to the lack of recorded patronage.

With this in mind, I ask for your assistance in reminding your child that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card.

Anna Girginis
Principal



Titration Competition

Each year the Royal Australian Chemical Institute runs a state-wide chemistry analytical competition for senior high school students, called the titration competition.

This year the competition was held on Saturday 18th June. Georges River College entered five teams. Students compete in teams of three, each team having to determine the concentration of three unknown acetic acid solutions and the accuracy required is to four decimal places. Students must be very competent with the technique and also able to do the calculations needed.

Our teams this year competed at Western Sydney University at Campbelltown.

Thanks to all the students for the hours spent training and then giving up a Saturday to compete. This was complicated by the lack of trains due to track work on the day.

We gained second, third, fourth and fifth place at the venue and will await State results which usually are published in about a month's time.

Our teams were;

1. Jai Ghorpade, Steven Li, Kenny Rong
2. Aneeta Augustine, Mehdi Hamdi, Kimberly Chan
3. Zoe Collis, Jessica Peterson, Andrew Johnson
4. Eddison Zhao, Aaron Hall, Daniel Haren
5. Hamza Rafi, Cooper Challinor, Nuntawon Sathapanase the **Reserve**: Ansaar Baig

Congratulations to all these students on a job well done.

Margaret Hogan
Scott MacKenzie

RACI National Titration Competition

Breaking news! The school has just been informed that two of our teams that competed in the State Titration Chemistry Competition in June have been invited to compete at the National level in September.

The teams are:

Team 1: Eddison Zhao, Aaron Hau, Daniel Haren

Team 2: Cooper Challinor, Nuntawun Sathapanasethe, Hamza Rafi

The National Titration competition is a 3-hour competition in which the same team of three from the State competition perform more difficult acid-base titrations.

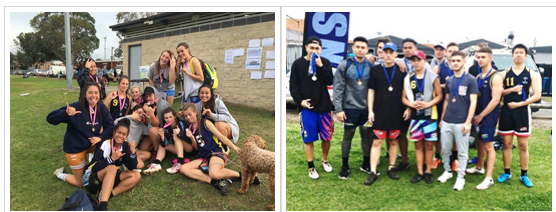
Congratulations and good luck.



OZ TAG GALA DAY

Held on Monday 1st of August at Scarborough Park, 3 teams from GRC Oatley competed in the OZ Tag Gala Day - a combined boys' team, a year 11 girls and a year 12 girls' teams.

All 3 teams went through their groups stages undefeated with the boys team going on to win the Grand Final 4-1. Both girls' teams had draws in their pool matches, which resulted in them playing each other in the major semi-final. The year 12 team gained bragging rights by defeating the year 11 girls 1-0. Unfortunately the year 12 girls then went on to lose 1-0 in overtime in the grand final.



Information for Parents and Students:

Great news!

Our school has subscribed to the ELES Online Study Skills Handbook.

The ELES Online Study Skills Handbook provides a comprehensive and interactive online guide for the school community (students, parents and teachers) as to the study skills needed for success in high school studies. This approach taps into students' affinity with technology to create a new and effective way to improve students' study skills.

This is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns and enable students to learn new ways to improve their results at school. The handbook has a huge amount of information for both students and parents as well as a large number of interactive activities.

To access the handbook, go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and login as a subscriber with these details:

Username: [grcoatlaysenior](#)

Password: gr8achieve

The topics currently covered by the handbook are:

AT HOME

1. Home Study Environment
2. Organisation and Filing
3. Time Management Skills
4. Managing Workload
5. Dealing with Distractions
6. Overcoming Procrastination
7. Developing Motivation
8. Goal Setting
9. Lifestyle and Balance
10. Managing Stress

AT SCHOOL

1. Will we ever use this?
2. Using Classrooms
3. Asking for Help
4. Dealing with Conflict
5. [Groupwork Skills](#)

SPECIFIC SKILLS

1. Reading Skills
2. Writing Skills
3. Mathematical Skills
4. Language Skills
5. Research Skills
6. Presentation Skills
7. Science Skills
8. Assignment Skills

TESTS AND EXAMS

1. Summarising
2. Active Studying
3. Preparing for Exam Blocks
4. Test-Taking Techniques
5. After Tests & Exams

EXTRA 'GENERAL' MINI-UNITS

1. Starting Secondary School
2. Becoming a Senior Student
3. Bullying: Issues and Strategies
4. Managing Part-Time Jobs
5. Your Brain and Memory
6. Live Your Best Life
 - + Educational Kinesiology
 - + Living Across 2 Houses
 - + Travel: A Motivator to Learn
 - + Uni: Lecture Note-Making

EXTRA TECHNOLOGY MINI-UNITS

1. Technology Tools
2. Basic Computer Skills
3. Be CyberSmart
 - + Useful Apps for iPads
 - + Microsoft OneNote



We encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop their students' study skills abilities through this online resource.

www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

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Remember you can receive up to date information related to your child's career interest areas at:

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Register for related email updates

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Year 12 students are now implementing the decisions they have

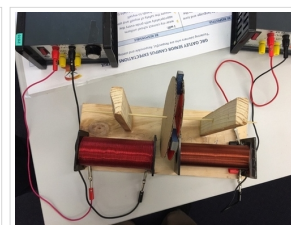
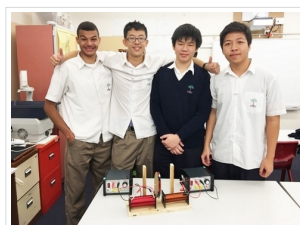
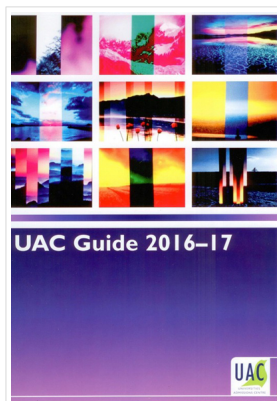
made about the next exciting stage in their career.

They will have several options in mind and will apply for multiple courses or jobs

- **Seeking employment:** employers and group training companies will soon be advertising and interviewing prospective apprentices, trainees and job seekers. Most applications are on line. Browse the job sites listed in *My Transition Plan*
- **TAFE:** Open day is Sat 27th August at Ultimo TAFE. The new Career Guide 2017 should be available on the day. Enrolment will open late November / early December. Ring the campus offering your course for assistance
- **University:** Students received the new UAC Guide 2016-17 at our University market on 3rd August. They were also able to speak with University representatives, current or newly graduated students, who gave handy tips and shared their knowledge and advice. Apply to UAC by 30th September to avoid a late fee. Add, delete, re-order preferences until 6th January.

If your child doesn't have a UAC Guide they can collect one from the Careers Office.

Penny Morrison
Careers Adviser
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Geek after dark is a series of stimulating programs of talks, comedy and performances last Thursday of every second month.

GEEK AFTER DARK

ZOHAB KHAN ON POETRY

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ENGINEERING STUDIES by Mr.Polyzoidis

Engineering Studies students in Year 11 had to devise a Braking System based on a existing system that would be modified or enhanced in a Team Scenario. Students created their models

using materials that are recycled from waste timber from the wood workshop. The projects made consisted of Magnetic Induction Brakes, Friction Brakes, Band Brakes and Hydraulic Systems.

Well Done Boys.