

# Oberon High School

Shape Your Future - Go One Better

## ORIENTATION NEWSLETTER

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Tuesday 7th December, 2021

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS WILL BE MONDAY 31ST JANUARY, 2022

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday 16th February, 2022**. Information regarding the **ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM** will be sent out prior to photo day.

### SWIMMING SPORTS

The 2022 Oberon High School House Swimming Sports will be held on **Friday 19th February** at Kardinia Pool. We encourage all students to get practicing over the holidays so you can swim some laps. If you're not a swimmer, this is a whole school activity and any students who are not competing are encouraged to dress up in your House colours at this special whole school event to support your House representatives. Do your House proud!

### YEAR 7 CAMP

Camps will be held for Year 7 students - Group 1 - from **Monday 7th February - Wednesday 9th February**. Group 2 - **Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th February, 2022** at Alexandra Adventure Camp. Information has been distributed to parents.

### ATHLETIC SPORTS

The 2022 Oberon High School House Athletic Sports will be held on **Monday 21st March, 2022** at Landy Field.

We encourage all students to participate and to dress up in your House colours at this special whole school event.

### COMMENCEMENT DATES 2022

- Monday 24th & 25th January - School Office open
- Wednesday 26th January - **School Closed Australia Day Public Holiday** -
- Thursday 27th January - School office open
- Friday 28th January - **STUDENT FREE DAY** - School Office Open All staff in attendance
- Monday 31st January - Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 commence school.
- Tuesday 1st February Students in Years 8, 9 & 10 commence school. All students now in attendance.
- Monday 7th February - Wednesday 9th February Year 7 Camp Group 1
- Wednesday 9th February - Friday 11th February Year 7 Camp Group 2

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was great to have the 2022 Year 7 students join us as part of the transition program on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. By all reports the students had a great time as they immersed themselves into the Oberon High School community, supported by the school transition team headed by Assistant Principal Mr Josh Baker, Middle Years Manager Ms Renae Barnett, Year 7 Managers Mr Brad Clough and Mr Sam Nicholson, significant teachers and their Year 9 buddies.

What has been particularly pleasing is the positive interactions that have occurred between students from the various primary schools. Our teachers spoke highly of the initial interactions that they had with the incoming group and are excited to be working with the cohort in 2022.

As Principal of Oberon High School I look forward to getting to know all of the 2022 Year 7 students and will watch with interest as they develop academically, socially and emotionally through their time at the school.

I encourage parents to make contact with the school and the key contacts that are detailed below if there are issues that need to be discussed or addressed. As a school, I believe that we are very responsive to reasonable requests that will enhance the educational experience of students at the school.

Oberon High School has many strengths that has resulted in it being acknowledged as a high performing secondary school. One of these is the many and varied opportunities that are offered to students throughout their time at the school, I am hopeful that these will all return in 2022 as we rebound from the COVID pandemic.

However the experience that the students experience will be reflected in their willingness to take up and be involved in the opportunities offered.

As is highlighted in the school mantra, I encourage all students to 'shape your future ... go one better'.

There are a number of key contacts at the school if you have anything you wish to discuss:

- Mr Josh Baker - Assistant Principal (Years7/8)
- Ms Priscilla Riles-Smith - Year 7 & 8 Sub-school Leading Teacher
- Mr Brad Clough - Year 7 Manager
- Mr Sam Nicholson - Year 7 Manager

The 2022 school year for Year 7s begins on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January with staff returning to school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January. The school office will be open for enquiries from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and an enjoyable and safe summer break and look forward to seeing the students return to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**Tim McMahon**

## OBERON HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The Oberon High School Parent Newsletter is produced fortnightly and is an important source of information for parents.

**If you would like to receive the newsletter via email and have not included your email address on your child's enrolment information please contact the General Office.**

A small number of printed copies are available in the Reception Foyer waiting area and it is also available via the school website [www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.oberonhs.vic.edu.au)

## STUDENT ABSENCES

A reminder to all parents of the importance of phoning in absences early in the morning of your child's absence.

For your convenience you can leave a message on our absence line number 4241 8088

Our SMS system will send a message out each day after 12pm to those parents whose child is absent from any class without notification.

## LATE PASSES

If your child arrives late to school they must first report to the Office with a note signed by a Parent or Guardian or they can state that a parent has phoned the school.

## EARLY LEAVE PASSES

If your child needs to leave school early for an appointment please ensure that you send a signed note with them to show the class teacher and then they must report to the General Office with their note. If no note is provided the office staff will check if a parent has phoned the school.

If you have an unexpected reason for your child to leave school early please phone the school on 5241 8000 as early as possible to allow plenty of time to locate your child in their timetabled class to have them at the office ready when you arrive.



**Thank you for your assistance.**

## YEAR 7 TRANSITION PROGRAM

As part of the Year 7 Transition Program, a two day camp will take place from **Monday 7th to Friday 11th February** at Alexandra Adventure Resort. Half of the cohort will attend the Camp from Monday to Wednesday and the other half will attend from Wednesday to Friday. The cost of the Camp is \$346. A deposit of \$100 was due by Friday 19th November. The Balance of \$246 is due by Friday 10th December (*unless a payment plan has been organised with Julie in the Office*).

This important Camp allows students to interact with their new school buddies, assisting in a smooth transition to Secondary School life. The students will enjoy many activities designed to develop team skills, friendships and positive relationships between students and teachers.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS SICK BAY

If your son or daughter becomes unwell at school they must ask their teacher to give them a note and come straight to the Office to be signed into Sick Bay.



If the student is too unwell to remain at school a staff member in the office will then telephone a Parent/Guardian.

Please remind your son or daughter that Sick Bay is a place for sick students to rest before being picked up by a parent or to rest for 15 minutes before returning to class. It is not a place for extended stays.

It is vitally important for parents to provide up-to-date contact numbers and emergency numbers in case of illness or emergency.

Please remember that if your child is sick the best place for them to recover is at home.

**Please remind your son/daughter to come to the office if unwell and not to telephone or message parents themselves.**

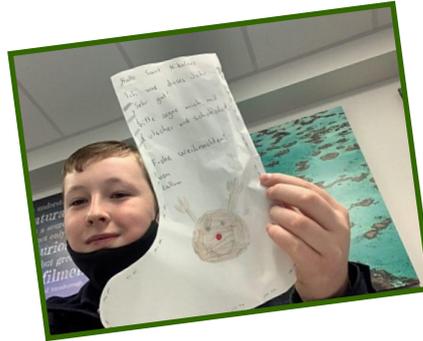
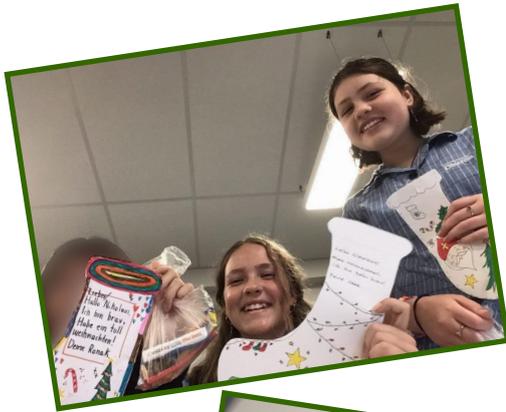
## STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

### An important notice to all parents:

- Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.
- Parents are advised to take out ambulance cover because if a student is involved in an emergency medical incident at school an ambulance will be called.
- Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.
- The Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for loss or damage to such property.

## LANGUAGES NEWS

Junior German classes prepared a boot in readiness for Sankt Nikolaus' visit on December 6th.  
Many students were rewarded with some sweets and chocolates.  
Luckily no-one received sticks and coal!



## LANGUAGES CORNER

We don't often realise how big Australia is in comparison to other countries



## NUMBERS

Here are the numbers from 1 to 10. These form the basis for larger number in each of the languages. Once you know the basics, learning the rest will be easy!

	Indonesian	German
1 (one)	satu	eins
2 (two)	dua	zwei
3 (three)	tiga	drei
4 (four)	empat	vier
5 (five)	lima	fünf
6 (six)	enam	sechs
7 (seven)	tujuh	sieben
8 (eight)	delapan	acht
9 (nine)	sembilan	neun
10 (ten)	sepuluh	zehn

## YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS Monday 7th March , 2022

Immunisations will be held at School on **Monday 7th March, 2022.**

Consent forms were given to your child during Orientation; could parents please return these to the office if you haven't already done so, even if your child does not require the immunisation.



### Year 7 Students: Monday 7th March, 2022 - 2 Injections:

- HPV (Human Papillomavirus - First of 2 doses)
- Boostrix - Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough (Pertussis) - One single injection

### Year 7 Students: Thursday 10th November, 2022 - 1 Injection:

- HPV (Human Papillomavirus - Second of 2 doses)

If parents have any questions regarding immunisations please call Barwon Health Immunisation on 4215 6962 or visit [immune@barwonhealth.org.au](mailto:immune@barwonhealth.org.au).

## YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS Monday 7th March , 2022

### Please mark in your diary

#### Week 2

Monday 31st January, 2022 Years 7, 11 & 12 students start school

Tuesday 1st February, 2022 Years 8, 9 & 10 students start school with all students now in attendance

#### Week 3

**Monday 7th February - Wednesday 9th February**

- Year 7 Camp to Alexandra Adventure Camp Group 1 **Wednesday 9th February - Friday 11th February**
- Year 7 Camp to Alexandra Adventure Camp Group 2

#### Week 4

Wednesday 16th February School Photographs

#### Week 5

Tuesday 22nd February School House Swimming Sports (Kardinia Pool)

#### Week 6

Monday 7th March Year 7 Immunisation HPV Dose 1 & Boostrix (1st of 2 doses)

#### Week 8

Monday 14th March Labour Day Public Holiday - **School Closed**

#### Week 9

Monday 21st March School Athletic Sports - Landy Field

#### Week 12

Friday 8th April **LAST DAY OF TERM ONE - 2.30 pm finish**

Friday 15th April Good Friday Public Holiday  
Monday 11th April - Friday 22nd April School Holidays  
Monday 25th Anzac Day Public Holiday

### TERM 2

#### Week 1

Tuesday 26th April **TERM 2 COMMENCES**

## STUDENT MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Could all parents talk with their students about any medical needs that they may have. Please note the following:

Students should always carry **Ventolin Puffers, Epi-Pens, Diabetic Requirements** with them on outings – often classes go to sporting or other activities out of the classroom or school. Sporting bags are locked in the change rooms during class time and are not always accessible. If your student has **newly diagnosed** or **changed medical conditions** it is vital that the school is notified of this information.

Any students with **Anaphalaxis** are required to have **epi-pens (current date)** as follows:

- One to be kept with the updated student's Action Plan at **the School Office at all times, to be labelled with student's name.** (Staff members will take this one when student is **out of school on an excursion, on camp or at sport**)
- Their own personal named pen to be kept **with the student** at all times.
- Any changes to their Action Plan must be provided to the school. If your student **no longer** has an **allergy** we require this information **in writing** from your Doctor.

If your student requires **antihistamines** for **hayfever** or **cramp medication, pain medication** etc. they are able to carry one single dose of their medication with them, or parents can complete a Medication Authority Form (name, dosage etc) and give the medication to Office staff who will lock it securely away in Sick Bay in a named file for your son or daughter to access during the school day as needed/required. The school is not permitted to provide any of our supply of pain medication to students even with a phone call from a parent. We are happy to phone parents to ask for some pain medication to be dropped off at school if your son or daughter needs it.

If students need to take regular medication during school hours, parents are asked to complete a Medication Authority Form form (which can be emailed to parents or sent home with your son or daughter upon request) and hand the completed form and medication to a Sick Bay staff member in the office, who will then lock it securely away in a named file for your son or daughter in Sick Bay. Students then need to report to the office at the correct time where an office staff member will assist your son or daughter.

Students are forbidden to offer any medication to another student. Please check that your students medications are **in date**, this is a vital requirement especially for **Epi-Pens and Ventolin.** **If you receive a letter from the school reminding you of this need to update, please respond as soon as possible to ensure the safety of your child.**

Please advise your son/daughter that **emergency supplies** of medications such as Ventolin and Epi-pens (in case of an asthma and anaphylaxis emergency) are available in sickbay if they see Office Staff. During the warmer weather please remind your child to drink plenty of water during the day. Students are permitted to take water bottles into class.

These guidelines are in place to ensure the health and safety of all our students.

Thank you for your assistance.

# OBERON SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

**A reminder to all students of the importance of wearing correct school uniform at all times.**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

School uniform is compulsory for all students in Years 7 -12.

Parents/Carers need to ensure students are wearing correct uniform. If students are to be out of uniform, they should be given a note explaining why this is necessary which is used to obtain a Uniform Pass from an Assistant Principal before 9:00 am. Failure to carry a note may lead to a lunch time detention.

Correct school uniform should be worn to and from school, at school, and on school excursions. Students seen outside the school in school uniform should behave in a manner that enhances the school's reputation in the community. Uniforms worn incorrectly (e.g. without shoes), leaves as much of a bad impression as unseemly behaviour. We expect to have parent and student support in ensuring that our uniform is worn.

## STUDENT PRESENTATION

All students should be presented in a neat and tidy manner. School policy states that extreme hair styles or extensive jewellery are not acceptable at Oberon High School.

Jewellery should be kept to a minimum and should not be of a type that could cause injury. Earrings should be either sleepers or studs. One simple ring is allowed. Necklaces and chains should not be visible.

### Note:

If garments are worn under shirts, they must be white and have no motifs on them. If extra layers are worn they must be worn under the school jumper and must not be visible. No hooded jumpers. For safety reasons, shoes should be fully fastened or laces tied

## SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dark blue Oberon unisex track pants. Dark blue and green Oberon shorts. Students are expected to get changed just before Phys Ed classes. Sports uniforms cannot be worn to school.

## VCE STUDENTS IN YEAR 12

Year 12 students may wear the specific Year 12 jumper.



**Oberon**

Your uniform is available at the  
**PSW STORE IN GEELONG**

Uniforms can be purchased in store or can be purchased online through PSW's website (see below)

**164 Malop Street, Geelong**  
(just East of Officeworks)

Ph: 03 9768 0383

Email: Geelong@psw.com.au Website: www.psw.com.au

## Oberon High Uniform



**SUMMER UNIFORM**

Uniform should be worn appropriately. This includes:

- Shorts and pants unrolled
- Kilts full length

**WINTER UNIFORM**

All clothing worn must be the Oberon High School uniform.

**SPORTS/PE UNIFORM**

You must get changed before and after PE into your sports uniform. Do not wear it to school.

When representing Oberon at sports days, full sports uniform must be worn.

**ACCESSORIES**

No hats inside—leave them in your locker

Black or white socks only

Black polishable shoes

No boots

If you are out of uniform you **must** get a uniform pass!

Passes are available at the office at the beginning of the day.

## PSW - UNIFORM PRICE LIST

General	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1112048	S/S Polo with Contrast Placket	Navy_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	39.50
1112339	L/S Polo with Stape Collar & Contrast Placket	Navy_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	40.50
1102706	Rugby Jumper w Stripes	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	87.95
1101015	S/S Hip Shirt	White	Embroidery	10/3XS-16/S	24.95
1101055	L/S Shirt - Stand Collar	White	Embroidery	10/3XS-16/S	25.95
				18/M-3XL	27.95
Unisex	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1118372	Puffa Jacket	Ink	Embroidery	10/3XS-14/XS	71.00
				16/S-4XL	81.00
Female	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1118016	Summer Dress with Adjustable Back Tab	Blue/White/Navy Check - 268	Embroidery	8G-20L	70.95
1112050	Pleated Skirt - Calf Length	Bottle/Ink/Royal/White Check - 9270		4L-24L	79.95
1111927	Ladies Tailored Shorts-Adjustable Waist	Ink		4L-20L	42.95
1111991	Ladies Expandable Tailored Pant	Ink		4L-20L	56.60
Sport	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
1110147	S/S Mesh Polo w Contrast thru Sleeve	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-4XL	40.50
1112051	Borded Jacket with Contrast Panels	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	86.95
1112017	Stretch Microfibre Tracksuit Pants	Ink	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	57.95
1112049	Microfibre Shorts with Contrast Piping	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	10/3XS-3XL	35.00
1112340	Girls Microstretch Short-Contrast Piping	Ink_Bottle_White	Embroidery	4L-20L	35.00
1101919	Baseball Cap	Ink	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	18.95
Accessories	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
8301105	Backpack with Reflective Piping	Yale_RSilver	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	63.50
2513000	Ghills Tights	Black		11-14-14-14	13.95
				MID-XTALL	17.95
Socks	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)	
2511050	Crew Socks - 3 pack	Black		2-8-11-14	17.95
1110760	Cushion Foot Sports Socks - 3 Pack	White		0S-0S	5.00
				2-8-11-14	17.95
2512000	Turnover/Knee Hi Sock - 3 Pack	White		2-8-8-11	19.95



# SAVER PLUS



## Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✔ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment\*
- ✔ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✔ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
- ✔ Be 18+ years old

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Amanda Vernon  
[avernon@bethany.org.au](mailto:avernon@bethany.org.au)  
 5278 8122

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Find out more at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

## How to reach your SAVINGS GOALS with Saver Plus



Set a savings goal for an education cost



Make regular savings deposits for 10 months



Complete online financial education workshops



Receive up to \$500 in matched savings from ANZ

Key eligibility criteria to join Saver Plus:

- ✔ Have a current health care card **OR** pensioner concession card
- ✔ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school
- ✔ Have regular income from work, yourself **OR** your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

Learn more

- [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)
- 1300 610 355
- [saverplus@bsl.org.au](mailto:saverplus@bsl.org.au)
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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



# No Interest Loans



For school essentials you need now.

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[barwon-nils@vt.uniting.org](mailto:barwon-nils@vt.uniting.org)

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