



Newsletter

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From the Deputy's Desk

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Dedication Service

Last Thursday, the school held its Dedication Service. You may wonder, as I did when I first attended, what is a Dedication Service? The phrase dedicate is not uncommon to us, but in a biblical sense it has a profound meaning. When we dedicate our lives to God, we are essentially saying, we belong to God and we are in His service. On Thursday, the school community came together to dedicate our school to God. We prayed for God's wisdom for decision-making, and prayers were offered to our staff, community and students. The Dedication Service highlighted a wonderful mindset of the school, namely that we belong to God, and trust in Him in all that we say and do. As Proverbs 16:3 reminds us; "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

Lead yourself to lead others well

At assembly, it was great to see so many new students join the OCS community. The Student Leadership Team (SLT) was introduced to the school to assist students get to know their elected leaders. All students were reminded that they were leaders that could influence others for good or for bad. Students were reminded to take responsibility for their own words and actions, and to seek to help and assist others.

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- His Truth that sets us free. Our freedom that we have in Christ.
- The opportunity that we had to join together as a school community at the Dedication Service, last week.
- The great start at OCS by new students and particularly Kindergarten.

Please pray for:

- The Swimming Carnival this week. For safety and for great participation by all.
- The upcoming Primary and Secondary information evenings.
- God's provision for the Staff Vacancies at OCS

Supporting Positive Study Habits
OCS & Elevate Education present
Effective study seminars to students and parents
HOW TO HELP GET (& KEEP!) YOUR CHILD MOTIVATED
PARENT SEMINAR:
WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 6:30PM
To register for the FREE 60-minute webinar simply click here!
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[Click here to register for free](#)

For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- OCS Swimming Carnival - **8th Feb**
- Primary Information Night - **9th Feb**
- Secondary Information Night - **14th Feb**
- OCS Photo Days - **15th + 17th Feb**
- Cross Country - **24th Feb**
- Zone Swimming Carnival - **28th Feb**
- RYDA - **1st March**
- Year 12 University Showcase - **1st March**
- Clean Up Australia Day - **3rd March**

Further dates at www.ocs.nsw.edu.au

Regulars

- STAR - **M-Th 3:15-5pm**
- After School Care - **M-F 3:15 - 5:30pm**
- SQUAD - **M + T 3:15 - 4:30pm**
- Primary Assemblies - **Friday fortnightly 9:30am.**
- Secondary Assemblies - **Friday fortnightly 10:50am**

More information on



Photo Day 2023 – UNIFORMS

Photo Day is fast approaching at OCS! We have two photo days this year, one on **Wednesday, 15th February, and the other on Friday, 17th February.** There will be a schedule sent home this week so you can be prepared on the day that your child will have their photo taken. If you haven't ordered yours yet, please see the last page for instructions on how to do so.

Students are to wear full summer school uniform – neatly presented.

No Sports uniform (Prep excluded)

Socks:

- All boys must wear grey crew socks at least ankle height.
- Primary girls must wear navy crew length socks
- Secondary girls must wear navy knee length socks

Ties:

- Primary Girls must wear a navy tab tie.
- All Secondary boys Year 7 – 12 must wear school tie.

Yr 11 + 12:

- All must wear a blazer.
- Boys must wear trousers (no shorts) and tie.
- Girls must wear calf length skirt and tartan tab tie.

Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



The Primary School Information Night is this Thursday the 9th at 7:00pm in the Learning Hub. We would love every family to join us for this event. Come and meet the teachers and hear about what is happening in the Primary School this year. If there is a particular topic that you would like me to address, please contact me directly and I will aim to do so if time permits.

Year 3–6 head to the OCS Swimming Carnival this Wednesday. We hope you have a great day!

Secondary School

LEN ELLIOTT



Secondary students have settled in well. It's been great to see the way students have embraced the new year and are working steadily at the routine of classes, assessments and general school life.

Everyone's looking forward to the usual busy day at the Swimming Carnival this week. We hope to see you there.

Another approaching highlight is the Stage 6 retreat to Canberra, which will take place in Week 7. Students will undertake activities in their compressed courses, while finding out about tertiary opportunities as they undertake a couple of university tours. Should be good! Senior parents, more info will go home soon.

Student Development

ADRIAN LEE



A vital part of student development at OCS is our Outdoor Education program. These camps and other programs allow students to learn so many things outside the classroom. The first set are coming up soon. In Week 6 of Term 1, Stage 4 head off to Six Foot Track, Year 9 will have their Slum Survivor camp and Year 10 activities will be advised soon.

In week 7 Stage 2 have their exciting sleepover and Stage 6 head off to Canberra for their retreat to check out the Unis.

Don't forget too that at the end of term our Fiji mission trip head off. Please pray for the team, the events and everyone in Fiji who we meet.



Photo Day Uniform cont...

Shoes:

- Clean polished black leather school shoes are to be worn.
- No sneakers.

Hair + Jewellery:

- Hair must be neat and tidy + of natural hair colour.
- Boys to be cleanly shaven.
- Jewellery must remain no more than two plain studs (no larger than 5mm) or sleepers in lower ear lobe and a watch (no Smart watches).
- No bracelets, necklaces and other piercings are allowed.



SQUAD

Days: Monday and Tuesday
Times 3.15pm - 4.30pm

- Term 1: Soccer and Netball
- Term 2: Athletics and Volleyball/Basketball
- Term 3: Multisports
- Term 4: Cricket and Touch Football

Please be advised that Terms 2,3 and 4 may change. Notification will be given prior to the term commencing.



Welcome
Mrs. Alison Nelson

Alison joins the OCS team as a Teacher Aide and Squad coach. She loves to spend time playing netball and tennis. Alison has spent time coaching netball, enjoying watching students grow in their skills and passion for the sport. An average weekend involves spending time with family and time with church family. A good book is always a welcomed item in her week!

From the Registrar

LOUISE BORNEN



It has been such a delight and pleasure to welcome our new students into the lovely and vibrant community of OCS and to welcome back our returning students who are ready to learn again. What a joy to see the kindergarten students take their first steps into "big school," to see the smiles on their faces and to hear the

laughter from them whilst playing in the playground. I wish all the students every success for this coming year and look forward to seeing them grow and to be part of their educational journeys.

From the Teaching and Learning Coordinator

BELINDA ELLIOT



This year I have been entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing teaching and learning at OCS. This new role combines my passion for Christian education and for developing best teaching practice to improve student outcomes. A book that OCS teachers use is a curriculum development resource published by the National Institute for Christian Education, 'Transformation by Design'.

This helps teachers plan teaching activities from a Christian worldview. For example, Stage 5 English are studying a unit, War and Peace, including poems by Wilfred Owen and protest songs. Throughout the term, students learn how various texts have been shaped by past events such as the World Wars and may consider how powerful words are and how they can be used to influence and change our culture today.

Sport Spot

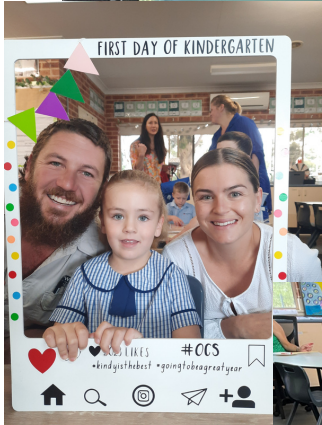
CAT BUCKERFIELD



In Daniel 3, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had to trust in God even against an otherwise unstoppable force. Despite being thrown into a furnace, heated seven times the normal temperature, the three men did not let their faith in God falter. In the end, God showed up, protected His children, and the three men walked out of the furnace unscathed. While we might not face a fiery furnace on a daily basis, our insecurities and fears are just as important to God, the Father.

OCS Sports houses are [Shadrach](#), [Meshach](#), and [Abednego](#) and they were wisely chosen for the courage of their convictions when faced with an unstoppable force. Our sports leaders are here to guide our students to a greater understanding that God is with us and protects us in all circumstances -this includes on the field of play, on the athletics track or even in the pool. All we need do is go forth with unwavering faith. BRING ON the 2023 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Photos



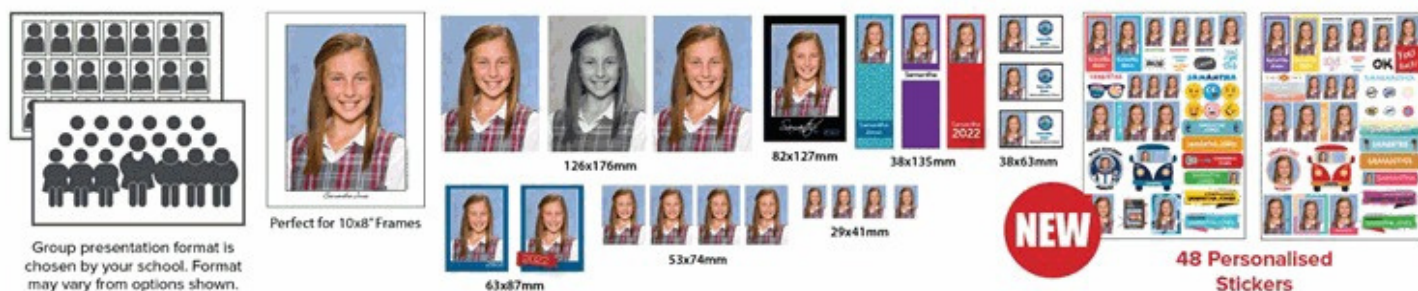
First Day
Welcome



Dedication Service



school photographs are coming up soon



Please note: Traditional, Composite or High-Resolution Virtual Group format is chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:

146 4H5 E7W

in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned approximately 6 weeks after the day of photography.

Please note this delivery timeframe is dependant on proofing and additional photography days at your school.

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists