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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

It is my great honour to be the foundation Principal of Oran Park High School. The Oran Park community waited many years for 'their high school' to be completed and it was really exciting that the moment finally arrived in January 2020 when the school opened its' doors to students for the first time. Oran Park High School is a visually stunning, beautifully designed school, full of future-focussed learning and social spaces. However, we need to keep in mind that great schools are not just about modern buildings but also about the people that work and learn within those buildings. Oran Park High School is a great school because we have a highly skilled and talented staff who are excited to be working with the children of this community, who they will nurture to be thoughtful, respectful and motivated young adults, and who are fully supported in this endeavour by their parents and carers. And it is also a great school because it is built on high expectations and mutually respectful relationships that position it at the heart of a new and growing community.

Brad Mitchell - Principal



OUR CULTURE & BRAND

We refer to our brand mark or school logo as 'Connection to Country'. The Connection to Country mark:

- signals the importance of indigenous heritage and connection to the environment.
- visual elements consist of: river, hills, star and waratah. The star as a central element combines indigenous and western symbolism and reflects the aspirations for the school and students – to reach for the stars.
- makes subtle reference to the Oran Park racing history through the wreath form (and its link to Oran Park Public School) but cleverly uses a waratah floral element – not only the state floral emblem but also the totem flower for the local Dharawal language group.

The school motto is:

PARTNERS IN LEARNING. This statement embodies the spirit of the stated vision: A future focused learning partnership. It speaks importantly of collaboration, inclusivity and participation where the teachers, students, parents and community are welcomed by the school to be active participants in the education of its young people.

It references also the Oran Park Public School statement: 'Love of Learning'.

CURRICULUM



At Oran Park High School we offer a range of curriculum opportunities for students. Throughout Year 7-10 students study mandatory subjects including English, Mathematics, Science, HSIE/Geography, PDHPE, Technology, Music, Visual Arts and Sport. In Year 7 students complete ICT classes and Year 8 they study Korean as their mandatory language. Once in Year 9 students can pick two electives that they study throughout Stage 5. These electives could include Child Studies, Commerce, Design and Technology, Food Technology, Music, Photographic and Digital Media, Physical Activity and Sports Studies and Visual Arts. In Year 11 and 12 students must take a mandatory English course which can include English Advanced, English Standard and English Studies. They then select at least 5 other courses to undertake from a range of key learning areas. These courses could include but are not limited to Ancient History, Business Studies, Chemistry, Design and Technology, Engineering Studies, Health and Movement Science, Industrial Technology, Investigating Science, Legal Studies, Mathematics, Modern History, Music, Software Engineering and Visual Arts. At Oran Park High School, we pride ourselves on regularly revising the curriculum offered in Year 11 and 12 and adjusting the courses based on student needs and wants.

Oran Park High School is fortunate to also have a Disability Support Unit with classes for students diagnosed with Autism and Multi-Categorical Disabilities. Students are placed in these classes via a regional panel process.



FACILITIES

The school has over 90 innovative, air conditioned learning spaces including :

- Flexible, future focused classrooms
- Maker spaces
- Lecture theatres
- Fitness studio
- Dance/drama studio
- Breakout spaces and seminar rooms
- School hall incorporating two basketball courts and a full stage
- Library and Senior Learning Centre
- Hospitality kitchen and Café
- Visual Arts and Technology and Design display galleries

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WELLBEING & TRAK



The Wellbeing team consists of the Year Advisors, Deputy Principals, Head Teachers Wellbeing, School Counsellor, Student Support Officers and Learning Support Teachers. The role of the Wellbeing team is to:

- support the wellbeing needs of students at Oran Park High School
- seek solutions to wellbeing issues, both general and individual
- refer wellbeing needs to specialist services or agencies, where appropriate
- coordinate activities and implement programs to support the wellbeing needs of students
- drive TRAK values across the school

The Wellbeing Team is supported by our Aboriginal and multicultural education teams to promote an inclusive, united and supportive school culture.

Oran Park High School is a Positive Behaviour for Success school. Our core values are: TRAK

- T – Team Work
- R – Respect
- A – Achievement
- K – Kindness

Students who are 'on TRAK' are working well with others, are considerate learners and citizens, try their best and treat everyone with kindness. Teachers reinforce positive behaviour, responsibility, effort and achievement through the use of the merit system.

Students will be awarded points through participation in all aspects of school life and by being 'on TRAK'. These points will contribute to a student's individual merit level and the Grand Prix House Championship.



OPPORTUNITIES & LEADERSHIP

Oran Park High School offers a wide range of opportunities for our students. These include:

- Creative and Performing Arts, including dance and drama
- School sport including athletics, swimming and cross country carnivals, gala days and state knockouts
- Business partnerships through ABCN, with OPTUS and other companies.
- Excursions, incursions and reward days

At Oran Park High School, we are committed to students being partners in the decision making process and having a voice within their school life. Students are selected for the leadership team by consistently displaying TRAK values. Our leadership team plays a crucial role in planning events, gathering feedback, and ensuring student opinions are represented. The leadership team provide opportunities for student voice to be heard and implemented into school activities and initiatives. Student leaders are expected to be organised, committed, and proactive in their roles, making a positive impact within our school community.

OUR COMMUNITY



Oran Park High School welcomes community participation in the school. Our community includes students, teaching staff, the executive, support staff, parents, interested community members, local businesses and industry.

Our school community is invited to participate through various meetings and school events. The school has an active P&C which meet on Monday evenings of Weeks 4 and 8 every term.

The school fosters open communication with our parents and carers through a number of channels such as:

- Facebook, including closed groups for parents/carers
- Instagram
- Newsletters
- Emails
- Sentral Parent Portal/Sentral Parent Portal app
- School Bytes
- Active school website



UNIFORM

Incoming parents were responsible for important decisions on school colours and uniform prior to the school opening.

We are extremely proud of our uniform and the school has a strict code to encourage a sense of school pride and responsibility. Being in uniform shows that our students are ready to learn and it sets a positive tone for the day ahead.

Our uniform is available exclusively through Lowes at Narellan Town Centre.



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