

# PIN OAK



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Esther Rough (Year 10) interviewed Kate Cunich, Deputy Head Learning, about our distinctive Oxley Year 7 - 10 programme - Cornerstone.

**How would you describe Cornerstone to someone who has never heard about it before?**

Cornerstone is a course where there is more thinking and discussion than writing – you often sit in a circle for most of a lesson listening and talking to each other.

**What are some**

As the sun begins to shine and the winds of August come to a close, I am beginning to see more light and in doing so

## Year 12 – nearly there!

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In the meantime, students have begun their HSC submissions and performances for project and practical courses with English 9l h Y b ]cb & z 8 fUa U Dfc YVg UbX: fYbW 7cb]bi Yfg CfU Yl Ua ]bU]cbg UfYUXmVta d YH H Y YfY UFY g] U bi a VYf cZ ]a dcfU bh academic dates ahead this term:

- Wednesday 2 September Year 12 Reports Emailed
- Thursday 3 September Y12 1:1 Consultations  
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- Monday 7 September HSC Music Projects Hand-in
- Thursday 10 September HSC DT Projects Hand-in
- Monday 14 September HSC Visual Arts Bodies of Work completion & hand-in due
- Wednesday 16 September HSC Music Performance Music 2 and Extension Marking -- External  
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## Cornerstone

My theme for this term has been to turn our eyes to the thriving learning that happens in our classes. You will see that in this issue we have a lens on our distinctive course, Cornerstone. It is a curriculum that we continue to evolve, a course that continues to both challenge, perplex and sometimes confuse our students as they grapple, often uncomfortably with both the content and pedagogy.

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MORE SCINTILATING SCIENCE NEWS

Year 10/11 CHEMISTRY Depth Studies

I had planned to use nitric acid, however I discovered that it takes a long time to react, so I adjusted the acid used. This is an important thing I learned about investigations in science; it is sometimes necessary to modify a plan. I also learned how essential a thorough plan is, as I then need to adjust the amount of magnesium used as well! Mack Kane

I investigated how using a catalyst can impact the rate of a reaction; by determining how much oxygen gas was produced measured by the height of detergent bubbles in the test tube. I learnt about the trial and error process when working with biological reagents. I also enjoyed driving my own investigation with limited outside guidance. This investigation related to my Biology learning as well so helped me understand new content in both subjects. Eliza Holloway

My question was 'How does the amount of hydrogen peroxide decomposition to oxygen gas. I learnt never to expect everything to go to plan as you will be under-prepared! Instead, have a back-up plan in place. Seeing my understanding of reaction rates. I realised I learn better when I am in control of my own learning, and am able to adjust as I go. Hal Canute

COMING UP... YEAR 8 students will soon be working in groups to develop a question about Energy, design and conduct a valid investigation, and analyse their collected data. These investigations will provide the scope to learn more about motion, heat, light and various potential energies stored chemically or elastically, as well as develop skills in experimental design.



Safe Partying: Brent Sanders

6fYbh GUbXYfgz U Zcfa Yf dc JW c Wf k \c bck delivers presentations to schools, universities and corporate groups led workshops with our Year 10, 11 and 12 students in gender groups last week on about the potentially devastating legal and wellbeing consequences of decisions that can be made in social situations, framed accordingly to age group and gender.

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Some examples of the feedback we received:

"Brent was a very down-to-earth sort of bloke, who somehow managed to be both engaging and meaningful about a very serious topic, whilst still keeping describe the many ways in which Brent impacted my thinking process as a whole, not only on the risk factors surrounding partying but the choices I might make as a young male. I was very fond of his use of the phrase

"It was very, very good. The speaker was exceptional and actually talked to the actual consequences of dumb decisions we make so quickly as young men. He was an engaging speaker and I hope he comes again" – a Senior boy

"The presenter was very friendly, funny and explained the topics discussed with such grace and understanding. He made sure everyone felt comfortable whilst also informing us of the facts and risks involved with party situations. Really valuable talk." – a Senior girl

"I think it was a fantastic presentation for many girls who might not have been aware of the implications of sexual assault. It was extremely valuable for us." – a Senior girl

NSW Rugby and Batyr: Mental Wellbeing for Senior Students

Rugby Australia have teamed up with mental health organisation Batyr to deliver a free online workshop for Year 11 and 12 students for whom sport disruption in 2020.

Sharni Williams, Olympic gold Medalist and Captain of the Australian Womens 7s Team and NSW Waratah Shaun Bokenham will lead the presentation and Q&A. Students will need to register in advance for a link to the webinar. Gh XYbhg k j fYWj Y hY UhYf VYck j jU Ya Uj rcXUrh

By Mark Case, Deputy Head Pastoral



**What has been the biggest challenge?**

It has been challenging to research and to understand which web sites are trustworthy and give dependable information. I have tried to write in a way that is not biased and to write without too much personal opinion, for my biography.

**Camille Vild Year 6**

**What have you been working on for your Legends and Legacies Open Classrooms presentation?**

# GALLERY





Within China, there are 459 communities that are known as "cancer villages". The main cause of this tragedy is attributed to the presence of asbestos in the environment.

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 movement in 1850, gender equality  
 has been the subject of social and  
 political discussion. Ideally, society  
 claims to value the two sexes equally,  
 however, this is contested in Simone  
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 argues that women, or in de Beauvoir  
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 where; after proving women could  
 work and be mothers – gender-based  
 discrimination bore the new face of  
 gender discrimination in the workplace.  
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 highly regarded paintings and artwork,  
 and how ironically, "85% of the nudes  
 are female" in The Metropolitan  
 Museum of Art while "less than 5% of  
 the artists in the modern art section  
 are female". The Guerrilla Girls aimed  
 to hold the MET. accountable for the  
 misogyny displayed through lack  
 of diverse gender representation in  
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 Irigaray articulates in her theories the  
 inevitable collapse of the patriarchy;  
 allowing for the aggrandise of women.  
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 embracing gender roles, a woman can  
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 both de Beauvoir and Irigaray argue  
 that women can be both mothers  
 and women, therefore dismissing the  
 societal ideal of compulsory maternity.

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 newborn child will seem to her like a  
 brother or sister rather than her own  
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 the maternal role suggests that while  
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 natural calling, the circumstance of the

pregnancy is central to the maternal  
 role that the mother does or does not  
 take on. This ideal of maternal destiny  
 is mirrored by Irigaray, who claims  
 that "since ancient times, mothers  
 have been associated with nature and  
 unthinking matter." Irigaray believes  
 that all women have historically been  
 associated with the role of "mother"  
 such that, whether or not a woman is  
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 according to that role. Professionally,  
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 gender than their male counterparts;  
 therefore, is limited by her capacity

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De Beauvoir states that women are  
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# INSPIRATION



FILM  
Babyteeth

"Babyteeth" uses the conventions of genre in order to lull viewers into a false sense of predictability in order to tell a much darker tale of addiction, infatuation reasons, perhaps the best descriptor of "Babyteeth" is that of a psychological horror; the realism Murphy depicts startling to the viewers as it forces us to analyse how we view ourselves and the subtle complexities that arise in times of crisis.

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By Pearl Bendle, Year 11



FILM  
The Road to El Dorado

This is a weird movie for me to write about. It has a large cult following, but barely anyone has seen it. It was made by DreamWorks, and immediately got overshadowed by their other smash-hit movies, so it never really got the reception it needed. The story follows no conventional trends, it goes all over the place, exploring new themes and ideas all the time. It is loosely based around its main characters Tulio and Miguel are con men by trade, and they start the movie rigging a game of dice to win a map to the ancient city of El Dorado. They get found out, obviously, there needs to be some action sequence where both pretend that they did not know the other one rigged merchant stands, spewing one liners all the while. They escape, but not before being forced onto a ship of conquistadors, coincidentally, heading to the lost city of gold, El Dorado. As an aside, the music in the movie is all amazing, not a single song feels out of place. I need to cut this review short, and although I probably did not convince a single person to watch the movie, I urge you to at least give it a chance. It is a fantastic adventure story with the right amount of tension and

By Oscar Currie, Year 9

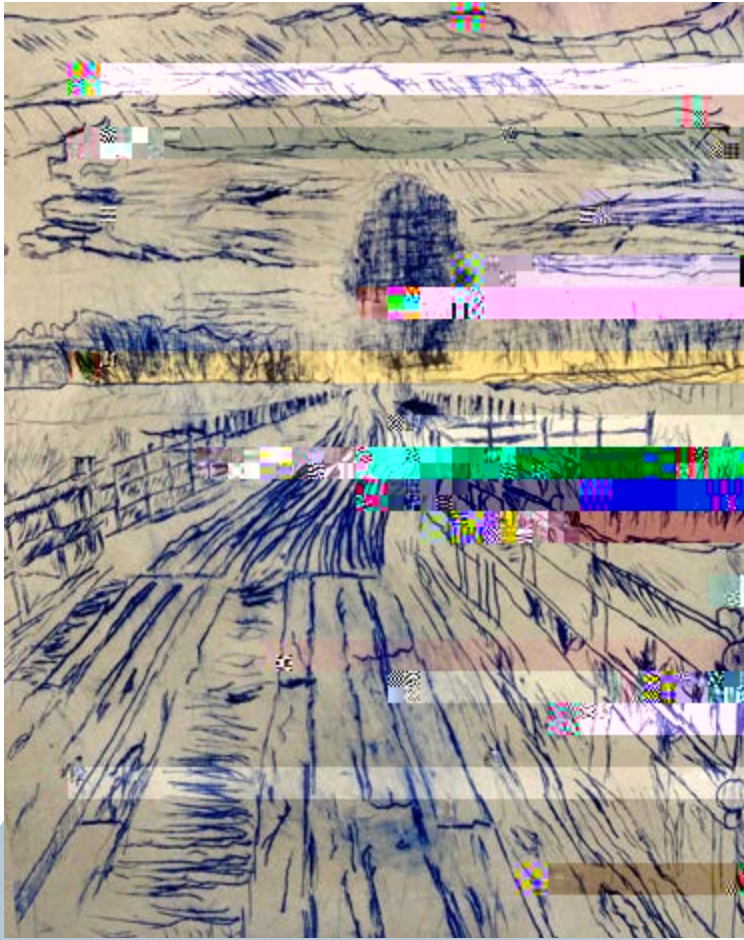


FILM  
Call Me by Your Name

Call Me by Your Name is one picturesque, romantic coming-of-age movie set in the blossoming romantic relationship between 17-year-old local Elio and visiting doctoral student Oliver, who together discover of northern Italy.

What I personally love about this movie is the strong feelings of nostalgia and familiarity with the environment portrayed throughout it as well as the beautifully appealing atmosphere and setting. The theme of determining who you are as a person through meaningful relationships is so powerful yet heart-wrenching during your heart. Starring Timothée Chalamet and Armie Hammer, it's a must-watch for something new to watch or searching for something to re-watch at home.

By Daisy Macdonald, Year 8



**Nyssa Bridge Dan Murray, Year 9.**

**Dry-Point Etching**

This stunning dry-point etching by Year 9 student Dan Murray is part of his Body of Work exploring the landscape. "Nyssa Bridge" is an example of expressive line yet containing an economic approach to image making. Dan succinctly captures the complexity of the natural world; a country scene, punctuated by one cZ \i a Ub ]bXt; a cgn Ua V]hci g' g'ri Vt fYg' U' bridge. The print has a skilled use of one-point linear perspective to create the illusion of space and depth while leading the eye to a noble tree, standing timelessly in front of a vast and imposing mountain range. An excellent composition.

***WHY SOCIETY VALUES  
READING***

Our society values reading as it is a method of storytelling. Reading can be entertainment, a way to convey information, a way to draw



# OLD OXLEYAN

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After a gap year in England, I moved to Sydney for university, UbX' gri X]YX' U' 6UWY'cf' cZ' 5fng' =X]XbDh' \_bck' 'k \Uh' =k UbhYX' to do so an Arts degree gave me the chance to experience university and study interesting subjects while I worked out a career direction. It also paved the way for post graduate study, and I went on to complete a Master of Management at I' HG'' : fca' \YfYz' =k Ybh' ]brc' '9j Ybh'A UbU[ Ya Ybh'z' k cf\_]b[ 'Zcf' the City of Parramatta as an Events Producer.

Here I was responsible for delivering major public events for the City with audiences of anywhere between 5000 – 80,000. dYcd'Y'' =cf[ Ub]gYX'a UbmX] YfYbh'Yj Ybng' W'YVfU]b[ 'W'hi fYz' ZccXz' Ufngz' a i g]WUbX'V] [ 'W'YVfU]hcbg' :\_LY'BYk 'M'Ufng' '9j Y''

I moved from Parramatta to a charity called OzHarvest, which is a food-rescue organisation. We rescue quality surplus food and redistribute it to vulnerable communities, as well as run important education and engagement programmes. I originally came to OzHarvest as the National Events Manager, 'cc\_]b[ 'UZfYf' ci f' \_Ym' z' bXfU]g]b[ 'Yj Ybh'z' h'Y' 79C' 7cc\_c' '' When Covid-19 hit in March this year, we were just two weeks away from delivering the 2020 event we had been working on for six months! Of course, we had to postpone the event. With events on hold, I had the opportunity to move into an operations role, managing the roll out of a new programme delivering emergency food relief throughout Sydney. I have now taken on another new role, as National Operations Lead, working with our operations teams nationally to deliver impact h'fci [ \ 'ZccX' fYgWY' UbX' ZccX' fY' ]YZ' dfc[ fUa a Yg'' =a 'Ugc' WffYbhm' gri Xn]b[ 'U' ; fUXi UHY' 7Yfh]UWfHY' ]b' GcV]U'' =a dUWz' through the Centre for Social Impact with UNSW.

## What is your biggest achievement since high school?

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It is not often that a bunch of restless teenagers will sit and  
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