



Oxley Park – Timeline

Named after John Oxley (1784-1828) the explorer, who, in 1823 was granted 600 acres in the St Marys area, which is now the present site of Oxley Park. The grant extended from Queen Street east to Ropes Creek and from the Great Western Highway to the railway line. Oxley never lived there nor was any homestead built there for occasional stays. It was most probably used as a cattle run. Oxley owned other properties near Minto, Appin and Bowral and resided at “Kirkham” near Camden, where he died in 1828. After the death of John Oxley, his property at St. Marys was purchased by Phillip Parker King. Anna Josepha King, Phillip’s mother chose a site on this land for the St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church. After World War One this land was subdivided into five acre lots and named Oxley Park.

1808		John Oxley granted 600 acres by the rebel Rum Corp as a reward for his support against Gov. Bligh
1823		John Oxley grant of 600 acres in St Marys district was finally gazetted
1832		Oxley land sold to Phillip Parker King
1920		Oxley land subdivided into five acre lots and became known as Oxley park
1953		Subsidised school closed. It was a cottage in Canberra Street housing 20 pupils
1957	January	Oxley Park Public School opened
1970	5 September	Ridge Park Hall officially opened
1988	May	Devastating floods hit Oxley Park
1999	June	St Marys Rugby League Club donated \$28,000 to Oxley Park School for new technology room