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It continues to be an exciting time to be part of Ivanhoe Grammar School. Much

has been achieved in recent times including:

- Record enrolments.
- Continued investment in learning and staff development.
- The successful introduction of Ivanhoe Edge.
- Growing staff capacity through the Ivanhoe Institute.

Since the conclusion of the 2024 school year, several exceptional achievements have taken place:

- A successful cadet bivouac camp attended by over 500 students.
- The School winning the Australian Kayaking Championships and AGSV Volleyball title.
- Outstanding Year 12 results, with many students achieving their personal best scores.

2024 ATAR Results

The combined ATAR results from Plenty and Ridgeway Campuses yielded a Median ATAR of 85.3. A breakdown of the results across the campuses is as follows:

- 99+: 2.4% (top 1% of the state).
- 95+: 17.9% (top 5% of the state).
- 90+: 36.2% (top 10% of the state).
- 80+: 57.6% (top 20% of the state).

In summary, nearly 20% of Ivanhoe Grammar School students achieved an ATAR of 95 or more, there were 71 combined perfect VCE subject scores, while 35 students attained IB grades of 7, the highest possible grade.

Capital Works and Infrastructure Improvements

A significant amount of maintenance and capital works were undertaken over the summer break including:

- Painting, landscaping, and revamping of school facilities.

- Cleaning and maintenance of pathways, gutters and toilet blocks.
- Completion of major capital projects such as:
 - Coonawarra Willam Aquatic Centre at Plenty Campus.
 - New shade structure in Buckley House.
 - Resurfacing of the North Ground.
 - Commencement of the Fraser Centre project.

The meticulous planning and coordination of these projects ensured that all work was completed on time for the start of the 2025 school year, testament to the dedication of all involved.

Artificial Intelligence Strategy

Ivanhoe Grammar School is focused on the opportunities and challenges that AI presents in education. In today's rapidly evolving landscape, schools must embrace technology to enhance student learning outcomes while also supporting teachers by reducing administrative burdens.

A comprehensive AI strategy is being developed to ensure a cohesive approach to digital technology integration. This strategy will:

- Enhance productivity.
- Facilitate personalised learning.
- Open new opportunities for innovative teaching methods.

The School is committed to positioning itself as a leader in modern, personalised, and impactful education. Our AI strategy is evolving, with pilot programs currently being trialled across the School. The initial focus is on two key areas, productivity and personalisation, which will be refined further after consideration of feedback and results.

By embracing technology and fostering innovation, Ivanhoe Grammar School aims to provide the best possible learning experience for all students - now and into the future.

Gerard Foley
Principal



Colleen Bamford, Gerard Foley, Emily Bamford, Kevin Bamford

On Wednesday 19 March, the Coonawarra Willam Aquatic Centre at Plenty Campus was formally opened with Board Chair, **Daniel Proietto ('96)**, members of the Board of Governors, Life Governors, the School Principal and Head of Campuses, School Captains and distinguished guests in attendance.

Named by Wurundjeri Elder Auntie Zeta Thomson, 'Coonawarra Willam' means 'Home of the Swan' in Woi-wurrung, symbolising the connection between land and water. Preceding the formal opening, Auntie Zeta, in her capacity as an Elder of the Wurundjeri people, performed a Welcome to Country ceremony during which she invited the school and community to share her culture and pay respects to the lands

and the Wurundjeri people.

Principal Gerard Foley, in his address, acknowledged individually the tremendous effort by those who had contributed towards the construction of the facility and bringing it to fruition, on time and on budget. He made special mention of Kevin and Colleen Bamford, generous supporters of Ivanhoe Grammar School and key benefactors of the project, thanking them for their support in making the vision of an aquatic centre at the Plenty Campus a reality.

Their daughter **Emily Bamford ('09)**, a former Plenty Campus student and one of the School's nine Olympians, formally opened the centre. This is

fitting recognition of her dedication to sport and excellence. Emily is both the first female and first past student from Plenty Campus to be inducted into the School's Gallery of Achievement. After the ceremony, Emily was interviewed by School Captain Jasmin Muir and gave great insight into the commitment and effort it required to become an elite skier. Paralympian **Sam Bramham OAM ('07)**, pictured below with Emily, was also in attendance for the opening.



The Coonawarra Willam Aquatic Centre is the largest capital works ever undertaken at Plenty Campus. Designed by Peddle Thorp Architects, it includes solar energy across roof spans to generate its own power, rainwater recycling and energy-efficient construction.

This state-of-the-art centre features a diverse range of amenities including the 25 metre **Bamford Family Pool**, a learn-to-swim pool, a strength and conditioning gym, modern change rooms and four contemporary classrooms for physical education, psychology, and health and human development students. The development will also provide valuable resources for Ivanhoe Edge, our unique co-curricular extension program.

Excitingly, Ivanhoe Swim launches in Term 2, offering Learn-to-Swim programs for all ages, including the wider community, with holiday programs starting over Easter. Families from the area who join Ivanhoe Swim will also be able to use the centre.

The school community hope that this new sporting precinct including the Coonawarra Willam Aquatic Centre will play a role in shaping the next generations of champions. The School looks forward to seeing this sporting hub become a vibrant centre of activity, achievement and community spirit for generations of Ivanarians to come.

London Reunion

Saturday 11 January; Ye Old Cheshire Cheese Pub



*Top L-R: Chris Webb ('86), Rohan Burdett ('84), Justin Powick ('11), Frank Prenesti ('82), Gerard Foley, Jordan Stanton ('13), Reed Jepson (OIGFC).
Bottom L-R; Bertie Frew ('16), Eloise Whitcroft ('16), Jack Morecroft (guest), Ebaa Alwash (Burdett).*

Sydney Drinks

Friday 7 March; Shangri La Hotel



*(L-R) Kaylen Bassett ('15), Luke Hammond ('02), Neil Murthi ('13), Nick Papachristos ('17), Julia Summers ('13), Jess Cameron ('19),
Matthew Nakulski ('17), Ashish Vincent ('17), Tom Langdon ('20), Gerard Foley, Isobel Paine, Caroline Barnett,
Wayne Barnett ('75), Michael Wonder ('78)*

Class of 1985 – Ridgeway Campus

40 Year Reunion – Friday 14 February; Watts Foyer



Adam Curtis, Dirk Jones



Benedict Yong, Scott Adcock



Con Opasinis, Simon Corlett



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Anton Buenemann, Suresh Senathirajah, Simon Corlett



Tim Werbicky, Ranjan Boopalan



Chris Tucker, Richard Vagg, Con Opasinis

HATCHED & MATCHED

Congratulations to our alumni below who have recently celebrated wonderful personal events.



Dylan Buttifant ('14) married Annabelle Bromilow in January



Kieran Audley ('13) married Elle Bromilow in February



Tamika Jende ('12) married Jack Amarena in February



Nathan Sleep ('13) married Tylah Jay in February



Eden Gilligan ('14) announced her engagement to Hugh Davies



Madalene Sarvos ('01) and husband Mark Bertone welcomed their second daughter Zoe in January.

SAVE THE DATE 2025

The 2025 OIGA reunion program has kicked off the year in a big way. The dates are set out below but are subject to change, so please refer to the OIGA website, Facebook and Instagram for reunion updates and details of all OIGA activities.

Friday 9 May

Ridgeway Campus 30 Year Reunion (Class of 1995)

Friday 23 May

Ridgeway Campus 20 Year Reunion (Class of 2005)

Friday 13 June

Ridgeway Campus 5 Year Reunion (Class of 2020)

Friday 20 June

Ridgeway Campus 10 Year Reunion (Class of 2015)

Friday 25 July

Ridgeway Campus 50 Year Reunion (Class of 1975)

Friday 29 August

Plenty Campus 30 Year Reunion (Class of 1995)

Friday 24 October

Plenty Campus 20 Year Reunion (Class of 2005)

Friday 7 November

Plenty Campus 10 Year Reunion (Class of 2015)

Friday 21 November

Plenty Campus 5 Year Reunion (Class of 2020)

Tuesday 25 November

Buckley Boys/Brown Era Reunion

A new year means more reunions! If you are from the Class of 1975, 1995, 2005, 2015, or 2020, your reunion is approaching! Please ensure that you save the date for your reunion and spread the word to other alumni, and ask them to update their contact details.

Invitations will be sent out closer to the date of the event. We are looking forward to connecting with many of you throughout the year!

If you have an addition to your family and would like a free OIGA bib for your new arrival, please contact our Alumni Coordinator via email at Mirella.Busso-Lee@ivanhoe.com.au.



Podium Finish

Paris Olympian **Tristan Carter ('17)** has enjoyed a great start to the year. He took bronze in the Mens C1 final behind Paris Olympic silver medallist Adam Burgess (GB) and Dmitrii Khramtsov in the 2025 Canoe Slalom Oceania Championships at the Penrith Whitewater Stadium course. As the highest placed Oceania athlete, Tristan won the Oceania crown.

As a further testament to the success of the School's outstanding kayak program, three of the six male paddlers selected for the 2025 Australian Senior Slalom team are alumni! **Kaylen Bassett ('15)**, **Ben Ross ('21)** and **Tristan Carter** will compete in Europe before returning home in September for the 2025 ICF Slalom World Championships to take place at the Penrith course in October.



Team Australia

The 2025 Australian Open Tennis Championship not only brought a new attendance record, but it also saw three alumni working behind the scenes! **Elly McInerney ('19)**, **Tyler Nimmo ('20)** and **Stella Barry ('19)**, pictured from left to right above, all worked for Tennis Australia in supporting roles. Elly was engaged as a Social Media Producer and is also an Assistant Sport Coach at Ridgeway Campus, while Tyler was a Content Video Editor. Stella was also a social media producer at the tennis and later at the 2025 Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix, which follows her work at the 2024 Paris Olympics as an English Content Creator.



Dress Hire Success

While **Charlotte Hales ('23)** is currently studying Criminology at La Trobe University, her online side business to finance her way through uni is going from strength to strength. Charlotte started Ivanhoe Designer Hire just 12 months ago but if the growth continues, she will soon be needing employees to keep up with demand!

Ivanhoe Designer Hire rents out high end elegant, contemporary and glamorous women's designer dresses. The rental process is simple with bookings via Instagram and also offering a \$10 try on service. A career in Criminology remains her first-choice profession but the future of this start-up business will ensure a great fall back option! Check out her website ivanhoedesignerhire.com.au or Instagram @ivanhoedesignerhire.



Heading West

Liz McGrath ('15) is heading to the West Coast Eagles for the 2025 AFLW season commencing in August. An AGSV softball representative while at the School, Liz made her AFLW debut in 2022 with Port Adelaide after an impressive season with the Kangaroos in the VFLW, which saw her named B&F. She played three games for the Power, then returned to North Melbourne in 2023 but struggled to break into the premiership-winning team. However, her height, natural competitiveness and strong contested marking skills make her a well-rounded recruit for the Eagles. We wish Liz well at her new club.



Monash Medical Alumni

Alumni from the Class of 2024 are becoming a mini medical team at Monash University! This year, **Sanat Sahrawat**, **Georgia Goldie** and **Kirat Multani** (Plenty Campus) and **Athulya Atapattu** (Ridgeway Campus) all commenced their Bachelor of Medical Science and Medicine.

To help them adapt to the demands and dedication required for this degree, **Frank Bevacqua ('21)** a fourth-year medical student, is mentoring first year medical undergraduates. Sanat, Georgia, Kirat and Athulya will join five other alumni, **Avriel Das ('23)**, **Kiaara Taia ('22)**, **Jasmine Peile ('22)**, **Ethan Li ('21)** and **Talissa Stojanoski ('20)** who are all studying medicine at Monash. Pictured left to right above during their first day orientation are Sanat Sahrawat, Georgia Goldie, Athulya Atapattu and Frank Bevacqua (Kirat Multani was not available at the time).



110 Years of the Harriers

The Ivanhoe Harriers Athletic Club celebrated 110 years with a memorable reunion event in February. Attended by over 120 current and past members and with three-time Olympian Gary Honey as guest speaker, the Harriers have a long tradition of producing outstanding athletes, while club coaches have trained numerous state and national champions. Founded in 1914 by Sydney Buckley, the Harriers have a historic connection with the School and is one of our OIGA sporting clubs.

Pictured above at the celebration are (from left), **Gerard Foley**, **Jeff Franklin OAM** (Club President) and **Mike Wallis ('91)**, OIGA Councillor.



Another Cricket Trophy

Congratulations to The Old Ivanhoe Grammarians 3rd XI Cricket Team which won the C-Grade Les Horne Shield over Fairfield in the Grand Final. After scoring 304 runs on Day 1 and despite fears the second day would be washed out, OIG bowled Fairfield out for just 45 runs in a dominant performance.



Footy's Back! OIGFC News

Season 2025 is has just commenced and there is considerable optimism for a successful year and promotion to A Section. After just missing the finals last year, several great recruits have been added over the summer which will provide depth and strength to the squad. The names include:

Alex Mirkov ('17) returns to Old Ivanhoe after more than two years on Carlton's AFL list after being recruited from OIGFC in the 2021 mid-season draft.

Patrick Naish ('17) the 2023 B&F winner and former Richmond and West Coast Eagles midfielder has also come back to Chelsworth Park where brother **Charlie Naish ('23)** joins him on the field after leading the School First XVIII to the 2023 AGSV Premiership.

Making up a hat trick of Naish signings, **Xavier Naish ('19)**, Captain of the 2019 School First XVIII, joins the team's coaching panel under the watchful eyes of Jarrod and Jeff Gieschen.

Former Western Bulldogs premiership player Toby McLean has recommitted as both a player and assistant coach, while **Tom McKenzie ('18)** who played in the School's 1st XVIII team and spent four years at Coburg, has nominated Old Ivanhoe as his home club even though he is a listed player with Richmond's VFL team.

The season kicked off on 5 April and membership of the OIGFC offers access to a vibrant sporting community. Further details can be found on the club's website.

International Students Return to School

Several former international students visited the School earlier this year to meet with Leisl Bruhn (Dean of international Students) and see what changes have taken place since they left Ridgeway Campus.



Tim Lam ('21) called in to say hello on his way to Sydney where he has taken up a graduate position in

the renewables field. Despite the lengthy time he spent in homestay during the 2020 and 2021 lockdowns, Tim has many fond memories of the School including learning online via Teams.



Anne Ni ('22), is currently in her last year of a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Sydney. Over the summer,

Anne completed a placement in her hometown of Shanghai and aspires to work in the social media field.



Robin Zhu ('20) is completing a Bachelor of Design at the University of Melbourne and was most impressed

by the new Sports and Aquatic Centre. Robin, pictured above with his partner and Leisl, was very grateful for the support of the School during his time at Ridgeway campus.



Off to Harvard

Max Yong ('18) was awarded a Sir John Monash Business Scholarship in February which will enable him to undertake a two-year Master's in Public Policy at Harvard University. The Monash Foundation provides postgraduate scholarships to support outstanding Australians to undertake studies anywhere in the world. Scholarship applicants must demonstrate excellence in their field, leadership aptitude and be motivated to contribute to a better future for Australia. Along with 17 other Australians, Max was presented with his scholarship certificate by the Governor-General of Australia, Ms Sam Mostyn AC, at an official Government House reception in February.



Living the Fashion Dream

Her love of fashion and dedication to work has taken **Emily Powick ('15)** from a retail sales assistant while completing university studies to the British Fashion Council in London. Emily is a Communications Executive at the BFC, an organisation that showcases the best of British fashion design to an international audience.

Emily was interviewed on *How I Got Here*, an online fashion journal, about how she landed her glamorous job, navigated the peaks and pits, and most importantly the knowledge, advice and practical tips she has gleaned along the way.

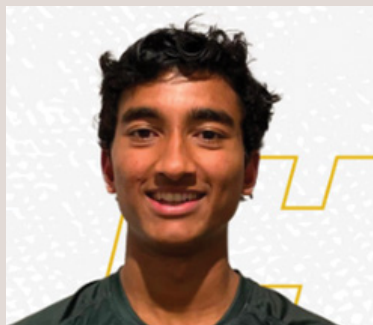
Emily's role puts her in the company of international celebrities, attending coveted events like London Fashion Week and rubbing shoulders with both established and emerging designers. But it hasn't happened without challenges and sacrifices along her journey, and for those who would like to read how Emily found success abroad, her story can be found via the following link: fashionjournal.com.au/life/high-emily-powick/

Snippets



College Bound

Former School basketball captain **Jesse McIntosh ('24)** is heading to the University of South Dakota to play college basketball later this year. Jesse, who was part of the successful Australia team which won the U18 Men's Asia Cup last September, will also major in Business while playing basketball. As well as representing the School with distinction, Jesse has also played for Victoria and from all of us at the OIGA, we wish Jesse every success as he chases success both on and off the court!



Frisbee Skipper

It may not have the profile of other Australian international teams but interest in Ultimate Frisbee is certainly growing. Particularly now that **Josh Philip ('20)** has been elected Captain of the Goannas, the Australian Men's U24 team which will compete at the World U24 Flying Disc Championship in Spain this June. Josh has represented Australia in Ultimate Frisbee for several years, and at state level in Soccer and Athletics. Josh's recent appointment is just reward for his fantastic leadership on and off the field.



(L-R) Damon, Adriano, Brianna and Dakota

Alumni Connecting in Italy

A holiday in Europe in December turned into a 'Welcome to Milan' when **Brianna Ablett ('21)**, **Tyson Faulds, ('21)**, **Damon Ablett ('23)** and **Dakota Blade ('23)** caught up with **Adriano del Monte ('06)** in Milan last December. Adriano is a sports reporter/journalist/broadcaster based in Milan and before leaving Australia, Brianna, Alumni Assistant at the Development Office, arranged to meet with him while in Italy. A personal tour around Milan highlighting its famous fashion, art and culture districts was not the worst way to spend a coolish afternoon!



No More Big Macs

Starting as a 15-year-old crew member at McDonald's Yallambie and after more than two decades with the company, **Antoni Martinez ('03)**, CEO and Managing Director of McDonald's Australia, resigned in February. Antoni worked in a variety of senior roles including Managing Director of McDonald's Korea before stepping into the CEO Australia role in March 2022. Antoni was also a Board Director for Crime Stoppers. After spending his entire working life at McDonald's, Antoni feels it is time to explore life outside the golden arches and spend more time with his young family.

THE MEMORIAL JUNIOR SCHOOL - FROM 1955 TO TODAY



Memorial Gates; Memorial Junior School

From its first day in 1915, primary school students have been a key part of Ivanhoe Grammar School.

The number of junior school students at the School had grown steadily since its move to The Ridgeway in 1920. A separate Junior House was created in 1935 for the 70 junior boys, and by 1948, the School had an enrolment of approximately 380 boys, over half of whom were in the Junior School. Accommodation was very limited; the kindergarten and Grades 1 & 2 numbered almost 100 and their classrooms were located off the Hall and in the Sports Pavilion.

There was an overcrowded boarding house of 96 students including many junior boys, so there was a pressing need to build a separate junior school.

Aftermath of World War II

While the Reverend Sydney Buckley had retired as Headmaster at the end of 1947, he was emotionally devastated by the loss of former students who had volunteered to serve their country during the Second World War.

Of the 664 who enlisted, the casualty rate of 10.5% was one of the highest among AGSV schools. Such losses were felt keenly in all school communities, but particularly so at a small school such as Ivanhoe Grammar was at the time.

Appeal to Old Boys

After World War 2, the School Council launched an appeal to Old Boys to provide a memorial to the (then) 65 former students who had lost their lives in the conflict. The original concept had been to build a library in their honour, but it was later felt that a dedicated junior school was better suited to the needs of the School.

Permission was given by donors to the Memorial Library Fund to divert the money toward a Memorial Junior School. A special appeal committee was formed and building commenced in 1954.

The Foundations

On Saturday 16 October 1954, in the presence of the Mayor of Heidelberg, members of the School Council and a large crowd of parents, friends and members of the School, the foundation stone of the Memorial Junior School was laid by the founder of the School, the Rev S L Buckley.

In a final excerpt from his speech on the day, Buckley stated:

"This memorial, this building, is a memorial to our old boys. Our old boys, who paid the supreme sacrifice, were, according to their motto, and as nearly all of my old boys have proved to be, faithful, if necessary, right up to their death. I knew they would not shrink, I knew they would do their job, and I knew that in the process many of them would lose their lives. I am proud of them and I thank God for them. And I am honoured to feel that they, those lads of my generation, are being commemorated in this foundation stone we are laying today. And I know that following in their footsteps and with the same School motto there will be hosts and hosts of small boys, like those boys."

The Memorial Junior School was built on approximately four acres of land and was intended to accommodate approximately 220 students from Grades 1 – 6.



16 October 1954; Rev. Sydney Buckley laying The Foundation Stone

Opening Day

On Sunday 8 May 1955, before a large gathering of next-of-kin of the fallen, boys, parents and Old Boys, the new school was dedicated by the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Joseph John Booth.

Preceding the dedication, the names of the 65 Old Boys who had made the supreme sacrifice were read out by the Headmaster, Mr V R C Brown.

A Roll of Honour board at the entrance to the School, inscribed with the names of those Old Boys who died on war service was unveiled by Major General Kingsley-Norris who, in his speech said:

"The youth of this new generation who will pass through these doors must never be unmindful that this is holy ground, sacred to the memory of those who gave all they had to give. But to remember is not enough. We must resolve in our remembrance that their sacrifice was not in vain. In the next 50 years, the youth of today will either make or break the world. The fear, the selfish living, the lust for money and power, these things which lead to war must be dispelled."

When it was officially opened in 1955, the Memorial Junior School comprised the Headmaster's office, a staff common room and eight classrooms, and was sufficiently remote from the Senior School to establish its own identity while still being part of the School as a whole.



Ernest Urwin Rogers Student 1934-37; Staff 1939-64; Junior School Headmaster 1946-64

The First Headmaster

Urwin Rogers was enrolled at the School in 1934. He was a school prefect in 1937 and a fine track and field athlete.

After leaving school, Urwin spent a year as a student teacher at Essendon



Memorial Junior School playground equipment 1950s

Grammar School before joining the School teaching staff in 1939. Apart from three years' war service between 1941-44, he remained at the School until his retirement in 1964.

Urwin taught in both primary and secondary levels and also served as a resident master in Sherwood House. In 1946, he was appointed as Head of the Junior School and oversaw the transition of the primary school from an entity at the southern end of Locksley House to its own separate identity as the Memorial Junior School on Lower Heidelberg Road, and to preside over the first ten years there.

Despite his teaching and administrative duties, Urwin found time to complete his Bachelor of Arts degree and qualifications as a professional psychologist.

Urwin was an imaginative and innovative teacher, but it was his absolute sincerity and quiet dignity which gained the respect of his colleagues and students and for which he was remembered.

Buckley House

In 1998, the Memorial Junior School was remodelled and renamed Buckley House, in honour of the Reverend Sydney Buckley, founder of Ivanhoe Grammar School.

Classrooms have been updated or expanded. In 1999, Buckley House moved from an all-boys school to coeducational as girls were enrolled for the first time.

There is an Early Learning Centre (3-4 year olds) and Foundation Level (5yo) as

well as Years 1-6, and student numbers now exceed over 400 with almost a 50% ratio of boys and girls.

The W B Dodemaide Hall was opened in 1983 in recognition of **Mr Bill Dodemaide's** 49-year association with the School, the last 11 of them (1973-1983) as Head of Junior School.

The library at Buckley House was built in 1982 and named after **Marjorie Gregory**, a member of staff from 1937-1971. She established the initial library collection and is fondly remembered by hundreds of boys who attended Junior School over that period.

While the original design has been modified over the years, the vision of Sydney Buckley remains the same. To remember those who gave their lives, and to provide the groundwork for outstanding students and Australians.

Since 1955 a further six former students have been identified as making the supreme sacrifice and included on the School's Roll of Honour.



Marjorie Gregory, staff member 1937-1972

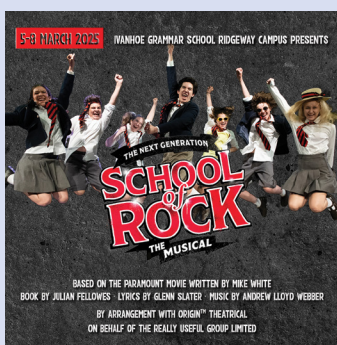


(L-R) Amber Sowden (Deputy Principal/Head of Ridgeway Campus), Lucas Bland, Grace Alberti, Gerard Foley, Jasmin Muir, Cristian Corvetti, Fiona Devlin (Deputy Principal/Head of Plenty Campus)

School Leaders 2025

Congratulations to our newly appointed 2025 School Captains, **Cristian Corvetti** and **Jasmin Muir** at Plenty Campus, and **Grace Alberti** and **Lucas Bland** at Ridgeway Campus. The Captains and the 2025 Prefects, were officially inducted last November by Principal Gerard Foley and the two Heads of Campuses. The OIGA congratulates the new School leaders on their appointment and wishes them well for an exciting year ahead.

PERFORMING ARTS



School of Rock

The 2025 Ridgeway Campus production of School of Rock, under the direction of Fiona Atkin (Director of Theatrical Performance), has reinforced the School's reputation for presenting outstanding theatre productions. The cast of over 70 students from Years 8-12, with their wonderful singing, dancing and acting, were met with rapturous applause after each performance. Congratulations to Fiona, her production team and backstage crew, and Paul Smith, Musical Director and his band of very talented musicians.

Get Ready for Mamma Mia!

Get ready to dance, sing, and be swept away by the magic of Mamma Mia! the 2025 Plenty Campus production. Featuring many ABBA hits, this musical promises a great night of fun and entertainment. Running from Thursday 1 – Saturday 3 May 2025 at the Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre.



Class of 2024 – IB Recognition

In February, the School's high-achieving IB students received certificates of recognition at the prestigious Awards Ceremony at Deakin Edge, Federation Square. Later that month, the Class of 2024 were welcomed back to Honours Assemblies at both Plenty and Ridgeway Campuses to celebrate their outstanding academic achievements, and to acknowledge the 2024 Duces. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with the School and celebrate their hard work and success together.

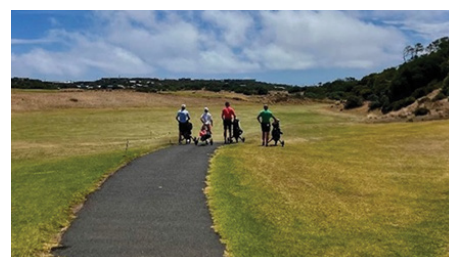


LOOI lands at Ivanhoe

A fusion of artificial intelligence and interactive technology, LOOI has arrived at Ridgeway Campus, sparking curiosity, excitement and plenty of discussion.

At a basic level, LOOI is a wireless phone charger on wheels connected to ChatGPT. But as a desktop robot, LOOI brings AI to life in a way students can see, hear, and experience firsthand.

While traditional AI is confined to screens, LOOI is a physical presence; responding, interacting and prompting new ways of thinking about the role of robotics in our world. LOOI has ventured into classrooms, where students have had the chance to interact with it and reflect on the role of AI in their learning. As robotics and AI become increasingly integrated into our daily life, LOOI's presence invites reflection on its role in the future of AI in education.



Golf Leadership Camp

With the growth of interest in golf as an AGSV sport, the School scheduled a high performance Golf Leadership Camp over the summer holidays. Under the guidance of Ben Ernest, Deputy Head of House - Thoresby, the camp presented a vital opportunity for character development and leadership growth, and to prepare the team for success in a high performance sporting environment. It was also a great opportunity to play some incredible courses along the Mornington Peninsula. The exposure to different courses and unfamiliar environments helped the squad adjust to varying playing conditions and strengthen its team culture.

SCHOOL SPORTING NEWS

Cricket

The School's First XI had an outstanding season, finishing top of the AGSV ladder and hosting the grand final against Marcellin at Chelsworth Park. Batting first in perfect conditions, their total of 137 seemed to be a little short but after their opponents slipped to 5-55, the trophy seemed within their grasp. But Hayden Kenny played a lone hand for Marcellin and guided them to a thrilling three wicket win. While the result didn't go its way, the School is very proud of the team's efforts, resilience and teamwork throughout the season.

Volleyball



The Boys' Firsts Volleyball team achieved the perfect season, going undefeated and capping it off with a dominant 3-0 Grand Final victory against Mentone to claim the AGSV title. The support was incredible on the day with students, teachers and parents creating an electric atmosphere. The victory marks the end of an era as eight of the players are in Year 12 but hopefully the platform they have built will ensure that the School remains a volleyball powerhouse for many years to come.

Tennis



Congratulations to Year 12 student **Baxter Errey** on his selection for the 2025 Pizzey Cup. This prestigious U18 national schools tennis championship enables secondary school students to represent their State in teams of eight players and compete against the best players from other states across Australia. Baxter's selection follows his win at the Kooyong Club Championships in February when he defeated the No. 1 seed in a gripping final.

New Aussie Rep!



Year 10 student **Alex Ellul** has been selected to represent Australia at the Junior ICF Wildwater World Championships in Slovenia this July. After competing at the National Wildwater Championships on the Mersey River in Tasmania in January, Alex's impressive progress has earned him the title of national U16 Wildwater Sprint and Classic Champion!



University Immersion Program

Held over three days in February, the inaugural Immersion Program for Year 9 students at University Campus was a great success.

Students stepped into life at La Trobe University and engaged in hands-on learning, career exploration, and university-style experiences across a variety of fields. Students were also given insights from an alumni panel who shared their personal career journeys about life after school and the many pathways available.

Many thanks to **Ryan O'Grady ('24)**, **Scott Assender ('90)**, **Max Yaremenko ('20)**, **Elly McInerney ('19)** and **Stella Barry ('19)** pictured above, and also to **Charlotte Hales ('23)**, **Tony Pantano ('05)**, **Tristan Grieve ('99)**, **Avriel Das ('23)** and **Ellen Vote ('23)** for their time and support of the program.



Young Volunteer Recognised

Congratulations to Year 11 student **Hansikaa Sharma** who was nominated for 2024 Young Volunteer Award by Volunteering Victoria. Showcasing excellence by individuals, teams and organisations, the Victorian Volunteering Awards are run by Volunteering Victoria with the support of the Victorian State Government. While she didn't win the award, being a finalist recognised Hansikaa's dedication and hard work, and her impact on the community.

International Baccalaureate Visual Arts Exhibition

Congratulations to the students from the Class of 2024 who had their artworks selected for the IB Graduate Visual Arts Exhibition at the Glen Eira Gallery in February. The annual exhibition showcases exemplary artworks from the IB schools across Victoria and Tasmania. Held in conjunction with the annual IB Visual Arts seminar for current Year 11 and 12 students, the seminar features highly valuable talks from high-achieving visual arts students, assessors and graduate students, who speak candidly in front of their exhibited artworks on the trials and successes when undertaking IB Visual Arts.



(L-R) Nicholas Mercer (IB Coordinator), Georgia Thorpe (staff), Maggie Fu, Emily Malcolm, Lavinia De Fazio, Ifiyenia Siakou, Charlotte Turner, Ada Theocharides, Victoria Sze, Jacinta Patterson (Head of Pedagogy, The Arts), Rachel Feery (Studio Arts Technician).



Class of 2024 Dukes

An Ivanhoe Education is defined by their academic achievements and their cocurricular accomplishments. Nevertheless, while the Class of 2024 should be commended for their collective VCE results, we would like to recognise our Dukes with exceptional ATARs. Well done to Dux of School, Dux of VCE and Dux of Ridgeway Campus **Tom Starkey** (ATAR 99.8), Dux of Plenty Campus **Sanat Sahrawat** (ATAR 99.5) and Dux of International Baccalaureate (IB) **Alana Edgley** who achieved an ATAR of 99.5.



Canoe Champs

Ivanhoe Grammar School's paddlers had a sensational day at the 2025 Australian Canoe Age Championships in January. Held on Tasmania's Forth River, there were many outstanding individual performances which resulted in the School winning the prestigious Galloway, Linden, Woodward Champion School Trophy ahead of Hobart College, Tasmania and Blaxland High, NSW.

Congratulations to the 19-member team, coaches, parents and supporters for this remarkable achievement in a competition featuring 26 schools, which was also a selection event for the national development squad.



Family Link to SLB Continues

While it has been over a century since the Reverend Sydney Buckley founded Ivanhoe Grammar School, it is wonderful to know that a direct link to him continues at Ridgeway campus. **Dora Davey**, a Year 12 IB student, is the great granddaughter of Harold (Harry) Wilfred Buckley, Syd's younger brother. Dora's grandfather **Geoff Davey ('45)** married Dora Buckley, Harry's daughter and Syd Buckley's niece. Harry served on the School Council from 1928-1948 and played a critical role in ensuring the School's survival through some very difficult times.



International Women's Day Assembly

Students from Years 7 -12 were treated to an inspiring address from **Sarah McWhirter ('04)** at the International Women's Day Assembly in March.

Under the theme of 'Accelerate Action', Sarah, Director of Customer Relations at Sportsbet, outlined her own story after leaving Ridgeway Campus, where she was the only girl in Year 11 when she was enrolled in 2003.

Sarah, pictured above with Plenty Campus captains Jasmin Muir and Cristian Corveti, and Head of Plenty Campus Fiona Devlin, will hopefully inspire the next generation of female students to accelerate action in their own lives.



Benson Hall Demolition

The second week of February marked the end of an era as the Benson Physical Education Centre was demolished, making way for the construction of the Fraser Centre. Opened by Mrs Athalie Benson in 1973, the Benson gym has held a significant place at Ridgeway Campus for over 50 years and many students took the time to watch it come down and say goodbye. The new Benson Gym is located at the fantastic Sports & Aquatic Centre at Locksley. And in a moment of perfect timing, as demolition was wrapping up, a hot air balloon floated just over the South Ground!



Slater/Graham Scholarship Afternoon Tea

The Slater/Graham Scholarship provides support to an outstanding school athlete, while also remembering two long-standing staff members and sporting coaches, **Rob Slater** and **Alan Graham ('32)** in perpetuity.

Alan Graham was Dux of the School from 1930-32 and was a staff member from 1946 until his death in 1979. He also wrote the School Song in conjunction with another member of staff, **John Marshall**. Rob Slater was a full-time staff member from 1948 until 1988 and coached many premiership teams in a variety of sports during that period.

Convenor of the group and driving force behind the fundraising efforts to establish the scholarship with the generosity of many Old Ivanhoe Grammarians was **Bruce Jeeves**, School Captain in 1958.

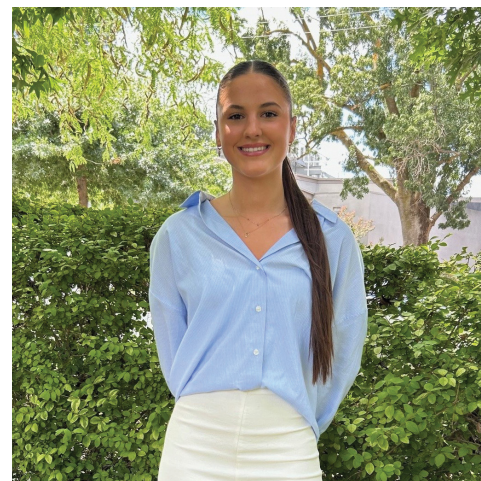
In 2018, the inaugural recipient of the Slater/Graham Scholarship was

Jesse McIntosh ('24), who has represented Victoria and Australia in basketball and is shortly to attend college in the USA.

During his time as the Slater/Graham Scholarship holder, Jesse was mentored by **John McKenzie ('66)**, former School Captain and current Board Member.

In February, the scholarship was awarded to Year 11 student **Sophie Richardson** who was recently selected for the 2025 Victorian Under-18 State Basketball Team. As a bottom-age player, this is an incredible achievement and having already represented Australia at the FIBA U15 Oceania Cup last November, Sophie will hopefully have a long and successful basketball career ahead.

Sophie, pictured above with Jesse in front of the distinctive Slater/Graham Memorial Hill sign overlooking the South Ground, will be mentored by **Bob Stevens ('65)** during her remaining years at the School.



de Boos Family Prize

Brian de Boos ('62) spent three years at Ivanhoe Grammar School from 1959 to 1961. He moved schools several times over his school life as his bank manager father was transferred to various cities. While Brian's final year of schooling was in Tasmania, the School was a hugely important part of his life and he has remained an active participant in all Ivanhoe Grammar School activities.

Brian and wife Gill married almost 40 years ago and have enjoyed sailing their boat Tammy II around Australia and touring the rest of the world.

They have been great supporters of the School, attending and helping organise Sydney reunions, and have generously entertained many members of the Ivanhoe community on Sydney Harbour.

Brian and Gill decided to endow a new prize last year, the de Boos Family Prize for Theory of Knowledge (TOK). TOK is a compulsory subject for students completing the International Baccalaureate. It is about critical thinking and inquiry examining the concept 'how do we know what we claim to know'. The subject is assessed through an exhibition of three concepts and a 1600-word essay.

Brian has endowed this new prize to honour his parents and wife Gill for all the support they have given him in life and his career, and to acknowledge the value he placed on his Ivanhoe Grammar School education. The inaugural winner of the prize was **Alana Edgley ('24)**, pictured above, who was also the IB Dux of the School.

The OIGA congratulates Alana on her win and expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the de Boos family for this very generous endowment.



Godfrey Stevens

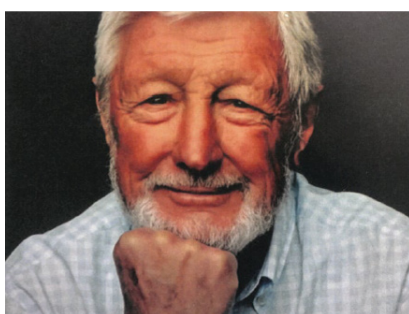
The School lost a member of one of its most famous families following the passing of **Godfrey Stevens ('62)** last December. Godfrey, along with brothers **Robert ('65)** and **John ('69)**, had extensive links to both the School and the Old Ivanhoe Grammarians Football Club.

'Goff' was a towering figure in the Club's history and his contributions, both on and off the field, have left an indelible mark that will be remembered for generations.

Goff was a Club Legend, Life Member, a member of the 60s and 70s Team of the Decade, and a major sponsor and benefactor of the club for over 40 years. He was Club President 1994-2000, during which the club was promoted from D to A Section. Off the field, Goff's passions included breeding pigeons, a pastime that reflected his unique and dedicated spirit.

Goff was a very generous donor to the School for many years and to numerous school projects including the Slater/Graham Scholarship. His generosity was also pivotal in the development of key OIGFC facilities including the initial Chelsworth Club, the Harris Stevens Social Rooms, the electronic scoreboard, ground lighting and many other enhancements that have shaped the Club's infrastructure.

The entire school community, Old Ivanhoe Grammarians Association and Old Ivanhoe Grammar Football Club pays their respects to this brave and highly respected man, and expresses their sympathies to his wife Deb, sons **John ('88)**, **Tim ('88)** and his extensive family.



Barry Stynes

The Ivanhoe Grammar School community was saddened to learn of the passing of **Barry Stynes ('50)** in January at the age of 91, who only last November attended the Buckley Boys/Brown Era Lunch along with ten other Living Legends.

Barry attended the School between 1948-1950 and it remained a hugely important part of his life.

His father Len was a member of the School Council between 1947 and 1956. Len practised as an architect and developed the plans for the Memorial Junior School which was built in memory of the Old Boys who died on active service during World War II. Len maintained his interest in the School for many years and contributed both his time and talent to the development of the School in the years immediately following the war,

Barry followed his father into architecture and on completion of his studies at the University of Melbourne, ran his own architecture and interior design practices for more than 30 years. His architectural contribution to the School followed that of his father when he designed several additional classrooms in 1987 for the (then) Memorial Junior School to accommodate the growth in enrolments.

Barry was married to Rosemarie (Mutti) for 67 years. They were married at St Johns Anglican Church, Toorak. Barry's three sons **Cary ('82)**, **Damon ('84)** and **Kimble ('87)** were baptised in the same church, and Barry was laid to rest there. The School extends its condolences to Barry's extended family and remembers him for his great contribution to Ivanhoe Grammar School.

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We acknowledge the passing of the following individuals who were part of the Ivanhoe Grammar School family.



David Bogle ('57)
Buckley Boy



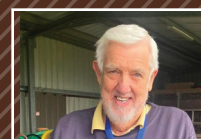
Brian Miller ('75)
Brown Era



Phil Skeggs ('76)
Brown Era



Graeme Smith ('53)
Brown Era



Godfrey Stevens ('62)
Brown Era



Barry Stynes ('50)
Buckley Boy/Brown Era