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EXCHANGE OF CULTURE

WITH a long history of hosting international students, this year Ogilvie High School has welcomed 17 girls — the highest number since the program began.

Having international students allows the school to learn more about different cultures.

“Ogilvie wants to be a global school with global links around the world,” exchange student coordinator Mrs Morgan said.

“This year several Ogilvie girls will visit France and Japan.”

Ogilvie has worked with American Field Service for seven years, and this year formed a partnership with Schools Tasmania to host four students from Korea.

In 1997 Ogilvie developed a sister-school arrangement with Mejiro Gakuen in Tokyo. This year they have welcomed two Mejiro Gakuen students, who will stay for 10 weeks.

Both students agree that Tasmania is “bigger, colder and more beautiful” than they imagined.

They are amazed by Tasmania’s sky, stars and scenery, and said that not having school on Saturday is a welcome change for them.

“It’s a positive experience,” said Ogilvie host mother Mrs Alison.

“It’s just like having a new daughter.”

“It has been an enjoyable but challenging experience.”

After their stay in Tasmania, the exchange students will return to Japan and their Ogilvie “host-sisters” will join them in January for a 10-week stay.

**HOLLY BARRETT
and SARAH HODGMAN**



NEW FACES: Ogilvie High School's international students and their host-sisters.

Annual dinner

THIS year's Grade 10 end-of-year dinner will be held at Wrest Point on October 22, starting with a buffet. For the first time in years, Ogilvie students will afterwards enjoy a combined dance with the Grade 10 students of New Town High School. The dinner celebrates the students' growth at high school and is sure to be a night to remember.

DIANE McMANUS

Gyuto Monks

OGILVIE'S senior students were fortunate enough to attend a speech and meditation session recently with the Gyuto Monks of Tibet. The girls heard how the six monks had escaped across the Himalayas after the Chinese invasion 50 years ago. Students learned that a relaxed lifestyle is something we should all aspire to.

**SAM BOSTOCK
and MELISSA HALL**

Youth event

STUDENTS from all over Tasmania recently attended a Youth Environment Conference. Ogilvie High School students made three presentations on biodiversity. Supervising teacher Mrs Omant commented on how the conference allowed students to learn through practical activities. Students learned that a little action can make a big difference in the environment.

SARAH BRITTON

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\$4m development brings school and community closer

OGILVIE High School is about to undergo a \$4.1 million redevelopment.

Starting in January 2009, the project aims to provide the school with a new centre that maximises opportunities for Ogilvie and the community.

Although Ogilvie's expansive grounds and art deco buildings are admired by all who pass by the main en-

trance, students and teachers feel the redevelopment of the 70-year-old school is overdue.

The new environmentally sustainable centre will accommodate a flexible presentation area, new toilet facilities and a much-needed canteen and cafeteria area. The whole complex can be reconfigured to seat up to 800 people for special events.

Indoor and outdoor seating, new kitchens for home economics classes, an outdoor stage for concerts and the option of using the facilities as a flexible learning area will be welcomed by the Ogilvie community.

Principal Judith Timbs hopes the new facility will be the social hub of the school community, which will bring

students and teachers together.

It will be a positive transformation that will not only boost the school's appearance but have enough capacity for the student's wellbeing, social and educational needs.

Ms Timbs hopes to make the centre available for the community to use as a venue on weekends and of an evening.

A feature of the redevelopment, designed by Forward, Brianese and Partners, is that the building and facilities will follow the philosophies of the Sustainable Schools Initiative.

This has been a key focus of the designs used by the architects at other schools.

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