



# Ogilvie High School

EDUCATING GIRLS FOR AN EVER CHANGING WORLD



## FRIENDSHIP AND LEARNING

Traditions may have changed but the core values remain at Ogilvie.

THIS year Ogilvie High School celebrates 70 years of excellence in education.

The school has a proud tradition of academic, sporting and cultural achievements.

Over those 70 years, Ogilvie girls and boys have contributed to society in a variety of powerful ways.

The school boasts a range of high achievers in professions, occupations, sports and community-service provision.

As societal expectations and the world of work change, Ogilvie aims to educate girls for an ever changing world.

Students today need a range of flexible skills, a sense of social justice, global perspective and the confidence to pursue opportunities.

Ogilvie High School in 2007 is vastly different place than it was in 1937.

This was made clear when Grade 8 student Caitlin Schultz interviewed 83-year-old Nancy Pitt, an original scholar and prefect in 1939, and Lucy Pitt, Ogilvie's head prefect in 2007.

The interview highlighted the differences in their worlds — 70 years apart.

During the time of Nancy Pitt's education, World War II had a significant impact on the girls and boys attending New Town Commercial High School, as Ogilvie was known



**TOTEM:** Ogilvie High students take a close look at the Painted Poles created by fellow students and unveiled by author Richard Flanagan this month.



**MEMORIES:** 1937 student Nancy Pitt and Lucy Pitt.

then, with male students going to war and some never returning.

Nancy recalls the shock of meeting those who did return and seeing how much the war had changed them.

The students remaining at

school supported the war effort by knitting socks and balaclavas and writing letters.

"We raised money for the war effort," Miss Pitt recalled, in response to Lucy's comment that the prefect body in 2007 raised money for a school in Bangladesh.

As there were only seven prefects selected in 1939, it was a great honour for Nancy to be chosen.

Selected students were called to the principal's office and told that they had been voted onto the prefect board.

The prefect badge, being

one of only two badges awarded to students, represented leadership, just as it does for the 21 prefects in 2007.

Prefects today represent the student body and their leadership roles involve a wide range of duties, such as commitment to a grade or subject.

One thing that has not changed over time is the strong bonds between students.

Both of the Pitts (who are unrelated) agreed that their fondest memories of Ogilvie were about the close friendships they established.

The connections between past students of the school remain strong and in this significant anniversary year, thousands of former pupils will enjoy the opportunity to reminisce at various events celebrating our 70th birthday.

Amid memories of muddy stockings, tree-planting and terrifying teachers, old scholars representing seven decades of education at Ogilvie will have the chance to celebrate the fine reputation of this unique public school.

Anniversary details found at [www.ogilvie.tased.edu.au](http://www.ogilvie.tased.edu.au)

### Creative minds

ABILITY to solve problems creatively, present confidently and team effectively are vital. Since 1995, Ogilvie students in the national Tournament of the Minds have demonstrated these skills. This year, two Ogilvie teams won their sections in the State Final and competed in the Australasian championships in Canberra last week.

### Caught in a web

BUILDING a dynamic website for the Crime Stoppers Youth Challenge has been a creative IT opportunity for a team of Ogilvie students. Their web page was Caught Red Handed.

### Problem solver

FOR the first time in the school's history, four Ogilvie students headed to Perth to compete in the Australasian finals of Future Problem Solving. The girls had to solve hypothetical problems set 50 years into the future. Against 38 teams, Ogilvie was placed fourth, the first novice team to win a place in the competition's history.

### Water

GRADE 10 Ogilvie student and House Captain Claire Cuppari submitted an entry in the 2007 Student Film Festival about H<sub>2</sub>O. Her five-minute piece, *Confessions of a Water Drop* warned "Don't Take Water For Granted" and was a finalist.

### London link

FIFTEEN Grade 10 students worked with gifted students from the City of London Academy. Live chat and exchange of videos were highlights.

### In business

GRADE 10 Ogilvie students competed against high schools and colleges in the marketing and finance challenge Plan Your Own Business competition. Megan Collins' business plan was short-listed.

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