



# OGILVIE HIGH SCHOOL



## Celebrating 75 years

DANYELLE BENNETT

THIS year sees Ogilvie High School celebrating its 75th anniversary, with numerous events being held during October.

Ogilvie High School has an excellent history and a reputation that is upheld with pride every day.

When it was officially opened by the then Tasmanian premier A.G. Ogilvie in 1937, the school was originally called New Town Commercial High School.

In 1939, following the death of Mr Ogilvie, the school formally changed its name to A.G. Ogilvie High School.

The original Ogilvie building had only eight classrooms and the Mercury newspaper of the day described the school as a first of its kind for Tasmania.

At the time there were 13 staff members and 323 students. In the first year there were 107 boys and 216 girls.

In its first year the school had only Grades 7 and 8, which were called E Class and D Class at the time. Grade 9 (C Class) was added in 1938, but there was no Grade 10 (B Class) until 1946.

During World War II Ogilvie High School supported the war effort by raising money, writing letters to soldiers, collecting books and other essentials.

By 1960 Ogilvie had stopped the enrolment of males in order to become the first all-girls public school in Tasmania.



**NEW LOOK:** Ogilvie High School students modelling the old and new uniforms.

The last of the boys left in 1963 and Ogilvie has maintained an all-girls enrolment since then.

New buildings were added in 1964, 1965, 1969, 1970, 1978, 1985 and 2005.

These additions were necessary as the school rapidly grew in numbers.

In 1970 the hostels at Ogilvie

High School and nearby New Town High School merged to become Springvale Hostel.

The building at Ogilvie that had been used as the hostel started being used as classrooms instead.

In 1991, Ogilvie High School's high standard of achievement throughout the school was recog-

nised in the selection of its first Rhodes Scholar, Dorothy Steane.

In 1999, Ogilvie had its second Rhodes Scholar, Susan Dando, followed by Jessica Trebilco as the third in 2002.

In 2010 it was decided Ogilvie would have a new canteen and student centre, which was opened in 2011.

A lot of changes have come upon the school in its 75th anniversary year.

One that the public will notice while students are out and about is the change of uniform.

Since Ogilvie first opened, it has always maintained the same uniform with only minor changes along the way.

Brown and maroon have always been the distinctive colours of the uniform.

This year the uniform changed with new jumpers in maroon, a grey skirt and a summer dress which is a blue-grey and white pinstripe.

There is also the addition of black stockings and black shoes.

There will be a three-year phasing in of the new uniform.

The school's 75th Anniversary events will run from Thursday, October 18 until Tuesday, October 23.

If you would like more information on these events, feel free to contact Ogilvie High School's office on 6228 8800, email ogilvie.high@education.tas.gov.au or visit the website at www.ogilviehigh.tas.edu.au

### School Talk

What do you think about the new school uniform?



It's a good change because we've had the old uniform for a long time.  
**Maddy Robertson**



It looks smart and sophisticated.  
**Keegan Smith**



I really like it, it's classy.  
**Elise Cleary**



I think the new uniform is an improvement compared to the last one.  
**Molly Cordwell**



It's a nice uniform but I don't think it should have changed so much because now no-one knows who we are.  
**Danyelle Bennett**

### Cultural exchanges open eyes to the wider world

ANNIE CHESSELLS and SARAH O'SHANNASSY

OGILVIE High School students are offered opportunities to travel and experience cultures different to our own.

Our foreign language students are able to travel to the country from where the language they are studying originates.

This has included study trips to France, Japan and China.

We also have World Challenge trips which go to countries less fortunate than ours and lend a helping hand, as well as really opening the eyes of those who participate.

This year a group travelled to Namibia and Botswana, and there are plans for a trip which

will head to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands in 2014.

Through the AFS Student Exchange Program, many students are given a chance to become an exchange student and go to school in another country.

An Ogilvie student is currently in France, and many students have gone to Japan for study purposes.

We also have recreational trips which go to the Mt Hotham ski fields in Victoria, as well as New Zealand and the Northern Territory.

The school is also more than willing to take students on one-off trips for sporting events, conferences or other competitions.

In all, Ogilvie is a very well-travelled school.

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**Ogilvie High School** celebrating **75 years** 18 - 23 October 2012  
18 October Old Scholars' Lunch 21 October Old Boys' High Tea  
19 October School Open Day 22 October Church Service  
20 October Cocktail Party 23 October Annual Concert  
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