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# Ivanhoe Parents and Friends

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SUPPORT GROUP GUIDE



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# Welcome to the Ivanhoe Parents and Friends Support Group Handbook

Ivanhoe Parents and Friends brings together under one umbrella a large number of volunteer groups that play an invaluable role in enhancing the opportunities and activities available to all students across our three campuses.

I know the School deeply appreciates the enthusiasm, time and effort of the many parents, friends and alumni who, through these support groups, help so much to enrich the lives of our children.

This publication, produced by Ivanhoe Parents and Friends, provides information about the many support groups operating within the Ivanhoe Family. In addition, the MyIvanhoe IP & F webpage, along with our regular IP & F newsletters, aim to keep you updated on events and activities throughout the year.

What follows is a brief description of each of our member groups, outlining their aims, area of interest, and some recent and proposed activities. As you read through, you'll see there are many opportunities to form new friendships – or perhaps rekindle old ones – within the School and to participate in activities with your children.

If you would like information regarding a specific group, please contact Mr Robert Prince, Executive Officer – Ivanhoe Parents and Friends, who will be happy to answer any queries you may have. He can be contacted by email at [robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au](mailto:robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au). Plenty Campus families may contact Mrs Virginia Creed, the Public Relations Co-ordinator and liaison for Plenty Campus Support Groups at [virginia.creed@ivanhoe.com.au](mailto:virginia.creed@ivanhoe.com.au).

Ms Terry Kitchen is the Community Relations Manager and can be contacted with regards to School Events. Terry can be contacted on 9490 3401 or by email at [terry.kitchen@ivanhoe.com.au](mailto:terry.kitchen@ivanhoe.com.au).

A key role of the Parents and Friends umbrella group is 'building community' – so whether you're a new or existing family at the School, I'd encourage you to consider joining one or more of our groups – your support and ideas are very welcome.

## **Jill Holloway**

Chair, Ivanhoe Parents and Friends

# Friends in Business

## **AIM**

The Group aims to promote networking opportunities between Ivanhoe parents and alumni who are in business.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

The Group is focussing its efforts on three areas – the Online Business Directory, assistance from School related businesses with mentoring and work experience for current students and alumni, and creating networking opportunities for Ivanhoe connected businesses.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- During 2009 the Friends in Business successfully launched its On Line Business Directory. It is located at <http://business.ivanhoe.com.au>. It is Ivanhoe's version of the Yellow Pages.
- Over the coming years we will seek to broaden our activities to include support for students and staff by providing mentoring opportunities through school visits and work experience.
- Networking functions will be held on a regular basis.

For further information, contact Ms Terry Kitchen on 9490 3401 or by email at [terry.kitchen@ivanhoe.com.au](mailto:terry.kitchen@ivanhoe.com.au)

# Friends of Rugby

## **AIM**

The Rugby Support Group aims to offer support to Ivanhoe's Rugby teams through coaching and developing skill levels to enable players to enjoy their involvement in the APS/AGSV competition.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

The Rugby Support Group offers support to the players by identifying coaching needs and requirements, offering encouragement throughout the season and providing an end-of-season presentation, which benefits all players. A pre-season Development Camp is run prior to the commencement of each season. The Group also purchases equipment to help develop skills through training.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- A Development Camp occurs prior to each season, motivating and encouraging players to develop their skills and team bonding.
- Offer support to coaches during training and matches.
- Facilitate and encourage the introduction of Walla rugby.
- Arrange social events to bring the Ivanhoe rugby community (players and families) together.
- Provide support for touring rugby schools.
- Ensure that the players are enjoying the game and realising the benefits of playing an international sport.
- Fund-raising to support the various activities, which will help improve the participation and standard of rugby at Ivanhoe Grammar School.
- Encourage parental support.
- Foster the ethos and spirit of the game.

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# Greek Parents Dance Committee

## **AIM**

This group aims to raise awareness of Greek culture amongst students attending Ivanhoe Grammar School and Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

The Greek Parents Dance Committee is a fund-raising committee which is open to all parents with children attending either campus who have an interest in their children learning about Greek tradition and history through music and dance.

The Committee's main fund-raising activity is an annual Dinner Dance. Wearing traditional Greek costumes, the students perform the dances they have been taught by a professional teacher. Lessons are free and held weekly.

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# Friends of Snowsports

## **AIM**

To provide students of Ivanhoe Grammar School with the opportunity to learn to ski (alpine or cross country) or snowboard, and to train under the supervision of high quality coaches. It also aims to provide students with opportunities for personal and physical development and fitness and for its members to represent the School in state and national snow sport competitions.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

The role of the Support Group is to represent the families of children involved in snow sports and to support the staff responsible for snow sports. The Committee also assists with communication between families and the School and develops a contact network within each Division. Additionally, it organises sponsorship and fund-raising to support team activities and subsidise costs. We meet approximately six times annually.

## **ACTIVITIES**

- Support and assist staff with pre-competition arrangements and team competition organisation eg. recruitment of parent gate keepers, start marshals and officials, accommodation and transport.
- Assistance with training camps: cross country skiing at Falls Creek and alpine and snowboard at Mt Buller, and Sunday training at Mt Buller and Lake Mountain.
- Assistance with time trials and at Interschool competitions at Mt Buller.
- Snowsports pre-season dinner.
- Buyers' nights, wine tasting nights and other social functions, both locally and at the snow
- End of season dinner including presentation of certificates and awards.

We would like to welcome and encourage parents (skiers and non-skiers) to become involved in Friends of Snowsports activities both on and off the snow.

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# Kayak Parents Support Group

## AIM

The Kayak Parents Support Group was established in 1999 by interested parents who met and discussed issues involving slalom kayaking. The broad aim of the group is to support the staff, paddlers and their families and to promote slalom kayaking as a sport for students who attend the School.

## AREAS OF INTEREST

The group's role is:

- To be a point of contact and support for current and new parents to the sport.
- To fund-raise in order to support continuing participation in the sport via equipment purchase and maintenance.
- To support the major kayaking events on the School calendar (Victorian and Australian Schools Championships).
- To help promote and support events held outside the School.
- To support students chosen as state and national representatives.

## ACTIVITIES

Over recent years the group has:

- Catered for the annual family camp and welcoming of new paddlers and their families to the sport.
- Taken the trailer of school equipment to Solution Yarra Series events and Country Races.
- Assisted with the organisation of Solution Yarra Series and Country Races.
- Assisted with the organisation and conduct of state and national school championships.
- Assisted and travelled with the team in their successful campaigns at the Victorian and Australian Schools' events.
- Run fund-raising and social events.
- Supported the purchase of the Slalom Kayaking Honour Board.
- Given financial support to students selected in Australian teams.

The group aims to continue this work in the future.

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# The South Ground Club

## **AIM**

The South Ground Club, originally established by Old Ivanhoe Grammarian Hugh Wilkinson (member of the '62 First XI Premiership Team) has been re-launched to promote cricket within the current School community and also to our many former Ivanhoe cricketers and their parents.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

The Club's main focus is to:

- Support our student cricketers by assisting with new equipment, tours and clothing
- Provide opportunities for parents of cricketers to socialise
- Involve our former cricketers, through their membership of the South Ground Club, in special events throughout the season.

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# Equestrian Support Group

## **AIM**

The aim of the Equestrian Support Group is to support all aspects of the Equestrian Program at Ivanhoe Grammar School and to liaise with the Director of Equestrian Studies. Proceeds of activities are used to further develop the existing facilities at the Plenty Campus Equestrian Centre.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

The Equestrian Support Group conducts a number of Interschool Competitions each year. These events attract around 200 students from schools throughout Victoria and include Combined Training, Dressage and Showjumping.

The proceeds from these competitions are used to improve the facilities. This in turn supports the delivery of the VCE/VET Certificate II in Equine Industry.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Beginning in 1999, the Equestrian Support Group has run up to three successful Interschool competitions each year and has helped to pay for the development of the Equestrian Centre. Funds have also been used to pay for other developments including:

- Power and water to the Equestrian buildings.
- Holding yards.
- Extension to the administration area.
- Closing in of the main administration building.
- Roof and veranda over the catering container.
- Sponsorship of the Dinner Dance.
- Contribution to the Annual Appeal.

The Equestrian Support Group also supports activities of other Parent groups.

For more information, contact Mrs Virginia Creed on 9490 3737 or by email at [virginia.creed@ivanhoe.com.au](mailto:virginia.creed@ivanhoe.com.au)

# Friends of Plenty Campus

## **AIM**

The Friends of Plenty Campus (FPC) comprises Convenors of the Plenty Parent Groups and representatives of the Cross Campus Groups, Parent Year Level Representatives from each secondary year level, as well as representatives from the primary section of the Campus. The group aims to facilitate good communication between the School and parents, and to encourage co-operation between the different parent support groups. It also plays a role in the organisation of information nights for parents and general campus social events.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

The FPC are engaged in a range of friend raising and fund-raising activities which involve all members of the School family. The group also encourages involvement in all activities relating to the Parent Support Groups at the Plenty Campus.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The FPC organises many successful social and fundraising events, including Dinner Dances and Year Level Dinners, and assists the Friends of Plenty Primary with some of their events. Proceeds from fund-raising are used to add to the School's resources and facilities. FPC also supports parent information nights. Through the network of Year Level Representatives, the group fulfils the ongoing role of the co-ordination of information dissemination to parents throughout the School.

For more information, contact Mrs Virginia Creed on 9490 3737 or by email at [virginia.creed@ivanhoe.com.au](mailto:virginia.creed@ivanhoe.com.au)

# Friends of Plenty Primary

## **AIM**

Friends of Plenty Primary (FOPPS) aims to provide a body through which communication within the primary school at the Plenty Campus can be channelled and areas of inquiry addressed. Open monthly meetings achieve this.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

In addition to our liaison and discussion meetings, FOPPS organises activities, services, entertainment events and student support. Some activities occur on a yearly basis, others intermittently. All revolve around the staff, students and families within the primary area. Some events raise money for a group to purchase additional equipment, others are social gatherings or entertainment.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Over the years, the group has established a Mothers' and Fathers' Day Breakfast, Parents' Christmas Dinner, the Primary Disco, coffee mornings and Year 6 Graduation pen presentations as annual events. Term lunches are a regular feature and are usually thematic.

Fund-raising has allowed for the purchase of goods as diverse as the Maths Task Centre, sporting equipment, a Library laminator, digital cameras, a parent library and a class set of lab coats.

The volunteer Second Hand Uniform Shop established by the group is an ongoing activity at the Plenty Campus.

Accumulated funds were distributed throughout the Primary area in a variety of projects, the latest being a mosaic made by students under the guidance of an artist in residence.

For more information, contact Mrs Virginia Creed on 9490 3737 or by email at [virginia.creed@ivanhoe.com.au](mailto:virginia.creed@ivanhoe.com.au)

# 'In Tune' for Music Parents Support Group

## **AIM**

'In Tune' aims to support the Plenty Campus's music program under the direction of the Head of Music. The support is through fund-raising and event organising. The Group has purchased musical equipment and instruments to enable all students access to music.

## **ACTIVITIES**

'In Tune' raises funds from the sale of t-shirts and photos at the primary and senior school musicals, an annual Mango drive, Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls, second hand book stalls and the occasional raffle.

'In Tune' also supports school concerts and soirees, providing supper and helping with publicity as well as catering at the final rehearsals for the senior school musical.

We welcome and encourage new and existing parents to participate and become socially involved in their child's school through parent support groups such as 'In Tune'.

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# 10th Ivanhoe Scout Group

## **AIM**

Scouting at Ivanhoe Grammar School encourages the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development of boys and girls together. With many of the skills learned through scouting, children will be better equipped to take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens. 10th Ivanhoe Scout Group (formed in 1945) is sponsored by Ivanhoe Grammar School. It reflects the key focus of the school's ethos of developing learning beyond the classroom.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

Children from the School are invited to join the scout group at any section appropriate to their age.

Joey Mob: Children 6–8 years, Cub Pack: Children 8–10 years

Scout Troop: Children 11–13 years and Venturer Troop: Children 14–18 years

## **ADULT LEADERS**

The Scouting Association of Australia conducts full comprehensive training. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as Leaders. Adult Leader training has received National Government Accreditation including a Diploma of Business and Management.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Joey's learn through games and activities including compass points and direction, knot tying skills including practical applications of tying a shoe lace, basic emergency skills and awareness, co-operation and leadership games.

Cubs further their compass and mapping skills, First Aid, camping, hiking, community awareness and cooking skills.

Scouts undertake a range of activities including challenge hikes and orienteering skills, camps, abseiling, canoeing, kayaking, First Aid and mountain biking.

Venturers work towards their Queen's Scout Awards. Activities include snow hiking, camping, mountaineering challenges, advanced driving skills, supervised pistol shooting and gun safety skills, paragliding and scuba diving, First Aid and Lifesaving skills. Venturers participate in a wide range of community service activities.

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# Friends of Buckley House

## **AIM**

Friends of Buckley House (FOBH) aim to provide an avenue for increased parental involvement during the primary school years at Buckley House. It does this by providing a way for parents and friends to meet socially in a range of activities, at both grade and campus level. It also raises funds for amenities and resources at Buckley House and provides peer and pastoral support for parents. The Group is also active in the wider local community.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

FOBH representatives meet monthly with the Head of Buckley House. One representative from each Year level also acts as a contact point between members of the School community and the School. The representatives help initiate and organise a range of activities and events at Buckley House, including social, fundraising, public relations and others as decided at FOBH meetings.

## **ACTIVITIES**

FOBH runs a number of activities during the year. Some include:

- Casual Clothes Days – these are held once a term and provide all children with the opportunity to participate in a themed day.
- Annual events for children and parents – Fathers' Day Breakfast and Mothers' Day Stall.
- Annual social events for parents and staff, including Dancing @ Dusk – a welcome function at the start of the year, and the extremely popular 'Trivia Night.'

Recent fundraising activities have supported the Artist-In-Residence Programs, re-development of the adventure playground area at Buckley House, provision of extra resources and beautification of the grounds.

For further information, contact Ms Terry Kitchen on 9490 3401 or by email at [terry.kitchen@ivanhoe.com.au](mailto:terry.kitchen@ivanhoe.com.au)

# Friends of Ridgeway Music

## **AIM**

The main focus of Friends of Ridgeway Music (FoRM) is to enhance the environment for music throughout all levels at The Ridgeway Campus. FoRM provides a forum for discussion, parent support and networking with other parents.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

Our members participate in meetings when required and support School functions that feature Music in various ways. At these functions FoRM committee members often assist in preparation, venue set-up and decorating, as well as providing and/or serving refreshments. Past fund-raising has assisted in the purchase of the Grand Piano in Buckley Hall, and the purchase of a Roland Digital Studio Hard Disk Recorder for all music students and Ensembles to record their own performances and to produce CD quality recordings. FoRM fund-raising has also purchased a custom fitted music equipment trailer and has been able to assist music students to attend interstate and overseas music tours.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Throughout the year FoRM supports musical events by making refreshments available before and after performances and during intervals. This supports our fund-raising but is also a great way to ensure we as parents get to enjoy the variety of musical skills across the school community.

At the commencement of each year FoRM holds a Parents and Staff Social Event which is an ideal way for new parents to mix with staff and other parents involved in music. Following on from this is a major Jazz evening which provides an opportunity for all music lovers in the school to get together and enjoy superb local talent. In early December we conduct our eagerly anticipated Mango Drive. FoRM concludes the year with a Cocktail Party in November or December, and uses the opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of our departing Year 12 Music students and to thank staff, parents and volunteers for their valued support.

To find out more about FoRM please come along to our meetings, or alternatively leave your details with Mrs Deidre Parke at Locksley Creative Arts Centre, telephone 9490 3454 or email FoRM@ivanhoe.com.au and a committee member will contact you personally.

# Friends of Ridgeway Group

## **AIM**

Friends of Ridgeway Group (FoRG) aims to promote and foster friendships and a sense of community between parent groups within The Ridgeway Campus. This is done through facilitation of social forums and information evenings via a network of level convenors.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

Our main focus is the senior secondary division, incorporating Years 7 to 12 at The Ridgeway Campus. We have a network of Year Level convenors who organise social functions for parents and assistance with classroom activities.

For further information, contact Robert Prince on 9490 3453 or by email at [robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au](mailto:robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au)

# The Ladies' Association

## **AIM**

Since 1934, the Ladies' Association has provided a forum for mothers of Ivanhoe students and other friends of the School. Through a range of fund-raising activities and events, we seek to bring mothers and others together in a social environment to raise funds for selected projects that will benefit students throughout the School.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

We conduct a number of fund-raising functions each year including Buckley House Picture Plates, Easter and Christmas raffles, Movie Nights, our popular Mothers' Day and Christmas Lunches and the Fashionista Fashion Parade.

We also aim to provide information and training functions that meet the needs of our community. Over recent years, we have conducted Health Issues Days and First Aid classes. We also run the second-hand textbook exchange program each year for The Ridgeway Campus students. As well, we run on a voluntary basis, Ivanhoe Exchange – used clothing and sporting goods shop.

## **ACTIVITIES**

We have developed a range of popular, well-supported events that raise money for various projects.

Over the past 10 years we have donated more than \$250,000 for projects that directly benefit the students. Projects have included equipping the The Ridgeway Campus and Buckley House Sick Bays, The Ridgeway Campus English Department with projection equipment, the Middle Years Centre with an Honour Board, Science equipment for Buckley House and we made a substantial donation to the T R Lee Science Building program. We also pledged a large sum towards the newly opened Ridge Cafe at The Ridgeway Campus.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month during term only.

For further information, contact Robert Prince on 9490 3453 or by email at [robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au](mailto:robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au)

# The Old Ivanhoe Grammarians' Association

## **AIM**

The mission of the Old Ivanhoe Grammarians' Association (OIGA) is to further the well-being and progress of the School in every way practicable and to promote fellowship and networking amongst all Ivanarians through its affiliated bodies.

## **AREA OF INTEREST**

The OIGA is the representative body of the past students of the School.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The OIGA:

- Organises local, regional, interstate and overseas reunions for more than 7,000 alumni
- Hosts breakfasts for the current Year 12 students at both campuses
- Provides an annual Transition Gift to all Year 12 leavers at both campuses.
- Provides a Year 6 Transition Gift at both campuses.
- Gives an annual Round Square Scholarship to enable students to attend state, national and international conferences.
- Provides annual support for our archives to assist in preserving the heritage of the School.
- Erected the Memorial to the Fallen at the front entrance to Buckley House.
- Assists students in attending conferences, sporting events and School activities.
- Initiated and supports the Sydney & Evelyn Buckley Scholarship Fund (which assists students in need, at the Principal's discretion) through every Life Membership subscribed.

For more information, contact Mr Geoff Brown on 9490 3423 or by email at [geoff.brown@ivanhoe.com.au](mailto:geoff.brown@ivanhoe.com.au)

# Mothers of Past Students

## **AIM**

Mothers of Past Students (MOPS) aims to keep Mothers in contact with the School and friends they have made after their child leaves Ivanhoe Grammar School. This is achieved by supporting various School events and fund-raising activities.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

Although not principally formed as a fund-raising group, MOPS have donated any funds raised through social activities back to the School via various items, which have been purchased after consultation with the Principal.

## **ACTIVITIES**

We attend Christmas lunches and other events run by groups associated with the School. These include the Ladies' Association Mothers' Day and Christmas Lunch and that held by the Plenty Campus 'In Tune' Group. For a number of years we have organised tables for the annual 'Gown of the Year' parades.

Our funds have purchased the large mahogany trophy cabinets in Buckley Hall Foyer, keyboards for the Music Department, trees for the avenue at the Plenty Campus and a display cabinet for the Sinclair Trust Enterprise Centre. More recently we have contributed towards the Cafeteria project at The Ridgeway Campus.

For further information, contact Robert Prince on 9490 3453 or by email at [robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au](mailto:robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au)

# Old Ivanhoe Grammarians Lodge

## **AIM**

The School Lodge works within the Masonic organisation to provide support to Ivanhoe Grammar School. The aims of Freemasonry are simply to make its members better members of society.

## **AREAS OF INTEREST**

Our main focus is to provide the School with sponsorship and fund-raising support. Currently the Lodge presents a student prize at The Ridgeway Campus. This is given annually at the Academic Assembly. The Lodge can also provide specific support to school activities when requested to do so.

## **ACTIVITIES**

The Lodge holds a monthly meeting at the Ivalda Masonic Temple. This is in Salisbury Avenue opposite the Darebin Station. Meetings are held on the first Thursday night of each month, except January, starting at 7.30pm. The installation in July starts at 6:30pm.

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