



Ivanhoe Parents and Friends

Building Community

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, 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. Plenty Campus families may contact Mrs Virginia Creed, the Public Relations and Communications Co-ordinator, and liaison for the Plenty Campus Support Groups on 9490 3737 or by email at virginia.creed@ivanhoe.com.au.

Ms Terry Kitchen is the School's Community Relations Manager and can be contacted with regards to School Events. Terry can be contacted on 9490 3401 or by email on 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 create networking opportunities for Ivanhoe parents, past parents and alumni who are in business.

AREAS OF INTEREST

The Group is focusing 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 Friends in Business launched its Online Business Directory. It is located at www.business.ivanhoe.com.au and is Ivanhoe's version of the Yellow Pages. You can search for a business or service and know that you are supporting a member of the Ivanhoe Grammar School family.
- Over the coming months 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.

Friends of Rugby

AIM

The Friends of Rugby Group offers 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 Group supports 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.

For further information, contact Robert Prince on 9490 3453 or by email at robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au

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 open to all parents with children attending both campuses 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.

For further information, contact Robert Prince on 9490 3453 or by email at robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au

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 organization 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.

For further information, contact Robert Prince on 9490 3453 or by email at robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au

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 Yarra Series and Country Series slalom events.
- Organized Yarra Series and Country Series slalom events.
- 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 a fund-raising and social wine tasting evening each year.
- 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.

For further information, contact Robert Prince on 9490 3453 or by email at robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au.

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.
- Contribution to the Annual Appeal.
- Roof and veranda over the catering container.

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

Friends of Plenty Campus

AIM

The Friends of Plenty Campus comprises Parent 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 Friends of Plenty Campus 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 Friends of Plenty Campus (FPC) organise many successful social and fund-raising events, including Dinner Dances, Year Level Dinners and the Country Fair, 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.

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

"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 to have access to music.

ACTIVITIES

"In Tune" conducts two major musical events during the year. The annual cabaret evening showcases outstanding Australian professional cabaret artists to students in a family setting. It also organises a "Staff, Family & Friends Concert" involving the whole School community in a relaxed, fun evening of music making.

Other activities include the Mothers' and Fathers' Day stalls, Easter fundraiser, sale of T shirts for the senior school musical and the Christmas Hamper raffle.

"In Tune" also supports school concerts and soirees, providing supper and helping with publicity.

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'.

For more information, contact Mrs Virginia Creed on 9490 3737 or by email at virginia.creed@ivanhoe.com.au

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. The 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.

For further information, contact Robert Prince on 9490 3453 or by email at robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au.

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.

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, fund-raising, public relations and others as decided at FOBH meetings.

ACTIVITIES

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

- Buckley House Children's Writing Celebration – all children display their stories/poems and other genre of writing for the enjoyment of the school community.
- 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 & Mothers' Day Stall.
- Annual social events for parents and staff which alternate between 'Trivia Night' and '70s/80s Night' or 'Rock n' Roll Night'.

Recent fund-raising 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

Friends of Ridgeway Music (FoRM)

AIM

The main focus of Friends of Ridgeway Music (FoRM) is to enhance the environment for music throughout all levels at the Ridgeway Campus of Ivanhoe Grammar School. 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 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 Friends of Ridgeway Music (FoRM) please 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 (FoRG)

AIM

Friends of Ridgeway Group (FoRG) aims to promote and foster friendships and a sense of community between parents at 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.

ACTIVITIES

FoRG organises and supports a number of activities during the year. These include:

- New Parent Evenings
- Year Level social functions for parents
- Year 7 Family Picnic
- Special breakfasts and luncheons
- Assisting with classroom activities
- Organising regular coffee outings
- Guest speakers to discuss relevant issues not necessarily related to education

For further information, contact Robert Prince on 9490 3453 or by email at robert.prince@ivanhoe.com.au.

Ivanhoe Grammar School 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 and activities 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 conduct 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 TRC and Buckley House Sick Bays, the TRC 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 Science Building program. We pledged a large sum towards The 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

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 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:

- Hosts reunion functions and other special events for past students in Melbourne, regional Victoria, interstate and overseas
- Provides mentoring, career advice and work experience for current students and young alumni
- 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.
- Contributes towards Honour Boards housed in Buckley Hall and the Multipurpose Centre at the Plenty Campus.
- 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

Mothers of Past Students

AIM

The aim of Mothers of Past Students (MOPS) is 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.

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 functions 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 Ridge Cafe at the Ridgeway Campus.

For further information, contact Robert Prince on 9490 3453 or by email at 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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